Co-ops by the Numbers

64,017 co-ops
852,843 employees

Cooperative Locations: Sectoral Composition

Sectors
- Commercial Sales, Marketing & Production
- Financial Services
- Social & Public Services
- Utilities
- Unknown

(“Measuring the Cooperative Economy” 2019)
Agricultural Cooperatives

• Support Sustainable Food Systems

• Enhance Producers’ Efficiencies and Profits

Buckeye Valley Beef Cooperative
Brown County, OH
Worker Owned Cooperatives

• Foster Workplace Democracy

• Diverse Opportunities

Unity Café
Parkersburg, WV
Industrial Cooperatives

- Create local manufacturing and industrial jobs
- Increase Local Economic Power

Opportunity Threads
Morganton, NC
Appalachia’s Cooperative Economy

- Diverse Cooperative Efforts
- Creating Community based Employment
- Responsive to Community Needs
- Supporting Workplace Democracy
- Harnessing Members’ Economic Power
Cooperative Growth Ecosystem Framework

Hilary Abell & Melissa Hoover


Skills & Capacity  Business Supports  Values Driven Businesses
Technical Assistance  Connection to Market  Attitudes & Culture
Financing  Policy  Cooperative Education
Cooperative Developers  Advocacy Partnerships
Appalachia Cooperates Initiative

- Develop practitioners’ awareness and understanding of the cooperative model and of cooperative development resources to better recognize and act on cooperative opportunities in their communities.

- Foster relationships among practitioners that will facilitate joint cooperative development activities in Central Appalachia and allow practitioners to better utilize existing resources.

- Raise awareness of the cooperative business model as an opportunity for economic development and justice in the region.
• Community Workshops
• Documentary Film Screenings
• Educational Webinars
Cooperating for Connectivity:
An Appalachian Broadband Webinar

March 23rd 2021, 3:00 p.m. EST, Online
No cost, but registration is required.

Register at go.osu.edu/appalachiacooperates
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