

AGRI- CULTURAL COOPERATIVES

in California

Agricultural cooperatives are organized to help farmers gain market power by joining together to market their crops, increase their bargaining power by achieving economies of scale, processing their commodity to add value, and/or to purchase supplies and services.



Marketing, service, and supply cooperatives are the most common types of agricultural cooperatives organized in the U.S.

characteristics

Owned by farmer-members.

Democratically controlled by the farmers who own and use the business.

Economic benefits are distributed to members on the basis of the member's use of the cooperative.

Provide benefits to producer-members as users, not as investors.

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BLUE DIAMOND GROWERS
ORGANIC VALLY
SAN LUIS OBISPO FARM SUPPLY
PACIFIC COAST PRODUCERS
SUNKIST INC.
SUNMAID
SUNSWEEP

127 and more
COOPERATIVE
HEADQUARTERS

37.7 thousand
MEMBERSHIPS

10 billion
BUSINESS
VOLUME