

FARMER CO-OPS PROVIDING FOR

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Farmer co-ops in Wisconsin and around the country give individual farmers the opportunity to truly participate in the agricultural and food system, all the way from farm to retail.

Farmer co-ops are taxed differently than other types of companies. Section 199A was passed to put co-ops and small businesses on even footing with big corporations. It has been a success and was critical in seeing farmer co-ops and their members thrive through a pandemic, unrest around the globe, and the highest inflation in a generation. Congress should stand up for agriculture and extend this important tax provision.



3,232

Jobs in State

\$254,239,201

Wages in State

34,842

Farmer-Members in State

\$88,203,124

Total Annual Section 199A Deductions Passed Through to Farmer-Members in State

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STATE SUCCESS STORIES



“From the perspective of a large dairy cooperative, I know our member dairy farm families really appreciate the support the Section 199A benefit provides. In mid-March we met with members, and part of our financial results review was to inform them that their cooperative is passing through 100% of the 199A benefit directly to members. The benefit is worth over \$35 million dollars, and to them was equivalent to 58c/cwt for every cwt of milk they shipped to our co-op. In a year that saw milk prices decline by over \$4/cwt, this is very meaningful to those families. Losing this benefit at a time when dairies, especially the smaller dairies, are under extreme financial pressures would be a significant penalty and likely accelerate consolidation of milk supply. I hope many of our members will post comments and have their voices heard as well. My point, as CEO, is simple - we pass this benefit through to our dairy farm families. They need it.”

Greg Schlafer
Foremost Farms



“In Wisconsin, Gottschalk Cranberry, Inc. has used the Section 199A deduction to make smart, forward-looking investments in our farm operations by purchasing new equipment and vehicles, and renovating our cranberry beds to grow different varieties of cranberries that bring a stronger yield. Having the flexibility for capital purchases, we are able to improve the long-term viability of our third-generation family-owned farm.”

Fawn Gottschalk

Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc.



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