

FARMER CO-OPS PROVIDING FOR INDIANA

Farmer cooperatives in Indiana and across the country give individual farmers the opportunity to participate more fully in the agricultural and food system, from farm to retail. Through cooperatives, farmers are able to own and lead businesses that help strengthen their competitiveness in domestic and international markets.

Nationwide, farmer cooperatives support more than 200,000 jobs, with a total payroll exceeding \$12 billion, and contribute significantly to the economic well-being of rural America. The information below highlights the impact of farmer cooperatives in Indiana.



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Farmer Co-ops in State

45,378

Farmer-Members in State

2,872

Jobs in State

\$296,305,988

Wages in State

USDA-RD Agriculture Cooperative Statistics 2024 & 2025

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QUALITY IS A FAMILY TRADITION AT MOOVILLE DAIRY

For Karl and MaryAnn Bontrager of Wolcottville, Indiana, producing exceptional milk is a daily commitment. As members of Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA), they have had access to field representatives, quality incentives, and a network of fellow farmers all working toward the same standard of excellence.

This year, that support paid off on a national stage. Mooville Dairy received a silver National Dairy Quality Award from NMC, the Global Milk Quality Organization, joining ten other MMPA farms honored from a pool of 56 applicants nationwide.

MMPA recognized 238 of its own member farms for outstanding milk quality this year. That kind of investment is what sets cooperatives apart: farmers succeeding not in spite of each other, but because of each other.

For Indiana, Mooville Dairy is proof of what is possible when a family farm has a cooperative in its corner.



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