



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. 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 _____

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. 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.

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2. What are the principal functions of your association? *(Please check those applicable.)*

AUCTION

COMMISSION SALES

BARGAINING

POOLING

MARKETING *(Specify major commodity.)* _____

PROVIDING SERVICES

SELLING FARM SUPPLIES AND/OR EQUIPMENT

OTHER *(Please specify.)* _____

3. When was your association organized?..... YEAR

4. Was your association incorporated? *(Please check one.)*

YES *(If "YES," continue with a.)*

NO *(If "NO," go to question 5.)*

a. Was your association incorporated under a State cooperative statute? *(Please check one.)*

YES *(If "YES," go to question 5.)*

NO *(If "NO," continue with b.)*

b. Was your association incorporated under a general corporation law? *(Please check one.)*

YES

NO

5. How many members or stockholders entitled to vote for directors belong to your association? *(Exclude patrons who are not members.)*

a. TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS OR STOCKHOLDERS?..... NUMBER

b. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OR STOCKHOLDERS THAT ARE:

1. INDIVIDUALS? *(Include partnerships, family corporations, etc.)*..... NUMBER

2. COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS?..... NUMBER

6. Is membership limited to persons engaged in activities associated with the production of agricultural and aquacultural products and associations of such producers? *(Please check one.)*

YES

NO

7. In voting, does each member have only one vote and no more? (Please check one.)

YES

NO (If "NO," please state in the space below how a member votes.)

8. Has your association issued capital stock? (Please check one.)

NO (If "NO," please go to question 9.)

YES (If "YES," please complete a.)

a. What is the maximum number of shares of voting stock any one member may own?..... NUMBER

9. Does your association's bylaws limit dividends on capital stock or membership capital? (Please check one.)

NO (If "NO," please go to question 10.)

YES (If "YES," please complete a.)

a. What is the annual percentage limit on dividends?.....

10. Does your association's charter or bylaws provide for payment of patronage dividends or refunds? (Please check one.)

NO

YES

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

12. What was your association's sales or business volume, and what percent was with members in your association's latest fiscal or business year, from (a) marketing farm products, (b) selling farm supplies, and (c) providing related services. (Please complete the following table.)

Function	Business volume	Percent with members
a. Marketing farm products	\$	%
b. Selling farm supplies	\$	%
c. Providing related services	\$	%

13. Please enter the names and titles of the chief board officer or chairman and manager or CEO of your cooperative and their phone numbers:

a. CHIEF BOARD OFFICER OR PRESIDENT _____ PHONE () _____ - _____

b. GENERAL MANAGER OR CEO _____ PHONE () _____ - _____

Please enclose a copy of your association's articles of incorporation, bylaws, and most recent annual or audit report.

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

THANK YOU!

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