

FARMER CO-OPS PROVIDING FOR TEXAS

Farmer cooperatives in Texas 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 Texas.



153

Farmer Co-ops in State

66,888

Farmer-Members in State

6,126

Jobs in State

\$261,635,725

Wages in State

USDA-RD Agriculture Cooperative Statistics 2024 & 2025

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TOGETHER IS ALL THEY KNOW: THE HARRISON FAMILY FARM

In Meadow, Texas, Keith Harrison started with 40 acres and a neighbor willing to give him a chance. That was 1997. Today, he farms alongside his wife Angie and two sons, Tyler and Trenton, building something he hopes to one day pass to his grandchildren.

What made it possible was never just the land. It was the people around it. “Having those friendships with people around you makes a big difference,” Keith says. “You can go to the older ones and they can give you answers to help keep your head up.”

That belief in community runs straight through Keith’s involvement in farmer cooperatives. He serves as board president of Meadow Farmers Co-op and on the board of Plains Cotton Growers. For his operation, PCCA has been a constant foundation.

“PCCA gives me stability. The checks have always been good, and they allowed me to take a risk,” Keith says. “They’ve always been there for us.”

For the Harrisons, farming is a family affair. But cooperatives are what make the family farm possible.



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