



**United States Department of Agriculture  
Rural Development**

**FARMER COOPERATIVE STATISTICS, 2006**

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Is this address your headquarters?

YES

NO

Your help is needed in developing and maintaining complete and accurate nationwide statistics on farmer cooperatives for use in education, research, and decision-making. The data you provide will remain confidential as provided for by law.

1. Person completing this questionnaire:

- a. NAME \_\_\_\_\_
- b. TITLE \_\_\_\_\_
- c. PHONE NUMBER (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ d. FAX (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ e. DATE \_\_\_\_\_
- f. E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_
- g. COOPERATIVE'S HOME-PAGE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

2. If your cooperative at the above address was sold to \_\_\_\_\_ or merged into \_\_\_\_\_ another organization recently, please complete this question and question 1 only.

- a. NAME \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_
- c. DATE OF SALE OR MERGER \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions related to this survey of farmer cooperatives, please feel free to contact Eldon Eversull at (202) 690-1415 or send an e-mail message to [eldon.eversull@usda.gov](mailto:eldon.eversull@usda.gov). You are not required to respond, but your participation is very important. If you have any comments, please write them on page two.

Please attach the enclosed return mailing label to your envelope and return this questionnaire to:

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Please use for comments and questions.

**(NOTE: If you attach an annual or audit report, fill in only information requested that is not included in the annual or audit report.)**

3. In what month did your cooperative end its fiscal or business year during 2006? MONTH

4. Please provide the amounts for these balance sheet items for your business year that ended in 2006.

- a. CURRENT ASSETS?.....
- b. INVESTMENTS IN ALL OTHER COOPERATIVES (**Include** CoBank.)?.....
- c. PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT(Net)?.....
- d. TOTAL ASSETS?.....
- e. CURRENT LIABILITIES?..... (116) \$
- f. TOTAL LIABILITIES? .....
- g. ALLOCATED MEMBER EQUITIES?.....
- h. UNALLOCATED MEMBER EQUITIES (*Retained Earnings*)?.....
- i. TOTAL NET WORTH (*Total Equity*)?..... (110) \$
- j. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH (*Equals Total Assets*)?.....

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5. From your income statement, please provide the following for your business year that ended in 2006.

- a. TOTAL SALES (**Exclude** service receipts, other income, and patronage refunds.)?.....
- b. COST OF GOODS SOLD?.....
- c. GROSS MARGIN (*Total sales minus cost of goods sold*)?.....
- d. SERVICE RECEIPTS AND OTHER OPERATING INCOME OR REVENUE (**Include** service revenues, storage and handling fees, etc.)?.....
- e. GROSS REVENUE (*Gross Margin plus Service Receipts and other Income*)?...
- f. TOTAL WAGES AND BENEFITS EXPENSE (**Include** payroll taxes, group insurance, commissions, profit-sharing, and any other related benefits.)?.....
- g. DEPRECIATION EXPENSE?.....
- h. INTEREST EXPENSE?.....
- i. OTHER EXPENSES? .....
- j. TOTAL EXPENSES (**Include** Operating and all Other Expenses)?.....
- k. NET MARGINS FROM OPERATIONS (*Local Savings*)?.....
- l. TOTAL PATRONAGE REFUNDS AND DIVIDENDS RECEIVED FROM ALL OTHER COOPERATIVES (**Include** CoBank and all other cooperatives, less any equity writeoffs.)?.....
- m. NONOPERATING INCOME (**Include** sale of assets, discontinued operations, non-cooperative investment income, extraordinary items and all other revenues or losses not already accounted for)?.....

- n. NET INCOME BEFORE TAXES?.....
- o. INCOME TAXES?.....
- p. TOTAL NET INCOME (OR LOSS)?.....

6. If your cooperative marketed any of the following products in fiscal 2006, please report sales for each product or product group. *(If your cooperative had subsidiaries or branches, base responses on consolidated statements. Estimate if actual records are not available. If your cooperative performed bargaining functions or operated on a commission basis, please provide estimated sales value for those commodities. If your cooperative did not market any farm products, go to the next question).*

PRODUCT(S) MARKETED	SALES (OR MARKET VALUE)
Grains and oilseeds other than cottonseed ( <i>Exclude meals and oils, distillers grains sold for feed, etc.</i> ) <sup>1</sup>	201 \$
Rice	203 \$
Cotton, Lint	205 \$
Cottonseed ( <i>Exclude meal and oil.</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	206 \$
Tobacco	207 \$
All nuts	208 \$
Sugar beets, sugarcane, honey, and related products	210 \$
Dry beans and peas, lentils	212 \$
Fresh fruits and vegetables ( <i>For fresh and processed market.</i> )	214 \$
Processed fruits and vegetables	216 \$
Milk and milk products	219 \$
Poultry, eggs, turkeys, ratite, squab, and related products	221 \$
Livestock and meat products ( <b><i>Include</i></b> all species).	223 \$
Wool and mohair	225 \$
Manufactured or processed food or other products ( <b><i>Include</i></b> ethanol, fish, fur, other crops or resale items). (Please specify.) _____	226 \$
<b>Total</b>	227 \$

<sup>1</sup> ***Include*** all meal sales with feed (in question 7) and all oil sales with manufactured food products (item 226 in question 6).

<sup>2</sup> ***Include*** sales of cottonseed meal with feed (in question 7) and sales of cottonseed oil with manufactured food products (item 226 in question 6).



7. If your cooperative sold any farm supplies (feed, seed, fertilizer, crop protectants, petroleum products, and other farm inputs) and or equipment in fiscal 2006, please report sales. (If your cooperative had subsidiaries or branches, base responses on consolidated statements. Round reported figures to nearest dollar. Estimate if actual records are not available. If your cooperative did not sell any farm supplies or equipment, please go to the next question.)

SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	SALES
Feed (Complete feeds, ingredients, hay, grains, oilseed meal, distillers grains, etc.) <sup>1</sup>	501 \$
All seeds (For planting: include seed potatoes)	502 \$
Fertilizer (Bagged and bulk; include anhydrous ammonia, lime, etc.)	503 \$
Crop protectants (Herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, etc.)	504 \$
Petroleum products (Include gasoline, fuel oil, diesel, propane, LP gas, lube oil, etc.)	505 \$
All other <sup>2</sup>	511 \$
<b>TOTAL</b>	513 \$

<sup>1</sup> **Exclude** sales of whole grains reported in the prior question.

<sup>2</sup> **Include** building materials; tires, batteries, and accessories (TBA); containers and packaging supplies; farm machinery and equipment; home equipment; animal health products; pet food; semen; hardware; food; clothing; fencing; paint; etc.

8. Did **producers** hold membership in your cooperative during fiscal 2006? (Please check one.)

NO (If "NO," please go to the next question) YES

IF "YES," HOW MANY PRODUCER-MEMBERS WERE ENTITLED TO VOTE? ..... NUMBER

9. Did **farmer cooperatives** hold membership in your association? (Please check one.)

NO (If "NO," please go to the next question.) YES If "YES," continue with a.)

a. How many **farmer co-ops** were entitled to vote for directors of your organization at the end of fiscal 2006?.....NUMBER

10. How many **employees** did your cooperative operate with during fiscal 2006?

a. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES?..... NUMBER

b. PART-TIME and/or SEASONAL EMPLOYEES?..... NUMBER

11. Did your cooperative operate facilities at branch locations during fiscal 2006?

**(Exclude your headquarters location.)**

NO (If "NO," please go to the next question ) YES

IF "YES," AT HOW MANY BRANCH LOCATIONS DID YOUR COOPERATIVE OPERATE?..... NUMBER

12. Did your co-op have any export sales in fiscal 2006?

NO (If "NO," please go to the next question ) YES

IF YES, WHAT WAS THE VALUE OF SUCH EXPORTS?

13. Was more than 10 percent of your co-op's total sales and service income obtained from patrons outside the State in which your cooperative is headquartered?

NO YES

If "YES," in what State(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

14. If your cooperative acquired (by purchase or merger) another organization during fiscal 2006, and is the surviving organization, please check a. or b. and complete c. (Otherwise, go to next question.)

a. PURCHASED b. MERGED

c. Give name and address of the purchased or merged organization and the date it occurred (If more than one, provide name, address, and date occurred on page 2):

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF PURCHASE OR MERGER \_\_\_\_\_

Was the other organization a cooperative?..... NO YES

15. Please enter the names and titles of the chief board officer or chairman and manager or CEO of your cooperative (or of the surviving firm):

a. CHIEF BOARD OFFICER OR CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

b. GENERAL MANAGER OR CEO \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR FISCAL 2006 ANNUAL OR AUDIT REPORT.**

(If you would like your annual or audit report returned to you, please let us know.)

**THANK YOU!**

Your contribution to this effort is greatly appreciated. A copy of our report will be sent to you.

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