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Farmer cooperatives in Ohio 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 Ohio.



48

Farmer Co-ops in State

40,629

Farmer-Members in State

3,871

Jobs in State

\$339,761,747

Wages in State

USDA-RD Agriculture Cooperative Statistics 2024 & 2025

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GASSER FARMS EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

For Virgel Gasser of Creston, Ohio, producing high-quality milk is not a goal. It is a standard. And it is a standard his cooperative helped him reach.

This year, Gasser Farms LLC received two silver National Dairy Quality Awards from NMC, the Global Milk Quality Organization, at its Annual Meeting in Birmingham, Ala. The awards evaluate milking routine, cow comfort, udder health, herd welfare, and recordkeeping practices.

Gasser Farms is a member of Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA), a farmer-owned cooperative that invests directly in helping its members succeed. MMPA field representatives work alongside member farms to set and achieve quality goals, and the cooperative's own program recognized 238 farms this year for outstanding milk production. That kind of hands-on support is what cooperatives do best: pool resources, share expertise, and lift every member up.



That investment paid off nationally. Eleven MMPA farms were honored at the NMC event, representing nearly a third of all 36 farms recognized from a pool of 56 applicants nationwide.

“This is a testament to the relentless hard work of our members and the devoted field staff in upholding excellence,” said Ben Chapin, MMPA Director of Member Services. Gasser Farms is proof of what farmers can achieve when they have a cooperative behind them.

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