

# BIBLIOGRAPHY

## AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE LAW: A SELECTIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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*A cooperative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprise.<sup>1</sup>*

*A cooperative is a business voluntarily owned and controlled by its member patrons and operated for them and by them on a nonprofit or cost basis. It is owned by the people who use it.<sup>2</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> International Cooperative Alliance Web Site, Statement of Cooperative Identity (last modified Nov. 23, 1999) <<http://ica.coop.org/info/enprinciples.html>>.

<sup>2</sup> University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives (last modified Nov. 23, 1999) <<http://www.wisc.edu/uwcc/prin.html>>.

## INTRODUCTION

In 1914, with the passage of the Clayton Act, Congress made the agricultural community partially immune from antitrust laws governing businesses.<sup>3</sup> Because of this immunity, cooperatives effectively provide opportunities for the agricultural community that would be unavailable to the individual producer. Today, agricultural cooperatives play an important role in the global economy. The popularity of cooperatives continues to grow. Today there are over 4,000 agricultural cooperatives in the United States with a combined annual net income of nearly \$2 billion.<sup>4</sup> The mission of the cooperative, to serve its members, remains the same even as the global marketplace changes around them.

This bibliography provides an overview of the resources available to research the law of agricultural cooperatives in the United States. It should prove useful to the student and legal scholar with interest in this area, as well as to the practitioner researching the laws regulating agricultural cooperatives. Resources relating to the taxation of cooperatives are not addressed. As with any legal research tool, all information should be thoroughly checked for currency.

Because there are so few resources that treat the topic of agricultural cooperatives comprehensively, it is useful to consult a wide variety of sources. Treatises relating to business and agriculture typically provide general information on cooperatives. Law review and academic journal articles cover more specific areas that the treatises ignore entirely. Many organizations produce reports and serial publications that are necessary for a thorough examination of this area of law. Additionally, there are resources accessible through the Internet, which are not available in print format. Conference proceedings and reports are not referenced, but many are available through the web sites noted in the "Internet Resources" section of this bibliography.

The Uniform System of Citation was used for reference cites, but was modified to include additional information where this might prove useful to the reader. Specifically, all cites include the full names of author and publication as well as publisher information. In many instances contact information has also been included to facilitate access to cited resources. Where appropriate, Internet sites that provide access to the cited print resources are referenced in order to provide an alternate means of obtaining the information. In these cases it is noted

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<sup>3</sup> See 15 U.S.C. § 17 (1999).

<sup>4</sup> *UC Davis Center for Cooperatives* (last modified Sept. 10, 1999) <<http://cooperatives.ucdavis.edu/what/agricultural.html>>.

whether the access is to the full text of the resource or to abstracts or annotations.

#### I. FEDERAL STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

References to acts of Congress are followed by the code sections in which the named act was codified and which most closely affect agricultural cooperatives. For a fuller classification of each Act, showing the entire codification of the act, consult the tables volumes of the codes.

7 U.S.C. § 2 (1999).

Defines "cooperative association of producers" as referenced in the code.

Clayton Act of 1914, 15 U.S.C. § 17 (1999).

Grants exemption from some antitrust actions to agricultural cooperatives.

Capper-Volstead Act of 1922, 7 U.S.C. §§ 291-292 (1999).

Clarifies exemption granted with the Clayton Act and expressly extends to cooperatives having capital stock.

Cooperative Marketing Act of 1927, 7 U.S.C. §§ 451-457 (1999).

Defines "agricultural products" and establishes authority for the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a division of cooperative marketing.

Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, 7 U.S.C. § 601-626 (1999).

Prevents obstructions to interstate commerce and raises and stabilizes prices of certain products in order to stimulate interstate commerce.

Robinson-Patman Act of 1936, 15 U.S.C. § 13 (1999).

Prohibits all devices by which large buyers gain discriminatory preference by virtue of their purchasing power. Non-profit institutions are exempt from the price discrimination provisions of the Act.

Agriculture Marketing Service, 7 C.F.R. § 900 (1999).

Sets forth rules of practice and procedure governing formulation of marketing agreements and marketing orders.

Cooperative Agreements, 7 C.F.R. § 4285 (1999).

Sets forth the policies and procedures and delegates authority for providing federal-state research on cooperative agreement funds to finance programs of research on cooperatives.

## II. CASE LAW

Cases are included which define the law of agricultural cooperatives and are most heavily cited in the resources. Many of the cases that resolved important issues are dated in the 1920s and 1930s because most of the laws affecting cooperatives were enacted in those decades. This list of cases should be used as a starting point for research on a particular topic. As always, the researcher should thoroughly check each citation to verify the current application of any of these principles. This section of the bibliography is arranged in chronological order, according to the date of publication.

*Dryden Local Growers v. Dormaier*, 2 P.2d 274 (Wash. 1931).

A membership agreement for a cooperative is a contract, determining rights and obligations of the parties, and is therefore subject to actions for breach of contract.

*Mountain View Walnut Growers' Ass'n v. California Walnut Growers Ass'n*, 65 P.2d 80 (Cal. Ct. App. 1937).

Cooperatives can be held to a higher standard when acting as agent and fiduciary rather than in capacity as a corporation.

*Snyder v. Colwell Coop. Grain Exch.*, 3 N.W.2d 507 (Iowa 1942).

Cooperatives can be held liable for breach of the managing officer's fiduciary relationship with shareholders.

*Driver v. Producers Coop.*, 345 S.W.2d 16 (Ark. 1961).

A cooperative board's noncompliance with its charter and bylaws is subject to judicial review under an abuse of discretion standard.

*Case-Swayne Co. v. Sunkist Growers, Inc.*, 389 U.S. 384 (1967).

Explains and applies the Capper-Volstead Act. This case thoroughly examines the legislative history of the Capper-Volstead Act.

*Claassen v. Farmers Grain Corp.*, 490 P.2d 376 (Kan. 1971).

A cooperative is not a corporation organized to make profit for itself but only for its members. Members do not have a right to withdraw funds if the board believes it might disturb the financial condition of the cooperative as a whole.

*Treasure Valley Potato Bargaining Ass'n v. Ore-Ida Foods, Inc.*, 497 F.2d 203 (9th Cir. 1974), *cert. denied*, 419 U.S. 999 (1974).

The Capper-Volstead Act authorizes two associations of growers to agree on price.

*National Broiler Marketing Ass'n v. United States*, 436 U.S. 816 (1978).

Reviews the legislative history of the Capper-Volstead Act. Defines "farmers" within the meaning of 7 U.S.C. § 291. Benefits afforded to farmer cooperatives should not extend to corporate entities as members of cooperative.

*Fairdale Farms, Inc. v. Yankee Milk, Inc.*, 635 F.2d 1037 (2nd Cir. 1980).

An association of cooperatives organized for the sole purpose of fixing prices is entitled to protection under the Capper-Volstead Act. The Capper-Volstead Act anticipated the threat of monopolies and includes precautions to prevent abuse of monopoly power.

*United States v. Dairymen, Inc.*, 660 F.2d 192 (6th Cir. 1981).

The Capper-Volstead Act was intended to permit agricultural producers to join together to process, prepare, and market agricultural products without fear of prosecution under antitrust laws. Agricultural cooperatives formed solely to fix prices are permitted under the Act.

*Alexander v. National Farmers Org.*, 687 F.2d 1173 (8th Cir. 1982).

An agricultural cooperative claiming the Capper-Volstead exemption must take appropriate action to police its membership. If non-farmer middlemen are included in an otherwise exempt cooperative, it will lose its Capper-Volstead exemption.

The West digest system is very helpful for further research in case law. The West key number topic Agriculture Key 6 represents "Cooperative Corporations or Associations."

### III. ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND ANNOTATIONS

These resources provide a good starting point for research on agricultural cooperatives.

#### CORPUS JURIS SECUNDUM

West Publishing. Updated annually with pocket parts.

3 C.J.S. *Agriculture* § 138-158.

43 C.J.S. *Industrial Co-operative Societies*.

#### AMERICAN JURISPRUDENCE 2d

West Publishing. Updated annually with pocket parts.

18 AM JUR 2d *Cooperative Associations*.

54 AM JUR 2d *Monopolies, Restraints of Trade, and Unfair Trade Practices* §§ 193-197, §§ 246-250.

54A AM JUR 2d *Monopolies, Restraints of Trade, and Unfair Trade Practices* §§ 1132-1136.

#### AMERICAN LAW REPORTS

West Publishing.

A.S. Klein, Annotation, *Monopolies: Construction of Section 1 of the Capper-Volstead Act (7 USCS § 291) Authorizing Persons Engaged in the Production of Agricultural Products to Act Together in Association*, 20 A.L.R. FED. 924 (1974).

W.C. Crais III, *Construction and Effect of Cooperative Farm or Dairy Products Agreement With Respect to Association's Charges and Deductions For Gathering, Grading, Processing, Shipping, and Marketing the Products*, 90 A.L.R.2d 1142 (1963).

Emanuel S. Tipton, Annotation, *Co-Operative Associations: Rights in Equity Credits of Patronage Dividends*, 50 A.L.R.3d 435 (1973).

Dan E. Ytreberg, *Validity and Enforceability of Cooperative Association's Bylaw Amendment Reducing Benefits Available to Members*, 61 A.L.R.3d 976 (1975).

Milton Roberts, *Liability of Member or Former Member of Marketing or Purchasing Cooperative For its Debts or Losses*, 96 A.L.R.3d 1243 (1979).

#### IV. GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

The Rural Business — Cooperative Services section of the United States Department of Agriculture publishes a large number of reports, directories and guides that are particularly useful for researching agricultural cooperatives. The mission of the Cooperative Services Program is to promote the understanding and use of the cooperative form of business as a viable organizational option for marketing and distributing agricultural products.<sup>5</sup> The full text of the catalog of available resources can be viewed at the department web site. (See the "Internet Resources" portion of this bibliography for additional information regarding the USDA web site.) In addition, information about publications and other services the department offers can be obtained by contacting the department directly. Contact:

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<sup>5</sup> United States Department of Agriculture Web Site (visited on Nov 25, 1999) <<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/csdir.htm>>.

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#### V. BOOKS AND PRACTICE MATERIALS

This section of the bibliography is arranged in alphabetical order according to the author's last name. The annotations provided are intended to be informative rather than evaluative. The brief description should help the readers quickly decide what resources will be of most use in their research.

MARTIN ABRAHAMSEN, *AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATION IN THE UNITED STATES* (Plunkett Foundation for Co-Operative Studies 1980).

This publication includes a selection of materials covering the development of agricultural cooperatives. Also published as Occasional Paper No. 45, Plunkett Foundation for Co-operative Studies.

DAVID COBIA, *COOPERATIVES IN AGRICULTURE* (2d ed. Prentice-Hall 1992).

Comprehensive discussion of the use of cooperatives in agriculture.

LEE EGERSTROM ET AL., *SEIZING CONTROL: THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET POWER OF COOPERATIVES* (Lone Oak Press 1996).

The authors look at the role of cooperative boards and address the potential use of cooperatives as farmers attempt to offer value-added processing.

NEIL D. HARL, *AGRICULTURAL LAW* (Looseleaf Service, Matthew Bender 1981).

Part 16 (Chapters 127-37) deals exclusively with agricultural cooperatives. Sections include antitrust, securities, tax, and director's and officer's liability.

J.W. LOONEY, *AGRICULTURAL LAW: A LAWYER'S GUIDE TO REPRESENTING FARM CLIENTS* (American Bar Association 1990).

Provides an overview of the large body of law effecting family farms and agricultural businesses.

GLYNN MCBRIDE, *AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES: THEIR WHY AND THEIR HOW* (AVI Publishing Company 1986).

Textbook covering the justification for domestic farmer cooperatives and the practical functioning of cooperative organizations.

WAYNE D. RASMUSSEN, *FARMERS, COOPERATIVES, AND USDA: A HISTORY OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE SERVICE* (U.S. Dep't of Agric. 1991).

This book was written to document the USDA's role in helping producers and other rural residents to form and use cooperatives.

MARVIN SHAARS, *COOPERATIVES, PRINCIPLES, AND PRACTICES* (University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives Publication 1980).

Practical introductory text on cooperatives. Includes information on history, legal requirements, organization, and operations.

WEST COAST COOPERATIVE DIRECTORY AND RESOURCE GUIDE (University of California Center for Cooperatives 1999).

Includes nearly 2,000 cooperatives with members in California, Oregon, and Washington and a list of resource organizations and university centers across the United States. The full directory information is also available at the University of California Center for Cooperatives web site.<sup>6</sup> (See "Internet Resources" portion of this bibliography for additional information on the Center web site.)

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<sup>6</sup> *UC Davis Center for Cooperatives, supra* note 4.

## VI. SERIALS

Many cooperatives publish periodic newsletters. Contact the individual cooperative directly for information regarding these publications.<sup>7</sup>

BLUE BOOK, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.  
Official Yearbook of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

COOPERATIVE GROCER, Dave Gutknecht, Publisher.  
Selective full text articles available online from 1994 at University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives web site. (See information on web sites in "Internet Resources" portion of this bibliography.)

CO-OP QUARTERLY, Published by the Center for Cooperatives, University of California.

This publication is sent without charge to cooperatives and interested individuals upon request. It is also available on the Center's web site. (See information on web sites in "Internet Resources" portion of this bibliography.)

FARM JOURNAL TODAY.

This is an online daily journal covering issues relevant to the agricultural community. It often includes articles specific to cooperatives. The journal is not available in print. It can be found at:  
Farm Journal Today (visited Nov. 25, 1999) <<http://www.FarmJournal.com/>>.

THE JOURNAL OF COOPERATIVES, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

Previously issued as the Journal of Agricultural Cooperation and American Cooperation.  
Abstracts available at the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives web site from 1986. (See in-

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<sup>7</sup> For a list of cooperatives with web sites see Appendix 2. The University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives Agriculture Related Cooperative Links page includes an extensive list of cooperative web sites. (last modified Nov. 23, 1999) <<http://www.wisc.edu/uwcc/cooplinskcode.html>>.

formation on web sites in “Internet Resources” portion of this bibliography.)

RURAL COOPERATIVES, Rural Business-Cooperative Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. Formerly published as Farmer Cooperatives.

Selective full text articles available at the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives web site from 1995 and the United States Department of Agriculture web site from 1998. (See information on web sites in “Internet Resources” portion of this bibliography.)

#### VII. ARTICLES AND ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

This section of the bibliography is arranged in alphabetical order according to the author’s last name. Annotations provide a brief subject overview of each article.

James R. Baarda, *Farmers Cooperative Equity Conflicts: Judicial Decisions in the 1980’s*, 12 *HAMLIN L. REV.* 699 (1989).

Provides a discussion of court decisions relating to cooperative members’ investment in cooperative capital.

David L. Baumer et al., *Curdling the Competition: An Economic and Legal Analysis of the Antitrust Exemption for Agriculture*, 31 *VILL. L. REV.* 183 (1986).

Focusing on the milk industry, this article examines the agricultural antitrust exemption as it affects cooperatives and the price of agricultural products.

Jim Chen, *The American Ideology*, 48 *VAND. L. REV.* 809 (1995).

Chronicles the changing nature of farming and agriculture in America placing U.S. agricultural laws and history in a global context.

Carla Tolbert Cook, *Antitrust Action Against Milk Marketing Cooperatives — Shaking Up the Milk Industry*, 34 *DRAKE L. REV.* 493 (1984-1985).

Provides a historical examination of agricultural cooperatives and antitrust legislation as applied to the milk industry.

Michael L. Cook, *Cooperative Principles and Equity Financing: A Discussion of a Critical Discussion*, 7 J. AGRIC. COOPERATION 99 (1992).

Mr. Cook offers a response to an article by Jeffrey S. Royer (*see infra*). This paper examines alternative cooperative philosophies and advocates the use of risk allocation in distribution of benefits to cooperative members.

John D. Copeland, *The Status of an Agricultural Cooperative When a Farmer Member Experiences Financial Distress*, 23 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 551 (1990).

Examines member financial difficulties as they effect cooperative organizations. In particular, the rights a cooperative can assert when a member files for bankruptcy and what obstacles cooperatives may confront in a member's bankruptcy proceeding.

James B. Dean, *Current Issues Concerning Cooperatives in the United States*, 30 S.D. L. REV. 286 (1985).

Discusses issues facing cooperatives focusing mainly on agricultural cooperatives.

James B. Dean, *Agricultural Cooperatives: An Update*, 73 NEB. L. REV. 227 (1994).

Surveys the law relating to agricultural cooperatives especially as it applies to the fiduciary duty of cooperatives and tax consequences for cooperative organizations.

Kathryn J. Dedo, *Cooperative Mergers and Consolidations: A Consideration of the Legal and Tax Issues*, 63 N.D. L. REV. 377 (1987).

Discusses fundamental transactions, such as merger and dissolution, and their related tax consequences.

John R. Dunn, *Basic Cooperative Principles and Their Relationship to Selected Practices*, 3 J. AGRIC. COOPERATION 83 (1988).

Outlines cooperative principles relating to ownership, control, and distribution of benefits.

Joan R. Fulton & Wilctor L. Adamowicz, *Factors That Influence the Commitment of Members to Their Cooperative Organizations*, 8 J. AGRIC. COOPERATION 39 (1993).

Reviews empirical and theoretical research on cooperatives and discusses the main factors that influence member patronage.

Neil D. Hamilton, *Agriculture Without Farmers? Is Industrialization Restructuring American Food Production and Threatening the Future of Sustainable Agriculture?*, 14 N. ILL. U. L. REV. 613 (1994).

Part of a symposium on the changing structures and expectations in agriculture. Explores the idea that cooperatives can provide sustainable agriculture in a changing global environment.

Stephen D. Hawke, *Antitrust Implications of Agricultural Cooperatives*, 73 KY. L.J. 1003 (1984-1985).

Provides a survey of the case law relating to the Capper-Volstead requirements for agricultural cooperatives.

Sally J. Kelly, *Agricultural Law: A Selected Bibliography, 1985-1992*, 19 WM. MITCHELL L. REV. 481 (1993).

Lists articles and books covering twenty-four subjects related to agricultural law.

Mary Beth Matthews, *Recent Developments in the Law Regarding Agricultural Cooperatives*, 68 N.D. L. REV. 273 (1992).

Discusses recent court decisions relating to agricultural cooperatives and argues against the existence of independent fiduciary obligation by cooperative toward members in equity redemption decisions.

Claudia Parliament & Zvi Lerman, *Risk and Equity in Agricultural Cooperatives*, 7 J. AGRIC. COOPERATION (1992).

Compares capitalization of cooperatives with investor oriented businesses.

Thomas W. Paterson & Willard F. Mueller, *Sherman Section 2 Monopolization for Agricultural Marketing Cooperatives*, 60 TUL. L. REV. 955 (1986).

Analyzes the court's application of the Sherman Act to traditional monopolies and to agricultural cooperatives.

Sharlene F. Roberts-Caudle, *Agricultural Cooperative Member Equity: You Don't Have To Die For It!*, 7 S.J. AGRIC. L. REV. 1 (1997).

Examines the relationship between cooperatives and their former members.

Jeffrey S. Royer, *Cooperative Principles and Equity Financing: A Critical Discussion*, 7 J. AGRIC. COOPERATION 79 (1992).

Explores the impacts of the "principles of cooperation" on the practices of voting, equity acquisition, and equity redemption in U.S. agricultural cooperatives. Compares cooperative organizations with patron-owned corporations.

#### VIII. INTERNET RESOURCES

Each of these web sites includes many useful resources. Information on the internet is, however, forever changing and the reader should browse the home page for each cite to update the information below. In each case, the site information relates to the main or home page for each organization. At this page, usually toward the bottom of the page, the reader can check for a currency statement.

*Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives*

COPAC is a partnership between representatives of the cooperative movement, farmers' organizations, and the United Nations and its agencies.

<<http://www.copacgva.org>> (last modified Jan. 27, 2000).

- United Nations general assembly resolution on guidelines for cooperatives and social development.
- Information on COPAC meetings and forums related to cooperatives.
- Links to legislation related to cooperatives.
- Links to other resources related to cooperatives.

*Cornell Cooperative Extension*

<<http://www.cce.cornell.edu/index.html>> (last modified Nov. 8, 1999).

- The main CCE web site includes general information relating to cooperatives as well as a link to a page dedicated to agricultural cooperatives.
- Online catalog of current CCE publications.

#### *International Co-operative Alliance*

The International Co-operative Alliance is an independent, non-governmental association that unites, represents, and serves co-operatives worldwide.

<<http://ica.coop.org>> (last modified Dec. 1998).

- This site provides many links to other agricultural cooperative sites, including some created by international cooperative organizations.

#### *National Council of Farmer Cooperatives*

<<http://www.ncfc.org>> (visited Dec. 1, 1999).

- Member and staff directory.
- Comprehensive report on organizing a cooperative.
- Online publication on starting a cooperative, including many sample forms.

Searchable online version of the NCFC American Co-operation Yearbook.

#### *United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization*

<<http://www.fao.org/WAICENT/FAOINFO/SUSTDEV/ROdirect/default.htm>> (last modified Jan. 31, 2000).

- United Nations reports and publications relating to agricultural cooperatives.

#### *United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business & Cooperative Services*

<<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/csdir.htm>> (visited Nov. 25, 1999).

- USDA staff information and regional office locations.
- Information on USDA grants for cooperatives.

- Link to information on USDA action on rural cooperative issues including service and research reports.
- Information on the cooperative services programs from the USDA, including support services and technical assistance programs for cooperatives.

*University of California Davis, Center for Cooperatives*

<<http://cooperatives.ucdavis.edu>> (last modified Sept. 10, 1999).

- General information on cooperatives.
- Online copies of the newsletter *Cooperative Quarterly* from 1997.
- Online catalog of resources available through the Center, including some resources in Spanish.
- Links to other cooperative sites, including cooperative banking sites.

*University of Wisconsin, Center for Cooperatives*

<<http://www.wisc.edu/uwcc>> (last modified Nov. 23, 1999).

- Listing of agricultural cooperatives with web sites.
- Listing of Internet links on agriculture.
- Discussion groups on various topics concerning cooperatives.
- Cooperative case studies.
- Publications on cooperatives available for purchase through the site.
- Links to full text and abstract articles from a number of cooperative journals.
- Extensive listing and some full text copies of conference proceedings and reports.
- Page dedicated to legal issues for cooperatives. This page includes links to some states' incorporation statutes.
- The Center for Cooperatives maintains one of the largest cooperative libraries in the world. The collection can be searched through the main university catalog, following a link available on the center's web site.

**APPENDIX 1**

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Cornell Cooperative Extension  
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cce-web@cornell.edu  
<<http://www.cce.cornell.edu/index.html>> (last modified Nov. 8, 1999).

International Co-operative Alliance  
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<<http://ica.coop.org>> (last modified Dec. 1998).

National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
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<<http://www.ncfc.org>> (visited Dec. 1, 1999).

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Rural Business/ Cooperative Services  
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1400 Independence Ave. SW  
Washington DC, 20250  
(202) 720-6483 (202) 690-2724 (fax)  
<<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops.csdire.htm>> (visited Nov. 25, 1999).

University of California, Center for Cooperation  
One Shields Ave.  
Davis, CA 95616  
(530) 752-2408

centerforcoops@ucdavis.edu

<<http://cooperatives.ucdavis.edu>> (last modified Sept. 10, 1999).

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<<http://www.wisc.edu/uwcc/index.html>> (last modified Nov. 23, 1999).

**APPENDIX 2**

## AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE WEB SITES

The following is a list of agricultural cooperatives with web sites.

AMCOT

<<http://www.amcot.org>>.

Ag Processing

<<http://www.agp.com>>.

AgFirst Farm Credit Bank

<<http://www.agfirst.com>>.

AgMax, Inc.

<<http://www.agmax.com>>.

AgriBank, FCB

<<http://www.mainstreet-usa.com>>.

Agsource Cooperative Services

<<http://www.agsource.com>>.

Agway Inc.

<<http://www.agway.com>>.

Alabama Farmers Cooperative, Inc.

<<http://www.alafarm.com>>.

American Crystal Sugar Company

<<http://www.crystalsugar.com>>.

Apricot Producers of California

<<http://www.apricotproducers.com>>.

Associated Milk Producers

<<http://www.ampi.com>>.

Blue Diamond Growers

<<http://www.bluediamondgrowers.com>>.

Brown Country Cooperative Association  
<<http://www.bcca.net>>.

CF Industries, Inc.  
<<http://www.cfindustries.com>>.

Calavo Growers  
<<http://www.calavo.com>>.

Calcot, Ltd.  
<<http://www.calcot.com>>.

California Canning Peach Association  
<<http://www.fruitsandnuts.ucdavis.edu/ccpa.html>>.

California Gold  
<<http://www.cal-gold.com>>.

California Tomato Growers Association, Inc.  
<<http://www.ctga.org>>.

Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives  
<<http://www.cenexharveststates.com>>.

CoBank  
<<http://www.cobank.com>>.

Countrymark Cooperative  
<<http://www.countrymark.com>>.

Country Springs Farmers Co-op  
<<http://csfco-op.com>>.

Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.  
<<http://www.dfamilk.com>>.

Dairylea Cooperative Inc.  
<<http://www.dairylea.com>>.

Diamond Walnut Growers, Inc.  
<<http://www.diamondwalnut.com>>.

Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association  
<<http://equitycoop.com>>.

Farmland Industries, Inc.  
<<http://www.farmland.com>>.

Florida's Natural Growers  
<<http://www.floridasnatural.com>>.

Foremost Farms USA  
<<http://www.foremostfarms.com>>.

Fruit Growers Supply Company  
<<http://www.fruitgrowers.com>>.

Gold Kist  
<<http://www.goldkist.com>>.

GROWMARK, Inc.  
<<http://www.growmark.com>>.

Hazelnut Growers of Oregon  
<<http://www.hazelnut.com>>.

Land O'Lakes, Inc.  
<<http://www.landolakes.com>>.

MBG Marketing  
<<http://www.blueberries.com>>.

MFA Incorporated  
<<http://www.mfaincorporated.com>>.

Michigan Milk Producers Association  
<<http://www.mimilk.com>>.

Norbest, Inc.  
<<http://www.norbest.com>>.

Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc.  
<<http://www.oceanspray.com>>.

Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, Inc.  
<<http://www.pcca.com>>.

Prarie Farms Dairy  
<<http://www.prariefarms.com>>.

Pro-Fac Cooperative, Inc.  
<<http://www.curticeburns.com>>.

Producers Livestock Association  
<<http://www.pla-corp.com>>.

Southern States Cooperative, Inc.  
<<http://www.scoop.com>>.

Staplcotn  
<<http://www.staplcotn.com>>.

Sun Diamond Growers of California  
<<http://www.diamondwalnut.com>>.

Sunkist Growers  
<<http://www.sunkist.com>>.

Sunmaid  
<<http://sunmaid.com>>.

Tennessee Farmers Cooperative  
<<http://www.yourcoop.com>>.

Tree Top, Inc.  
<<http://www.treetop.org>>.

**APPENDIX 3****SEARCH TERMS**

The following is a listing of search terms that might prove helpful for research in this area.

Agricultural Adjustment Act  
Agriculture  
Agribusiness  
Antitrust  
Business  
Capper-Volstead Act  
Clayton Act  
Commerce  
Co-op  
Co-operative  
Cooperative  
Cooperative association  
Corporation  
Crop  
Farm  
Farm(er, ing)  
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