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# United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development

#### FARMER COOPERATIVE STATISTICS, 2006

If address is incorrect, please correct mailing label. 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. What are the principal functions of your association? (Please specify.)\_\_\_ 2. In what month did your cooperative end its fiscal or business year during 2006?......MONTH In fiscal 2006, what was your association's or cooperative's: (If you enclose an annual report, go to e.) a. TOTAL ASSETS? (Equals total liabilities plus net worth.)..... b. TOTAL LIABILITIES? (What your cooperative owes.)..... c. **NET WORTH OR MEMBER EQUITY?** (What members own.) ...... d. NET INCOME (OR LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES? (From all sources and before any distributions.)..... e. FISH AND/OR SHELLFISH SALES?..... f. **SUPPLY SALES?** (Fuel, ice, nets, traps, etc.)..... g. OTHER INCOME AND REVENUE?..... How many fishermen were members of your association in fiscal 2006? 5. Number of **employees** your cooperative operated with and your co-op's **total wages and benefits** during fiscal 2006? PART-TIME? **TOTAL WAGES & BENEFITS? FULL-TIME?** 6. REPORTED BY: TITLE PHONE ( \_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_ FAX ( COOPERATIVE'S HOME-PAGE ADDRESS\_\_\_

Please attach the enclosed return mailing label to your envelope and return this questionnaire along with a **copy of your 2006 annual report** to:

### USDA/RBS, STOP 3256, 1400 INDEPENDENCE AVE., SW, WASHINGTON, DC 20250-3256

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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 cooperatives or about cooperatives in general, contact or Eldon Eversull at (202) 690-1415

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