



United States Department of Agriculture  
Rural Development

**FARMER COOPERATIVE STATISTICS, 2006**

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Is this address your headquarters?

YES                      NO

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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 in the margins or attach a note.

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

**USDA/RBS, STOP 3256, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-3256**



**(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 the following categories for your business year that ended in 2006.

- a. TOTAL ASSETS?.....
- b. INVESTMENTS IN ALL OTHER CO-OPS (**Include** CoBank.)?.....
- c. TOTAL LIABILITIES (*What the cooperative owes.*)?.....
- d. TOTAL NET WORTH OR MEMBER EQUITY (*What members own.*)?

5. For your business year ended in 2006, what was your cooperative's

- a. SERVICE RECEIPTS AND OTHER OPERATING AND NONOPERATING INCOME OR REVENUE (**Include** service revenues, storage and handling fees, interest income, etc. **Exclude** dividends and patronage refunds received from other cooperatives, including CoBank.)?.....
- b. TOTAL WAGES AND BENEFITS (**Include** payroll taxes, group insurance, commissions, profit-sharing, and any other related benefits.)?
- c. TOTAL PATRONAGE REFUNDS AND DIVIDENDS RECEIVED FROM ALL OTHER CO-OPS (**Include** CoBank and all other sources, less any equity writeoffs.)?.....
- d. TOTAL NET INCOME (OR LOSS) (*Before income taxes and distributions.*)?.....

6. What was your bargaining volume for fiscal 2006? (*Please list in the table below the quantity and value of products for which your association acted as a bargaining agent, even though you did not handle or sell the products. **Estimate** if actual records are not available.*)

**PRODUCT, QUANTITY, AND DOLLAR VALUE**

Product (list)	Check off per unit	Specify unit (tons, cwt., etc.)	Total units for which bargaining conducted	Total checkoff received	Estimated sales value of product sold by members and dealers
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)

7. Did your association market any raw or processed farm products directly? (Please check one.)

NO If "NO," go to question 8. YES If "YES," please list products and sales in the following table.

Raw product(s) (specify commodity)	Sales
	\$
	\$
Processed product(s) (specify commodity)	Sales
	\$
	\$
Total raw and processed product sales	\$

8. If any of the products listed in question 7 was pooled, please list the product(s) pooled and pooled sales amount.

a. PRODUCTS POOLED? \_\_\_\_\_

b. POOLED SALES AMOUNT?.....

9. If your cooperative sold any farm supplies or equipment, please report sales. (If your association had subsidiaries or branches, base responses on consolidated statements. 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
<b>Feed</b> (Complete feeds, ingredients, hay, grains, oilseed meal, etc.) <sup>1</sup>	(501) \$
<b>Fertilizer</b> (Bagged & bulk; include anhydrous ammonia, lime; etc.)	(503) \$
<b>Crop protectants</b> (Herbicides, insecticides, etc.)	(504) \$
<b>Other Supplies</b> (Please specify).....	( ) \$
<b>TOTAL</b>	(513) \$

<sup>1</sup> Include value of feed sales under grower contracts. Do not include sales of grains marketed in question 7.

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

NO (If "NO," please go to next question.) YES If "YES," how many producer-members were:

ENTITLED TO VOTE?.....NUMBER

11. How many **farmer cooperatives** were entitled to vote for directors of your organization at the end of fiscal 2006?

CO-OPS VOTING FOR DIRECTORS OF YOUR CO-OP?.....NUMBER

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES?.....NUMBER

PART-TIME AND/OR SEASONAL EMPLOYEES?.....NUMBER

13. If your cooperative acquired (*by purchase or merger*) another organization during your past fiscal year, and is the surviving organization, please check a. or b. and complete c. (*Otherwise, go to the 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 an additional page.*):

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was the other organization a cooperative?    NO                      YES

14. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

**BARGAINING, 2006**