



United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development

FARMER COOPERATIVE STATISTICS, 2006

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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. In what month did your cooperative or non-profit organization end its fiscal or business year during 2006?.....MONTH

2. In fiscal 2006, what was your organization's:

a. **TOTAL ASSETS?** (*Equals total liabilities plus net worth.*).....

b. **TOTAL LIABILITIES?** (*What your organization owes.*).....

c. **NET WORTH OR MEMBER EQUITY?** (*What members own.*).....

d. **WOOL SALES OR ESTIMATED VALUE OF WOOL SOLD?**.....

e. **QUANTITY OF WOOL SOLD?**.....

f. **SERVICE RECEIPTS AND OTHER REVENUE?**.....

g. **NET INCOME (OR LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES AND DISTRIBUTIONS?** (*From all sources.*).....

3. **How many producers were members of your organization in fiscal 2006?** (*Include only producer-members entitled to vote for directors.*).....NUMBER

4. Number of **employees** your cooperative operated with and your co-op's **total wages and benefits** during fiscal 2006?

FULL -TIME? PART-TIME? TOTAL WAGES & BENEFITS?

5. **REPORTED BY:** _____ **TITLE** _____ **PHONE** () _____ - _____

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COOPERATIVE'S HOME-PAGE ADDRESS _____

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THANK YOU!

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

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WOOL COOPERATIVES, 2006
