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Farmer cooperatives in Oklahoma 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 Oklahoma.



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Farmer Co-ops in State

36,932

Farmer-Members in State

1,1448

Jobs in State

\$57,972,685

Wages in State

USDA-RD Agriculture Cooperative Statistics 2024 & 2025

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PCCA PUTS OKLAHOMA COTTON ON THE FAST TRACK

Getting cotton from a rural Oklahoma field to a textile mill on the other side of the world is no small feat. For years, that journey meant trucks hauling bales from Altus to the Dallas area before being loaded onto trains bound for the West Coast. It worked, but it was slow and expensive.

PCCA, a farmer-owned cooperative serving growers across Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, and New Mexico, saw a better way. In 2020, the cooperative built a high-efficiency rail loading facility in Altus with a direct line to the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, eliminating the Dallas stop entirely. The result: more than 88,000 fewer truck miles per train and nearly 20,000 bales shipped per run.

That is the cooperative model at work. By investing in infrastructure that individual farmers could never build alone, PCCA lowered costs, sped up delivery, and put more value back in its grower-owners' pockets.



“This gives cotton grown in our region a direct route to the ports on the U.S. West Coast and by extension, Asia,” said Jay Cowart, PCCA Vice President of Warehouse Operations. “This improves the efficiency of the supply chain for our grower-owners’ cotton.”

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