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Introduction

New agricultural cooperatives have been organized in North America due to a range of processes including the vertical integration of production, free trade, declining farm supports, and the desire to enhance farm profitability. This directory shows what cooperatives produce and their locations. The directory, including 89 New Generation Cooperatives is comprehensive in scope, but is clearly not all-inclusive.

The directory has four parts. The first section organizes cooperatives by agricultural sector. Second, the cooperatives are listed alphabetically. In the third part the cooperatives are sorted by state. The final section lists institutions devoted to research and outreach with respect to value-added agriculture and New Generation Cooperatives. The table of contents provides a more detailed view of how the directory is organized.

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COOPERATIVES BY AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

Beans and Legume Processing (7)

Blue Diamond Growers, 1809 C Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-1009, (916) 442-0771, www.bluediamondgrowers.com. This is an almond growing and processing cooperative based in California's Central Valley.

Diamond Walnut Growers, Inc., 1050 South Diamond Street, P.O. Box 1727, Stockton, CA 95201-1727, (209) 467-6000, www.diamondwalnut.com. The objective is to maximize growers' crop returns and surpass the independent field price. Profits on walnuts are returned to the grower, not to independent handlers or non-grower shareholders.

Farmer's Cooperative of Hanska, P.O. Box 6, Hanska, MN 56041, (507) 439-6244. Farmers cooperate to grow field legumes such as beans, peas and lentils. These high fiber, low fat crops are used to make instant soups, dips, thickening agents, and refried beans.

Hazelnut Growers of Oregon, P.O. Box 626, Cornelius, OR 97113, (503) 648-4176, www.hazelnut.com. Hazelnut Growers of Oregon is the only Hazelnut cooperative in the United States. Founded in 1984, HGO has 146 member-growers and more than 7,500 acres.

Heart of the Valley Cooperative, Box 338, Portland, ND 58274, (701) 786-3843. In 1994, 20 North Dakota farmers started a NGC and are investigating the feasibility of building a plant to produce refried bean products from dry edible beans.

Kona Pacific Farmers Cooperative, P.O. Box 309, Captain Cook, HI 96704, (808) 328-2411, www.kpfc.com. This 300 member producer cooperative began as a marketing and processing cooperative in the 1950s. The producer cooperative was founded in 1995 to produce, process, and market Kona Coffee and Hawaii Grown Macadamia Nuts.

Walton Bean Growers Cooperative, Les Dale, 100 Second Avenue, Englevale, ND 58033-5000, (701) 683-5246. This 159 member NGC was established in 1994 to process pinto beans.

Corn Processing (19)

Adkins Energy, Todd Block, General Manager, P.O. Box 229, Lena, IL 61048, (815) 443-2512, www.adkinsenergy.com. This 420 member NGC was started in 1996. Adkins Energy is \$68.5 million dollar ethanol production facility currently under construction. Once on line, the facility will convert 11.5 million bushels of corn into 30 million gallons of high quality ethanol, recapture 73,000 tons of carbon dioxide, and produce 106,000 tons of DDGS (a protein rich animal supplement feed) annually.

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Central Minnesota Ethanol Cooperative, Robin Wells, General Manager, 18312 Riverwood, Little Falls, MN, 56345, (320) 632-1614. This is a 15 million gallon per year ethanol plant that began in 1996.

Chippewa Valley Ethanol Company, Denise Linn, 406 15th Street South, Benson, MN 56215, (320) 843-4813, www.cvec.com/main.htm. The mission of this 647 member LLC is to enhance market opportunities and utilize area corn production, consistently return to shareholders dividends greater than industry averages, continually seek innovative sources for material input and aggressively develop new product markets. CVEC is a 15 million gallon a year dry mill ethanol plant that processes approximately 6 million bushels of locally grown corn annually and produces 50,000 tons per year of distiller's dried grains and solubles (DDGS).

Corn Plus Cooperative, Steve Core, 711 Sixth Avenue SE, Winnebago, MN 56098, (507) 893-4747. This is a 651 member NGC started in 1992. Corn Plus produces one million gallons of ethanol per month.

Corn-er Stone Co-op, David Kolrud, P.O. Box 871, Luverne, MN 56156-0871, (507) 283-1910. This 201 member NGC was formally organized in 1997 and now owns the majority of an ethanol plant. Additional value-added possibilities are also being pursued.

Golden Growers Cooperative, 1321 23rd Street, Suite L, Fargo, ND, 58108, (701) 298-4050. The 1,902 member NGC started in 1993. A corn processing plant is being developed through a limited partnership among two sugar cooperatives and a new growers cooperative.

Golden Triangle Energy Cooperative, Inc., Byron Fink, Board President, Craig, MO 64437, (888) 220-5646. This NGC plans to break ground on the group's proposed ethanol plant in Fall 1999. The plant will utilize a dry milling process to produce 15 million gallons of ethanol annually as well as high protein dried distiller's grains and solubles (DDGS).

Heartland Corn Products, Highway 19 East, P.O. Box A, Winthrop, MN 55396, (507) 647-5000. This processing plant generates more than 1 million gallons of ethanol monthly. It began operations in 1995.

Heartland Grain Fuels, L.P., Jim Kuch, CPA, 38469 133rd Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401, (605) 226-9113. This ethanol processing plant is a limited liability partnership owned by a new cooperative, an established local cooperative, and a regional cooperative.

Minnesota Corn Processors, Jerry Jacoby, 901 Highway 59, Marshall, MN, 56258, (507) 537-2676, www.mcp.net. Minnesota Corn Processors was established as a farmer-owned cooperative in 1980 and began its corn wet milling operations in 1983. Today more than 5,000 stockholders in Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska are members of MCP.

Minnesota Energy, Howard Ryberg, 55527 RR 38, Buffalo Lake, MN 55314, (320) 833-5516. This 300 member NGC was started in 1994 to add value to members' corn. In 1998, 11 million gallons of ethanol and 34,000 tons of dried distiller's grain (DDG) were produced.

Nebraska Energy, LLC, Thomas Kell, 1205 South O Road, Aurora, NE 68818, (402) 694-3635. This is an ethanol processing plant that contracts with farmers to deliver a set amount of corn in a limited contract.

Northeast Missouri Grain Processors, Inc., Dale Whitley, 218 North Rollins, Macon, MO 63552, (660) 385-2066. This 297 member NGC was established in March 1995. Construction of the group's ethanol plant began in April 1999. The plant, which should be completed by April 2000, will process between 2,800,000 and 5,800,000 bushels of corn and milo annually.

Southwest Minnesota Agrifuels Co-op, Route 1, Box 82, Bingham Lake, MN 56118-9728, (507) 831-0063. This 244 member NGC started in 1994. Ethanol 2000 LLP is a limited liability partnership formed by Southwest Minnesota Agrifuels Cooperative (SMAC) and Broin Enterprises, Inc (BEI). The purpose for forming the partnership was to design, finance, acquire a site, construct, own, operate and maintain a dry mill ethanol plant. The total cost of constructing the ethanol plant was \$17.5 million, including the cost of the developed land. Twenty-eight jobs have been created and the economic impact generated is estimated at \$7.5 million annually. Corn usage is at about 5,500,000 bushels per year and ethanol production is 15 million gallons per year.

Sunrise Energy Co-op, John Brannaman, P.O. Box 301, Blairstown, IA 52209, (319) 454-0033. This 250 member NGC uses high moisture corn to produce ethanol and stillage for cattle feed.

Tri-State Corn Processors Cooperative, Kay Braun, P.O. Box 78, Rosholt, SD 57260, (605) 537-4585. This 178 member NGC started in 1994. Corn growers from Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota are collaborating to construct an ethanol plant. Plans are to convert 2 million bushels of corn into 5 million gallons of ethanol each year.

Value First Cooperative, Vic Vandehaar, Farmers Cooperative Co., 705 Packwaukee Street, New Hartford, IA 50660, (319) 983-2259. Eighty grain farmers formed this NGC to enhance the value of corn produced by members.

Dairy Processing (1)

Radiance Dairy, Francis and Susan Thicke, 1757 Brookville Road, Fairfield, IA 52556-8903, (515) 472-8558. This enterprise adds value by producing milk with higher butterfat and protein content. The dairy also produces milk organically.

Diversified Organic Production and Processing (4)

CROPP (Coulee Region Organic Produce Pool) Cooperative, Jerry McGeorge, P.O. Box 159, La Farge, WI 54639. (608) 625-2602, www.organicvalley.com/. This is a 170 member NGC formed in 1988. CROPP is a farmer-owned and operated marketing cooperative, distributing nationally certified organic dairy, eggs and vegetables. It is the largest producer of certified organic dairy products in the United States.

Farmers Choice Pasta Cooperative, LLC, 1 Farmers Choice Drive, Leeds, ND 58401, (701) 466-2405. This cooperative produces and markets organically grown grains and dry edible beans.

Heartland Organic Marketing Cooperative, Ken Rosmann, 1240 Ironwood Road, Harlan, IA 51537, (712) 627-4217. The purpose of this 120 member cooperative is to promote and encourage sustainable organic agriculture production by marketing and establishing markets for products.

Prairie Organic Marketing Cooperative, Terry Jacobson, RR 1 Box 53, Farm Wales, ND 58282, (701) 283-5195. This cooperative helps organic farmers market millet and flax. It also provides technical assistance and support for traditional farmers making the transition into organic farming.

Fiber Processing (6)

Calcot, Ltd., Gene Lundquist, P.O. Box 259, Bakersfield, CA 93302, (661) 327-5961. This is an 1,800 member open cooperative whose purpose is to market raw cotton worldwide. This organization was started in 1927.

Heartland Fibers, LLC, 14445 Highway 23 NE, Spicer, MN 56288, (320) 796-6995. This cooperative is studying the feasibility of using corn stover to produce paper, cardboard, and fiberboard.

Iso-Straw Cooperative, 209 West 4th Street, P.O. Box 158, Finley, ND 58230, (701) 524-1630. This cooperative, in its formative stages, is investigating the potential for processing 400,000 tons of wheat and barley per year to produce strawboard.

Minnesota Agro-Forestry, Debbie Latosky, 910 Highway 29, North, Alexandria, MN, 56308, (320) 763-4733. This 33 member NGC started in 1996 to collectively raise and market agro-forestry products for profit. The cooperative uses a fast-growing poplar tree to produce paper pulp and wood products such as fiberboard.

Minnesota Valley Alfalfa Producers, Patricia Hahn, Office Manager, P.O. Box 64, Granite Falls, MN 56241, (320) 564-2400. This 500 member NGC started in 1994 to add value to alfalfa through pelleting for feed and biomass energy by producing sun-cured alfalfa pellets.

Phenix Manufacturing Company, Inc., Lanny Jass, P.O. Box 609, Mankato, MN 56002, (507) 344-5508, www.phenixbiocomposites.com/. This is a 988 member NGC. Soybean growers have adopted new technology that combines soy flour and recycled newspaper to produce a pressed board material called Environ.

Fish Production (3)

MINAQUA Fisheries, Mel Stocks, P.O. Box 659, Renville, MN 56284, (320) 329-3380, www.minaqua.com. A group of soybean farmers built an indoor fish farm that produces a fast-growing tropical fish species called Tilapia. It is designed to use warm waste water from a neighboring sugar beet cooperative processing plant to heat the water in the fish tanks.

North American Fish Farmers Cooperative, Mark Willows, Marketing Director, P.O. Box 98, Binford, ND 58416, (701) 676-2620. This 25 member NGC began in 1994 to market growers' fish. This is a way for grain producers to add value to their crop by feeding it to Tilapia.

Smith Island Crab Meat Cooperative, P.O. Box 225, Tylerton, MD 21866, (410) 425-2035. This is a fish cooperative, operated primarily by women who catch and package crab meat caught in the Chesapeake Bay.

Fruit Processing (4)

Norpac Foods Inc., Rick Jacobson, President & CEO, 930 West Washington, Stayton, OR 97383-1501, (503) 769-2101. This is a fruit and vegetable marketing and processing cooperative.

Northern Vineyards Winery, 402 Main Street North, Stillwater, MN 55082-5051, (651) 430-1032, www.northernvineyards.com. This cooperatively operated winery grows grapes and produces a variety of wines. It was founded in 1983.

Rhubarb Country Cooperative, Bill Johnson, 417 Main Avenue, #512, P.O. Box 707, Fargo, ND 58103, (218) 937-5210. This is a 27 member NGC established to identify new markets and uses for rhubarb to add value to the product and increase profits.

Western Illinois Grape Producers Cooperative, Jim Nickel, RR 1, Nebo, IL 62355, (217) 734-9307. A group of Western Illinois grape growers are forming a cooperative to grow and market grapes.

Grain Processing and Marketing (6)

Dakota Growers Pasta Company, Tim Dodd, General Manager, 1 Pasta Avenue, P.O. Box 21, Carrington, ND 58421, (701) 652-2855, www.dakotagrowers.com/. Dakota Growers is the first and only fully integrated, entirely farmer-owned pasta plant. This 1,100 member NGC started in 1993.

Drayton Grain Processors, Roger Wienleader, HCR3, Drayton, ND 58225, (701) 454-66498. Wheat growers add value to their crop by cooperatively processing wheat to make high-protein frozen bread dough and partially-baked bread products at a plant located in Fargo.

North Dakota Oat Growers Cooperative/Oat Technologies, LLC, Dwain Barondeau, P.O. Box 607, Mott, ND 58646, (701) 824-2095. This is a cooperative for growers of hull-less and/or conventional oats. An oat processing plant to crush hull-less oats and distribute the grain's oil and fiber is currently being planned.

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, 10800 East Bethany Drive, Aurora, CO 80014-2606, (303) 752-5800. This cooperative was formed by wheat farmers to process grain harvest into bread.

United Mills, Bill Gass, P.O. Box 610, Renville, MN 56284, (320) 329-3141. This cooperative processes grains to produce feed grain for three other producer cooperatives, including an egg production cooperative, a hog production cooperative, and a local farm supply and marketing cooperative. The goal is to use the latest technology in feed production to reduce costs.

United Spring Wheat Processors, Gary Lee, President, 4614 Amber Valley Parkway, Fargo, ND 58104, (800) 963-9256. This 2,850 member NGC was started in 1996 to maximize the value of members' spring wheat crop. They currently produce frozen dough and frozen partially-baked bread product. The cooperative is also involved in merchandising Identity Preserved Spring Wheat.

Livestock Production, Processing, and Marketing (14)

Central Dakota Cattle Association, 402 Western Avenue, Maddock, ND 58348, (701) 438-2753. Farmers have established a 3,500 head cattle feedlot. Members add value and profit margin to their agricultural commodity through backgrounding, summer pasturing, and finishing cattle with cooperative financing. The cooperative is also considering a processing plant.

Dakota Prairie Beef, Ken Dukant, Pulver Hall, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701) 227-1241. This 147 member NGC is constructing a cooperatively owned feedlot to custom feed and finish locally produced cattle in southwest North Dakota.

Eden Farms of Iowa, Nina Biensen, 2454 Binford, State Center, IA 50247, (515) 483-2292. This 85 member sole proprietorship enterprise is developing a domestic market for Berkshire pork to complement the Japanese market.

Farmer's Cooperative, Dave Hobschiedt, General Manager, 110 South Keokuk, Keota, IA 52248, (515) 636-3748. The Farmland Industries Swine Program built a processing plant in Keota allowing local family farms to compete with large integrated corporate farms.

Indiana Family Farms Pork Marketing Cooperative, Jerry Frey, President, 2000 West 8th Street, Anderson, IN 46016, (765) 622-4275. This 76 member NGC uses value-added processing techniques to enhance the value of the pork produced.

North American Bison Cooperative, Dennis Sexhus, CEO, P.O. Box 672, 1658 Hwy 281, New Rockford, ND, 58356, (701) 947-2505, www.nabisoncoop.com. Bison producers who have raised \$24 million in equity towards this project are developing a cooperative slaughtering facility.

North Dakota Sheep Producers Cooperative, Shirley Stevens, 13822 18th Street SE, Page, ND 58064, (701) 668-2210. This 70 member NGC markets premium quality lamb by using top-quality breeds and performance standards.

Quality Pork Cooperative, Lynn Svangster, P.O. Box 50, Crosby, ND 58730, (701) 965-4222. This cooperative markets pork products for a premium price due to the high quality of the meat.

Seventh Generation Bison Cooperative, Cliff Walking Elk, P.O. Box 591, Fort Yates, ND 58538, (701) 854-7479. This is an 8 member Native American owned and operated bison producers cooperative.

Stateline Pork, LLC., 502 East Taylor, Creston, IA 50801, (515) 782-3079 (office), (515) 767-5288 (farm). In 1993, hog farmers in south central Iowa pooled resources and formed Stateline Pork, LLC, a cooperative feeder pig production business that uses state-of-the-art production technologies. The central facility raises 48,000 feeder pigs per year. However, when the pigs reach 60 pounds, farmers use their own corn as feed to finish allotments of 900 pigs.

Sunbelt Pork Cooperative, Garland Thompson, P.O. Box 2703, Douglas, GA 31534, (912) 384-9224. This is a 92 member NGC started in 1997 by hog farmers who previously shipped hogs to Mississippi or North Carolina for processing. Georgia hog producers hope to add the value in their own state.

U.S. Premium Beef, Steve Hunt, CEO, 10100 NW Executive Hills Boulevard, Suite 105, Kansas City, MO, (816) 891-2300, www.uspremiumbeef.com. U.S. Premium Beef (USPB) is a marketing cooperative which provides beef producers an opportunity to retain ownership of the beef they produce all the way to the retail shelves.

ValAdCo, Eddie Crum, CEO, Box 392, Renville, MN 56284, (320) 329-3225. This 120 member NGC maintains four hog farms with approximately 10,000 sows. The farms have facilities for breeding, gestation, farrowing, and nursery finishing, as well as a boar station. ValAdCo produces genetically superior gilts for resale to farmers for breeding. The barrows are contract finished by farmers.

Western Dakota Pork Cooperative, Bob McIntyre, General Manager, RR 1 Box 105, Scranton, ND 58653, (701) 275-6158. This cooperative of 69 barley growers constructed and currently operates a 1,350 sow farrow-to-finish operation. Hogs produced by the facility are fed barley grown by cooperative members.

Poultry Production (6)

Farmers Union Marketing & Processing Association, David Morman, Treasurer, P.O. Box 319, 590 West Park Drive, Redwood Falls, MN 56283, (507) 637-2938. This plant uses poultry feathers to produce a feather meal through a continuous hydrolyzer system.

Golden Oval, Dana Persson, P.O. Box 615, Renville, MN, 56284, (320) 329-8182, www.goldenovaleggs.com. This is a value-added liquid egg cooperative created, owned, and managed by farmers committed to assuring the future of the family farm. Farmers work together, strategically plan for the future, and increase farm profitability. A second layer and egg processing complex in Northern Iowa is under development.

Interstate Value-Added Cooperative, Tony Mudra, RR 1 Box 113, Glenville, MN, 56036, (507) 433-4499. This 70 member NGC began in 1994 to add value to members' corn.

Midwest Emu Growers Alliance, Barb Herzog, 19904 County Highway 1, Lake Park, MN 56554, (218) 238-5002. MEGA is a producer-owned Emu cooperative offering a full line of oil, leather, and meat products. Quality control is a top priority of this NGC.

Northern Plains Ratite Consortium, Pat and George Constans, Route 3, Box 244G, Nevis, MN 56467, (218) 652-3790, www.emumagic.com. This group markets a full line of Emu products under the name Emu Magic. These products have a variety of uses in the nutritional, health, skin care, and pain relief markets. All of the Emu produced are hormone, steroid, antibiotic, and abuse free.

West Liberty Foods, Ken Rutledge, P.O. Box 318, West Liberty, IA 52776-0318, (319) 627-4217, www.wlfoods.com. This cooperative of 45 Iowa turkey growers was formed when the local Louis Rich meat packing plant threatened to close. The cooperative has taken over the plant and provides a market for local producers.

Producer Alliances (3)

21ST Century Alliance, Lynn Rundle, 315 Houston, Suite C, Manhattan, KS 66502, (785) 587-8798. www.hpj.com/wsdocs/kawg/alliance/Newpages/home.html. This is a 750 member multipurpose value-added cooperative whose members develop and control alternative food and nonfood delivery systems direct from the producer to the consumer.

Ag Ventures Alliance, Don Hosstrand, 2023 South Federal, Mason City, IA 50401, (515) 423-0844. This 250 member NGC is designed to help start value-added ventures and locate them in Northern Iowa.

Whole Farm Cooperative, Phil Arnold, 33 Second Street South, Lower Level, Long Prairie, MN 56347, (320) 732-3023. This 30 member NGC direct markets the natural farm products from members to nonprofit organizations and other buyers. The wide range of products available includes items such as beef, chicken, eggs, cheese, and vegetables.

Purchasing and Service (1)

Western Areas Cities Cooperative, 4B East Drive, Fergus Falls, MN 56537, (218) 736-0123. This cooperative helps small cities in far western Minnesota share personal, technical assistance and equipment as a way to manage costs.

Soybean and Oilseed Processing (6)

AgGrow Oils, Robin Anderson, Office Manager/Marketing, 780 North 11th Street, P.O. Box 179, Carrington, ND 58421, (701) 652-1990, www.aggrow.com. More than 540 North Dakotans have joined forces to found an integrated cooperative to grow, process, and market oilseed oils.

Producers Renewable Products, LLC, Kevin Lewis, 855 Village Center Drive, Suite 136, North Oaks, MN 55127, (612) 817-5563. This firm is owned by several producer organizations and cooperatives. The enterprise uses naturally derived corn oil, soybean oil, and ethyl (grain) alcohol to manufacture personal care and household cleaning products.

Producer's Natural Processing, Inc., Robert Leader, 8197 W 800 S, Brookston, IN 47923, (765) 563-3437, www.pnpi.com. The PNP Corporation plans to joint venture with current and new farmer owned cooperatives to grow, identity preserve, and process its own genetic seed lines. Oilseed press operations and farm producers own the PNP Corporation. PNP uses mechanical pressing and non-genetically modified organisms to produce healthier vegetable oils and other oilseed products.

South Dakota Soybean Processors, 1000 Caspian Ave, P.O. Box 500, Volga, SD 57071, (605) 627-9240, www.brookings.net/sdsp/home.html. The purpose of this cooperative is to keep more bushels of South Dakota soybeans in the state for both processing and sale, allowing farmers to purchase soybean meal without the cost of added freight. Currently, there are nearly 2,100 farmer members who have invested in this NGC.

Southwest Soy Cooperative, Ray Gaesser, 2507 Quince Avenue, Corning, IA 50841, (515) 333-2595. This 58 member NGC was started in 1997 to generate additional net income for its members. It processes soybeans into meal which it markets to hog producers and dairy farmers.

Thumb Oilseed Producers' Cooperative, Jim LeCureux, Bad Axe, MI 48413, (517) 269-6099. This is a 185 member NGC started in 1997. Farmers in the "thumb" region of Michigan plan to build a facility to extrude soymeal and oil in order to add value to locally grown soybeans.

Sugar Beet Processing and Marketing (4)

American Crystal Sugar, Brian Ingulsrud, 2500 Eleventh Street, Moorhead, MN 56560, (218) 287-3400, www.crystalsugar.com. In 1973 1,300 sugar beet growers made agricultural history by purchasing and transforming this major company, into a farmer-owned cooperative. Now in charge of their own destinies, the 2,600 NGC members' mission is to simultaneously maximize shareholder returns and customer satisfaction through innovative farming practices, low cost production methods and sales and marketing leadership.

Columbia River Sugar Company, 321 South Beech Street, Moses Lake, WA 98837-3808, (509) 766-1933. This is a cooperative owned by sugar beet growers who process the beets into sugar in the Columbia River Valley.

Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative, Allen Larson, 7525 Red River Road, Wahpeton, ND 58075, (701) 671-1332. This 485 member NGC started in 1973. Members grow sugar beets, which are then processed into sugar and sugar by-products.

Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative, East Highway 212, P.O. Box 500, Renville, MN 56284, (320) 329-8305. This 527 member NGC began operations in 1975. The cooperative processes members' sugar beets into sugar, pulp, and molasses.

Vegetable Processing and Marketing (5)

Great Northern Garlic Growers Cooperative, Gary Price, 3520 30th Street NW, Minot, ND 58703, (701) 839-6036. This cooperative provides a processing plant for garlic growers. The plant is designed to meet larger market needs, as a storage facility, and a processing plant to clean, package and dehydrate garlic.

Home Grown Wisconsin, Rink Davee, Manager, 6970 McNeill Road, Mineral Point, WI 53565, (608) 967-9359. This is an organic vegetable cooperative that markets produce to upscale restaurants in Chicago and Madison, WI.

Maine Coast Sea Vegetables, RR 1 Box 78, Franklin, ME 04634, (207) 565-2907, www.seaveg.com. From 2 people producing 200 pounds in 1971, there are now over 30 members handling more than 50,000 pounds of sea vegetables annually. This value-added enterprise purchases kelp and other edible marine vegetation harvested off the Maine coast and transforms it into macrobiotic food products.

Northern Valley Growers Cooperative, Duane Hovet, General Manager, Box 131, Hoople, ND 58243, (701) 894-6464. This 41 member NGC established a 600,000 hundred weight capacity potato wash house.

Sakakawea Vegetable Growers Cooperative, Harold Mathisen, President, 410 2nd Avenue NE, P.O. Box 215, Hazen, ND 58545, (701) 748-6347. This 6 member NGC was started in 1993 to raise vegetables and sell them at local Farmers Markets.

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Central Dakota Cattle Association, 402 Western Avenue, Maddock, ND 58348, (701) 438-2753. Farmers have established a 3,500 head cattle feedlot. Members add value and profit margin to their agricultural commodity through backgrounding, summer pasturing, and finishing cattle with cooperative financing. The cooperative is also considering a processing plant.

Central Minnesota Ethanol Cooperative, Robin Wells, General Manager, 18312 Riverwood, Little Falls, MN, 56345, (320) 632-1614. This is a 15 million gallon per year ethanol plant that began in 1996.

Chippewa Valley Ethanol Company, Denise Linn, 406 15th Street South, Benson, MN 56215, (320) 843-4813, www.cvec.com/main.htm. The mission of this 647 member LLC is to enhance market opportunities and utilize area corn production, consistently return to shareholders dividends greater than industry averages, continually seek innovative sources for material input and aggressively develop new product markets. CVEC is a 15 million gallon a year dry mill ethanol plant that processes approximately 6 million bushels of locally grown corn annually and produces 50,000 tons per year of distiller's dried grains and solubles (DDGS).

Columbia River Sugar Company, 321 South Beech Street, Moses Lake, WA 98837-3808, (509) 766-1933. This is a cooperative owned by sugar beet growers who process the beets into sugar in the Columbia River Valley.

Corn Plus Cooperative, Steve Core, 711 Sixth Avenue SE, Winnebago, MN 56098, (507) 893-4747. This is a 651 member NGC started in 1992. Corn Plus produces one million gallons of ethanol per month.

Corn-er Stone Co-op, David Kolrud, P.O. Box 871, Luverne, MN 56156-0871, (507) 283-1910. This 201 member NGC was formally organized in 1997 and now owns the majority of an ethanol plant. Additional value-added possibilities are also being pursued.

CROPP (Coulee Region Organic Produce Pool) Cooperative, Jerry McGeorge, P.O. Box 159, La Farge, WI 54639. (608) 625-2602, www.organicvalley.com/. This is a 170 member NGC formed in 1988. CROPP is a farmer-owned and operated marketing cooperative, distributing nationally certified organic dairy, eggs and vegetables. It is the largest producer of certified organic dairy products in the United States.

Dakota Growers Pasta Company, Tim Dodd, General Manager, 1 Pasta Avenue, P.O. Box 21, Carrington, ND 58421, (701) 652-2855, www.dakotagrowers.com/. Dakota Growers is the first and only fully integrated, entirely farmer-owned pasta plant. This 1,100 member NGC started in 1993.

Dakota Prairie Beef, Ken Dukant, Pulver Hall, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701) 227-1241. This 147 member NGC is constructing a cooperatively owned feedlot to custom feed and finish locally produced cattle in southwest North Dakota.

Diamond Walnut Growers, Inc., 1050 South Diamond Street, P.O. Box 1727, Stockton, CA 95201-1727, (209) 467-6000, www.diamondwalnut.com. The objective is to maximize growers' crop returns and surpass the independent field price. Profits on walnuts are returned to the grower, not to independent handlers or non-grower shareholders.

Drayton Grain Processors, Roger Wienleader, HCR3, Drayton, ND 58225, (701) 454-66498. Wheat growers add value to their crop by cooperatively processing wheat to make high-protein frozen bread dough and partially-baked bread products at a plant located in Fargo.

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Farmer's Cooperative of Hanska, P.O. Box 6, Hanska, MN 56041, (507) 439-6244. Farmers cooperate to grow field legumes such as beans, peas and lentils. These high fiber, low fat crops are used to make instant soups, dips, thickening agents, and refried beans.

Farmers Union Marketing & Processing Association, David Morman, Treasurer, P.O. Box 319, 590 West Park Drive, Redwood Falls, MN 56283, (507) 637-2938. This plant uses poultry feathers to produce a feather meal through a continuous hydrolyzer system.

Golden Growers Cooperative, 1321 23rd Street, Suite L, Fargo, ND, 58108, (701) 298-4050. The 1,902 member NGC started in 1993. A corn processing plant is being developed through a limited partnership among two sugar cooperatives and a new grower's cooperative.

Golden Oval, Dana Persson, P.O. Box 615, Renville, MN, 56284, (320) 329-8182, www.goldenoveggs.com. This is a value-added liquid egg cooperative created, owned, and managed by farmers committed to assuring the future of the family farm. Farmers work together, strategically plan for the future, and increase farm profitability. A second layer and egg processing complex in Northern Iowa is under development.

Golden Triangle Energy Cooperative, Inc., Byron Fink, Board President, Craig, MO 64437, (888) 220-5646. This NGC plans to break ground on the group's proposed ethanol plant in Fall 1999. The plant will utilize a dry milling process to produce 15 million gallons of ethanol annually as well as high protein dried distiller's grains and solubles (DDGS).

Great Northern Garlic Growers Cooperative, Gary Price, 3520 30th Street NW, Minot, ND 58703, (701) 839-6036. This cooperative provides a processing plant for garlic growers. The plant is designed to meet larger market needs, as a storage facility, and a processing plant to clean, package and dehydrate garlic.

Hazelnut Growers of Oregon, P.O. Box 626, Cornelius, OR 97113, (503) 648-4176, www.hazelnut.com. Hazelnut Growers of Oregon is the only Hazelnut cooperative in the United States. Founded in 1984, HGO has 146 member-growers and more than 7,500 acres.

Heart of the Valley Cooperative, Box 338, Portland, ND 58274, (701) 786-3843. In 1994, 20 North Dakota farmers started a NGC and are investigating the feasibility of building a plant to produce refried bean products from dry edible beans.

Heartland Corn Products, Highway 19 East, P.O. Box A, Winthrop, MN 55396, (507) 647-5000. This processing plant generates more than 1 million gallons of ethanol monthly. It began operations in 1995.

Heartland Fibers, LLC, 14445 Highway 23 NE, Spicer, MN 56288, (320) 796-6995. This cooperative is studying the feasibility of using corn stover to produce paper, cardboard, and fiberboard.

Heartland Grain Fuels, L.P., Jim Kuch, CPA, 38469 133rd Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401, (605) 226-9113. This ethanol processing plant is a limited liability partnership owned by a new cooperative, an established local cooperative, and a regional cooperative.

Heartland Organic Marketing Cooperative, Ken Rosmann, 1240 Ironwood Road, Harlan, IA 51537, (712) 627-4217. The purpose of this 120 member cooperative is to promote and encourage sustainable organic agriculture production by marketing and establishing markets for products.

Home Grown Wisconsin, Rink Davee, Manager, 6970 McNeill Road, Mineral Point, WI 53565, (608) 967-9359. This is an organic vegetable cooperative that markets produce to upscale restaurants in Chicago and Madison, WI.

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Interstate Value-Added Cooperative, Tony Mudra, RR 1 Box 113, Glenville, MN, 56036, (507) 433-4499. This 70 member NGC began in 1994 to add value to members' corn.

Iso-Straw Cooperative, 209 West 4th Street, P.O. Box 158, Finley, ND 58230. (701) 524-1630. This cooperative, in its formative stages, is investigating the potential for processing 400,000 tons of wheat and barley per year to produce strawboard.

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Midwest Emu Growers Alliance, Barb Herzog, 19904 County Highway 1, Lake Park, MN 56554, (218) 238-5002. MEGA is a producer-owned Emu cooperative offering a full line of oil, leather, and meat products. Quality control is a top priority of this NGC.

MINAQUA Fisheries, Mel Stocks, P.O. Box 659, Renville, MN 56284, (320) 329-3380, www.minaqua.com. A group of soybean farmers built an indoor fish farm that produces a fast-growing tropical fish species called Tilapia. It is designed to use warm waste water from a neighboring sugar beet cooperative processing plant to heat the water in the fish tanks.

Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative, Allen Larson, 7525 Red River Road, Wahpeton, ND 58075, (701) 671-1332. This 485 member NGC started in 1973. Members grow sugar beets, which are then processed into sugar and sugar by-products.

Minnesota Agro-Forestry, Debbie Latosky, 910 Highway 29, North, Alexandria, MN, 56308, (320) 763-4733. This 33 member NGC started in 1996 to collectively raise and market agro-forestry products for profit. The cooperative uses a fast-growing poplar tree to produce paper pulp and wood products such as fiberboard.

Minnesota Corn Processors, Jerry Jacoby, 901 Highway 59, Marshall, MN, 56258, (507) 537-2676, www.mcp.net. Minnesota Corn Processors was established as a farmer-owned cooperative in 1980 and began its corn wet milling operations in 1983. Today more than 5,000 stockholders in Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska are members of MCP.

Minnesota Energy, Howard Ryberg, 55527 RR 38, Buffalo Lake, MN 55314, (320) 833-5516. This 300 member NGC was started in 1994 to add value to members' corn. In 1998, 11 million gallons of ethanol and 34,000 tons of dried distiller's grain (DDG) were produced.

Minnesota Valley Alfalfa Producers, Patricia Hahn, Office Manager, P.O. Box 64, Granite Falls, MN 56241, (320) 564-2400. This 500 member NGC started in 1994 to add value to alfalfa through pelleting for feed and biomass energy by producing sun-cured alfalfa pellets.

Nebraska Energy, LLC, Thomas Kell, 1205 South O Road, Aurora, NE 68818, (402) 694-3635. This is an ethanol processing plant that contracts with farmers to deliver a set amount of corn in a limited contract.

Norpac Foods Inc., Rick Jacobson, President & CEO, 930 West Washington, Stayton, OR 97383-1501, (503) 769-2101. This is a fruit and vegetable marketing and processing cooperative.

North American Bison Cooperative, Dennis Sexhus, CEO, P.O. Box 672, 1658 Hwy 281, New Rockford, ND, 58356, (701) 947-2505, www.nabisoncoop.com. Bison producers who have raised \$24 million in equity towards this project are developing a cooperative slaughtering facility.

North American Fish Farmers Cooperative, Mark Willows, Marketing Director, P.O. Box 98, Binford, ND 58416, (701) 676-2620. This 25 member NGC began in 1994 to market growers' fish. This is a way for grain producers to add value to their crop by feeding it to Tilapia.

North Dakota Oat Growers Cooperative/Oat Technologies, LLC, Dwain Barondeau, P.O. Box 607, Mott, ND 58646, (701) 824-2095. This is a cooperative for growers of hull-less and/or conventional oats. An oat processing plant to crush hull-less oats and distribute the grain's oil and fiber is currently being planned.

North Dakota Sheep Producers Cooperative, Shirley Stevens, 13822 18th Street SE, Page, ND 58064, (701) 668-2210. This 70 member NGC markets premium quality lamb by using top-quality breeds and performance standards.

Northeast Missouri Grain Processors, Inc., Dale Whitley, 218 North Rollins, Macon, MO 63552, (660) 385-2066. This 297 member NGC was established in March 1995. Construction of the group's ethanol plant began in April 1999. The plant, which should be completed by April 2000, will process between 2,800,000 and 5,800,000 bushels of corn and milo annually.

Northern Plains Ratite Consortium, Pat and George Constans, Route 3, Box 244G, Nevis, MN 56467, (218) 652-3790, www.emumagic.com. This group markets a full line of Emu products under the name Emu Magic. These products have a variety of uses in the nutritional, health, skin care, and pain relief markets. All of the Emu produced are hormone, steroid, antibiotic, and abuse free.

Northern Valley Growers Cooperative, Duane Hovet, General Manager, Box 131, Hoople, ND 58243, (701) 894-6464. This 41 member NGC established a 600,000 hundred weight capacity potato wash house.

Northern Vineyards Winery, 402 Main Street North, Stillwater, MN 55082-5051, (651) 430-1032, www.northernvineyards.com. This cooperatively operated winery grows grapes and produces a variety of wines. It was founded in 1983.

Phenix Manufacturing Company, Inc., Lanny Jass, P.O. Box 609, Mankato, MN 56002, (507) 344-5508, www.phenixbiocomposites.com/. This is a 988 member NGC. Soybean growers have adopted new technology that combines soy flour and recycled newspaper to produce a pressed board material called Environ.

Prairie Organic Marketing Cooperative, Terry Jacobson, RR 1 Box 53, Farm Wales, ND 58282, (701) 283-5195. This cooperative helps organic farmers market millet and flax. It also provides technical assistance and support for traditional farmers making the transition into organic farming.

Producers Renewable Products, LLC, Kevin Lewis, 855 Village Center Drive, Suite 136, North Oaks, MN 55127, (612) 817-5563. This firm is owned by several producer organizations and cooperatives. The enterprise uses naturally derived corn oil, soybean oil, and ethyl (grain) alcohol to manufacture personal care and household cleaning products.

Producer's Natural Processing, Inc., Robert Leader, 8197 W 800 S, Brookston, IN 47923, (765) 563-3437, www.pnpi.com. The PNP Corporation plans to joint venture with current and new farmer owned cooperatives to grow, identity preserve, and process its own genetic seed lines. Oilseed press operations and farm producers own the PNP Corporation. PNP uses mechanical pressing and non-genetically modified organisms to produce healthier vegetable oils and other oilseed products.

Quality Pork Cooperative, Lynn Svangster, P.O. Box 50, Crosby, ND 58730, (701) 965-4222. This cooperative markets pork products for a premium price due to the high quality of the meat.

Radiance Dairy, Francis and Susan Thicke, 1757 Brookville Road, Fairfield, IA 52556-8903, (515) 472-8558. This enterprise adds value by producing milk with higher butterfat and protein content. The dairy also produces milk organically.

Rhubarb Country Cooperative, Bill Johnson, 417 Main Avenue, #512, P.O. Box 707, Fargo, ND 58103, (218) 937-5210. This is a 27 member NGC established to identify new markets and uses for rhubarb to add value to the product and increase profits.

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, 10800 East Bethany Drive, Aurora, CO 80014-2606, (303) 752-5800. This cooperative was formed by wheat farmers to process grain harvest into bread.

Sakakawea Vegetable Growers Cooperative, Harold Mathisen, President, 410 2nd Avenue NE, P.O. Box 215, Hazen, ND 58545, 701-748-6347. This 6 member NGC was started in 1993 to raise vegetables and sell them at local Farmers Markets.

Seventh Generation Bison Cooperative, Cliff Walking Elk, P.O. Box 591, Fort Yates, ND 58538, (701) 854-7479. This is an 8 member Native American owned and operated bison producers cooperative.

Smith Island Crab Meat Cooperative, P.O. Box 225, Tylerton, MD 21866, (410) 425-2035. This is a fish cooperative, operated primarily by women who catch and package crab meat caught in the Chesapeake Bay.

South Dakota Soybean Processors, 1000 Caspian Ave, P.O. Box 500, Volga, SD 57071, (605) 627-9240, www.brookings.net/sdsp/home.html. The purpose of this cooperative is to keep more bushels of South Dakota soybeans in the state for both processing and sale, allowing farmers to purchase soybean meal without the cost of added freight. Currently, there are nearly 2,100 farmer members who have invested in this NGC.

Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative, East Highway 212, P.O. Box 500, Renville, MN 56284, (320) 329-8305. This 527 member NGC began operations in 1975. The cooperative processes members' sugar beets into sugar, pulp, and molasses.

Southwest Minnesota Agrifuels Co-op, Route 1, Box 82, Bingham Lake, MN 56118-9728, (507) 831-0063. This 244 member NGC started in 1994. Ethanol 2000 LLP is a limited liability partnership formed by Southwest Minnesota Agrifuels Cooperative (SMAC) and Broin Enterprises, Inc (BEI). The purpose for forming the partnership was to design, finance, acquire a site, construct, own, operate and maintain a dry mill ethanol plant. The total cost of constructing the ethanol plant was \$17.5 million, including the cost of the developed land. Twenty-eight jobs have been created and the economic impact generated is estimated at \$7.5 million annually. Corn usage is at about 5,500,000 bushels per year and ethanol production is 15 million gallons per year.

Southwest Soy Cooperative, Ray Gaesser, 2507 Quince Avenue, Corning, IA 50841, (515) 333-2595. This 58 member NGC was started in 1997 to generate additional net income for its members. It processes soybeans into meal which it markets to hog producers and dairy farmers.

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Tri-State Corn Processors Cooperative, Kay Braun, P.O. Box 78, Rosholt, SD 57260, (605) 537-4585. This 178 member NGC started in 1994. Corn growers from Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota are collaborating to construct an ethanol plant. Plans are to convert 2 million bushels of corn into 5 million gallons of ethanol each year.

U.S. Premium Beef, Steve Hunt, CEO, 10100 NW Executive Hills Boulevard, Suite 105, Kansas City, MO, (816) 891-2300, www.uspremiumbeef.com. U.S. Premium Beef (USPB) is a marketing cooperative which provides beef producers an opportunity to retain ownership of the beef they produce all the way to the retail shelves.

United Mills, Bill Gass, P.O. Box 610, Renville, MN 56284, (320) 329-3141. This cooperative processes grains to produce feed grain for three other producer cooperatives, including an egg production cooperative, a hog production cooperative, and a local farm supply and marketing cooperative. The goal is to use the latest technology in feed production to reduce costs.

United Spring Wheat Processors, Gary Lee, President, 4614 Amber Valley Parkway, Fargo, ND 58104, (800) 963-9256. This 2,850 member NGC was started in 1996 to maximize the value of members' spring wheat crop. They currently produce frozen dough and frozen partially-baked bread product. The cooperative is also involved in merchandising Identity Preserved Spring Wheat.

ValAdCo, Eddie Crum, CEO, Box 392, Renville, MN 56284, (320) 329-3225. This 120 member NGC maintains four hog farms with approximately 10,000 sows. The farms have facilities for breeding, gestation, farrowing, and nursery finishing, as well as a boar station. ValAdCo produces genetically superior gilts for resale to farmers for breeding. The barrows are contract finished by farmers.

Value First Cooperative, Vic Vandelaar, Farmers Cooperative Co., 705 Packwaukee Street, New Hartford, IA 50660, (319) 983-2259. Eighty grain farmers formed this NGC to enhance the value of corn produced by members.

Walton Bean Growers Cooperative, Les Dale, 100 Second Avenue, Englevale, ND 58033-5000, (701) 683-5246. This 159 member NGC was established in 1994 to process pinto beans.

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Western Areas Cities Cooperative, 4B East Drive, Fergus Falls, MN 56537, (218) 736-0123. This cooperative helps small cities in far western Minnesota share personal, technical assistance and equipment as a way to manage costs.

Western Dakota Pork Cooperative, Bob McIntyre, General Manager, RR 1 Box 105, Scranton, ND 58653, (701) 275-6158. This cooperative of 69 barley growers constructed and currently operates a 1350 sow farrow-to-finish operation. Hogs produced by the facility are fed barley grown by cooperative members.

Western Illinois Grape Producers Cooperative, Jim Nickel, RR 1, Nebo, IL 62355, (217) 734-9307. A group of Western Illinois grape growers are forming a cooperative to grow and market grapes.

Whole Farm Cooperative, Phil Arnold, 33 Second Street South, Lower Level, Long Prairie, MN 56347, (320) 732-3023. This 30 member NGC direct markets the natural farm products from members to nonprofit organizations and other buyers. The wide range of products available includes items such as beef, chicken, eggs, cheese, and vegetables.

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21ST Century Alliance, Lynn Rundle, 315 Houston, Suite C, Manhattan, KS 66502, (785) 587-8798. www.hpj.com/wsdocs/kawg/alliance/Newpages/home.html. This is a 750 member multipurpose value-added cooperative whose members develop and control alternative food and nonfood delivery systems direct from the producer to the consumer.

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Agra Resources Co-op/EXOL, Tony Simpson, General Manager, Box 474, Albert Lea, MN 56007, (507) 373-8895. This 15 million-gallon per year ethanol plant in south central Minnesota started in April 1999.

Al-Corn Clean Fuels Cooperative, Randall J. Doyal, P.O. Box 6, Claremont, MN 55924, (507) 528-2494. This 354 member NGC began in 1994 to add value to members' corn. This 15 million-gallon per year ethanol plant started operating in 1995.

American Crystal Sugar, Brian Ingulsrud, 2500 Eleventh Street, Moorhead, MN 56560, (218) 287-3400, www.crystalsugar.com. In 1973 1,300 sugar beet growers made agricultural history by purchasing and transforming this major company, into a farmer-owned cooperative. Now in charge of their own destinies, the 2,600 NGC members' mission is to simultaneously maximize shareholder returns and customer satisfaction through innovative farming practices, low cost production methods and sales and marketing leadership.

Central Minnesota Ethanol Cooperative, Robin Wells, General Manager, 18312 Riverwood, Little Falls, MN, 56345, (320) 632-1614. This is a 15 million gallon per year ethanol plant that began in 1996.

Chippewa Valley Ethanol Company, Denise Linn, 406 15th Street South, Benson, MN 56215, (320) 843-4813, www.cvec.com/main.htm. The mission of this 647 member LLC is to enhance market opportunities and utilize area corn production, consistently return to shareholders dividends greater than industry averages, continually seek innovative sources for material input and aggressively develop new product markets. CVEC is a 15 million gallon a year dry mill ethanol plant that processes approximately 6 million bushels of locally grown corn annually and produces 50,000 tons per year of distiller's dried grains and solubles (DDGS).

Corn Plus Cooperative, Steve Core, 711 Sixth Avenue SE, Winnebago, MN 56098, (507) 893-4747. This is a 651 member NGC started in 1992. Corn Plus produces one million gallons of ethanol per month.

Corn-er Stone Co-op, David Kolrud, P.O. Box 871, Luverne, MN 56156-0871, (507) 283-1910. This 201 member NGC was formally organized in 1997 and now owns the majority of an ethanol plant. Additional value-added possibilities are also being pursued.

Farmer's Cooperative of Hanska, P.O. Box 6, Hanska, MN 56041, (507) 439-6244. Farmers cooperate to grow field legumes such as beans, peas and lentils. These high fiber, low fat crops are used to make instant soups, dips, thickening agents, and refried beans.

Farmers Union Marketing & Processing Association, David Morman, Treasurer, P.O. Box 319, 590 West Park Drive, Redwood Falls, MN 56283, (507) 637-2938. This plant uses poultry feathers to produce a feather meal through a continuous hydrolyzer system.

Golden Oval, Dana Persson, P.O. Box 615, Renville, MN, 56284, (320) 329-8182, www.goldenoveggs.com. This is a value-added liquid egg cooperative created, owned, and managed by farmers committed to assuring the future of the family farm. Farmers work together, strategically plan for the future, and increase farm profitability. A second layer and egg processing complex in Northern Iowa is under development.

Heartland Corn Products, Highway 19 East, P.O. Box A, Winthrop, MN 55396, (507) 647-5000. This processing plant generates more than 1 million gallons of ethanol monthly. It began operations in 1995.

Heartland Fibers, LLC, 14445 Highway 23 NE, Spicer, MN 56288, (320) 796-6995. This cooperative is studying the feasibility of using corn stover to produce paper, cardboard, and fiberboard.

Interstate Value-Added Cooperative, Tony Mudra, RR 1 Box 113, Glenville, MN, 56036, (507) 433-4499. This 70 member NGC began in 1994 to add value to members' corn.

Midwest Emu Growers Alliance, Barb Herzog, 19904 County Highway 1, Lake Park, MN 56554, (218) 238-5002. MEGA is a producer-owned Emu cooperative offering a full line of oil, leather, and meat products. Quality control is a top priority of this NGC.

MINAQUA Fisheries, Mel Stocks, P.O. Box 659, Renville, MN 56284, (320) 329-3380, www.minaqua.com. A group of soybean farmers built an indoor fish farm that produces a fast-growing tropical fish species called Tilapia. It is designed to use warm waste water from a neighboring sugar beet cooperative processing plant to heat the water in the fish tanks.

Minnesota Agro-Forestry, Debbie Latosky, 910 Highway 29, North, Alexandria, MN, 56308, 320-763-4733. This 33 member NGC was started in 1996 to collectively raise and market agro-forestry products for profit. The cooperative uses a fast-growing poplar tree to produce paper pulp and wood products such as fiberboard.

Minnesota Corn Processors, Jerry Jacoby, 901 Highway 59, Marshall, MN, 56258, (507) 537-2676, www.mcp.net. Minnesota Corn Processors was established as a farmer-owned cooperative in 1980 and began its corn wet milling operations in 1983. Today more than 5,000 stockholders in Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska are members of MCP.

Minnesota Energy, Howard Ryberg, 55527 RR 38, Buffalo Lake, MN 55314, (320) 833-5516. This 300 member NGC was started in 1994 to add value to members' corn. In 1998, 11 million gallons of ethanol and 34,000 tons of dried distiller's grain (DDG) were produced.

Minnesota Valley Alfalfa Producers, Patricia Hahn, Office Manager, P.O. Box 64, Granite Falls, MN 56241, (320) 564-2400. This 500 member NGC started in 1994 to add value to alfalfa through pelleting for feed and biomass energy by producing sun-cured alfalfa pellets.

Northern Plains Ratite Consortium, Pat and George Constans, Route 3, Box 244G, Nevis, MN 56467, (218) 652-3790, www.emumagic.com. This group markets a full line of Emu products under the name Emu Magic. These products have a variety of uses in the nutritional, health, skin care, and pain relief markets. All of the Emu produced are hormone, steroid, antibiotic, and abuse free.

Northern Vineyards Winery, 402 Main Street North, Stillwater, MN 55082-5051, (651) 430-1032, www.northernvineyards.com. This cooperatively operated winery grows grapes and produces a variety of wines. It was founded in 1983.

Phenix Manufacturing Company, Inc., Lanny Jass, P.O. Box 609, Mankato, MN 56002, (507) 344-5508, www.phenixbiocomposites.com/. This is a 988 member NGC. Soybean growers have adopted new technology that combines soy flour and recycled newspaper to produce a pressed board material called Environ.

Producers Renewable Products, LLC, Kevin Lewis, 855 Village Center Drive, Suite 136, North Oaks, MN 55127, (612) 817-5563. This firm is owned by several producer organizations and cooperatives. The enterprise uses naturally derived corn oil, soybean oil, and ethyl (grain) alcohol to manufacture personal care and household cleaning products.

Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative, East Highway 212, P.O. Box 500, Renville, MN 56284, (320) 329-8305. This 527 member NGC began operations in 1975. The cooperative processes members' sugar beets into sugar, pulp, and molasses.

Southwest Minnesota Agrifuels Co-op, Route 1, Box 82, Bingham Lake, MN 56118-9728, (507) 831-0063. This 244 member NGC started in 1994. Ethanol 2000 LLP is a limited liability partnership formed by Southwest Minnesota Agrifuels Cooperative (SMAC) and Broin Enterprises, Inc (BEI). The purpose for forming the partnership was to design, finance, acquire a site, construct, own, operate and maintain a dry mill ethanol plant. The total cost of constructing the ethanol plant was \$17.5 million, including the cost of the developed land. Twenty-eight jobs have been created and the economic impact generated is estimated at \$7.5 million annually. Corn usage is at about 5,500,000 bushels per year and ethanol production is 15 million gallons per year.

United Mills, Bill Gass, P.O. Box 610, Renville, MN 56284, (320) 329-3141. This cooperative processes grains to produce feed grain for three other producer cooperatives, including an egg production cooperative, a hog production cooperative, and a local farm supply and marketing cooperative. The goal is to use the latest technology in feed production to reduce costs.

ValAdCo, Eddie Crum, CEO, Box 392, Renville, MN 56284, (320) 329-3225. This 120 member NGC maintains four hog farms with approximately 10,000 sows. The farms have facilities for breeding, gestation, farrowing, and nursery finishing, as well as a boar station. ValAdCo produces genetically superior gilts for resale to farmers for breeding. The barrows are contract finished by farmers.

Whole Farm Cooperative, Phil Arnold, 33 Second Street South, Lower Level, Long Prairie, MN 56347, (320) 732-3023. This 30 member NGC direct markets the natural farm products from members to nonprofit organizations and other buyers. The wide range of products available includes items such as beef, chicken, eggs, cheese, and vegetables.

Western Areas Cities Cooperative, 4B East Drive, Fergus Falls, MN 56537, (218) 736-0123. This cooperative helps small cities in far western Minnesota share personal, technical assistance and equipment as a way to manage costs.

Missouri (3)

Golden Triangle Energy Cooperative, Inc., Byron Fink, Board President, Craig, MO 64437, (888) 220-5646. This NGC plans to break ground on the group's proposed ethanol plant in Fall 1999. The plant will utilize a dry milling process to produce 15 million gallons of ethanol annually as well as high protein dried distiller's grains and solubles (DDGS).

Northeast Missouri Grain Processors, Inc., Dale Whitley, 218 North Rollins, Macon, MO 63552, (660) 385-2066. This 297 member NGC was established in March 1995. Construction of the group's ethanol plant began in April 1999. The plant, which should be completed by April 2000, will process between 2,800,000 and 5,800,000 bushels of corn and milo annually.

U.S. Premium Beef, Steve Hunt, CEO, 10100 NW Executive Hills Boulevard, Suite 105, Kansas City, MO, (816) 891-2300, www.uspremiumbeef.com. U.S. Premium Beef (USPB) is a marketing cooperative which provides beef producers an opportunity to retain ownership of the beef they produce all the way to the retail shelves.

Nebraska (1)

Nebraska Energy, LLC, Thomas Kell, 1205 South O Road, Aurora, NE 68818, (402) 694-3635. This is an ethanol processing plant that contracts with farmers to deliver a set amount of corn in a limited contract.

North Dakota (24)

AgGrow Oils, Robin Anderson, Office Manager/Marketing, 780 North 11th Street, P.O. Box 179, Carrington, ND 58421, (701) 652-1990, www.aggrow.com. More than 540 North Dakotans have joined forces to found an integrated cooperative to grow, process, and market oilseed oils.

Central Dakota Cattle Association, 402 Western Avenue, Maddock, ND 58348, (701) 438-2753. Farmers have established a 3,500 head cattle feedlot. Members add value and profit margin to their agricultural commodity through backgrounding, summer pasturing, and finishing cattle with cooperative financing. The cooperative is also considering a processing plant.

Dakota Growers Pasta Company, Tim Dodd, General Manager, 1 Pasta Avenue, P.O. Box 21, Carrington, ND 58421, (701) 652-2855, www.dakotagrowers.com/. Dakota Growers is the first and only fully integrated, entirely farmer-owned pasta plant. This 1,100 member NGC started in 1993.

Dakota Prairie Beef, Ken Dukant, Pulver Hall, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701) 227-1241. This 147 member NGC is constructing a cooperatively owned feedlot to custom feed and finish locally produced cattle in southwest North Dakota.

Drayton Grain Processors, Roger Wienleader, HCR3, Drayton, ND 58225, (701) 454-66498. Wheat growers add value to their crop by cooperatively processing wheat to make high-protein frozen bread dough and partially-baked bread products at a plant located in Fargo.

Farmers Choice Pasta Cooperative, LLC, 1 Farmers Choice Drive, Leeds, ND 58401, (701) 466-2405. This cooperative produces and markets organically grown grains and dry edible beans.

Golden Growers Cooperative, 1321 23rd Street, Suite L, Fargo, ND, 58108, (701) 298-4050. The 1,902 member NGC started in 1993. A corn processing plant is being developed through a limited partnership among two sugar cooperatives and a new grower's cooperative.

Great Northern Garlic Growers Cooperative, Gary Price, 3520 30th Street NW, Minot, ND 58703, (701) 839-6036. This cooperative provides a processing plant for garlic growers. The plant is designed to meet larger market needs, as a storage facility, and a processing plant to clean, package and dehydrate garlic.

Heart of the Valley Cooperative, Box 338, Portland, ND 58274, (701) 786-3843. In 1994, 20 North Dakota farmers started a NGC and are investigating the feasibility of building a plant to produce refried bean products from dry edible beans.

Iso-Straw Cooperative, 209 West 4th Street, P.O. Box 158, Finley, ND 58230. (701) 524-1630. This cooperative, in its formative stages, is investigating the potential for processing 400,000 tons of wheat and barley per year to produce strawboard.

Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative, Allen Larson, 7525 Red River Road, Wahpeton, ND 58075, (701) 671-1332. This 485 member NGC started in 1973. Members grow sugar beets, which are then processed into sugar and sugar by-products.

North American Bison Cooperative, Dennis Sexhus, CEO, P.O. Box 672, 1658 Hwy 281, New Rockford, ND, 58356, (701) 947-2505, www.nabisoncoop.com. Bison producers who have raised \$24 million in equity towards this project are developing a cooperative slaughtering facility.

North American Fish Farmers Cooperative, Mark Willows, Marketing Director, P.O. Box 98, Binford, ND 58416, (701) 676-2620. This 25 member NGC began in 1994 to market growers' fish. This is a way for grain producers to add value to their crop by feeding it to Tilapia.

North Dakota Oat Growers Cooperative/Oat Technologies, LLC, Dwain Barondeau, P.O. Box 607, Mott, ND 58646, (701) 824-2095. This is a cooperative for growers of hull-less and/or conventional oats. An oat processing plant to crush hull-less oats and distribute the grain's oil and fiber is currently being planned.

North Dakota Sheep Producers Cooperative, Shirley Stevens, 13822 18th Street SE, Page, ND 58064, (701) 668-2210. This 70 member NGC markets premium quality lamb by using top-quality breeds and performance standards.

Northern Valley Growers Cooperative, Duane Hovet, General Manager, Box 131, Hoople, ND 58243, (701) 894-6464. This 41 member NGC established a 600,000 hundred weight capacity potato wash house.

Prairie Organic Marketing Cooperative, Terry Jacobson, RR 1 Box 53, Farm Wales, ND 58282, (701) 283-5195. This cooperative helps organic farmers market millet and flax. It also provides technical assistance and support for traditional farmers making the transition into organic farming.

Quality Pork Cooperative, Lynn Svangster, P.O. Box 50, Crosby, ND 58730, (701) 965-4222. This cooperative markets pork products for a premium price due to the high quality of the meat.

Rhubarb Country Cooperative, Bill Johnson, 417 Main Avenue, #512, P.O. Box 707, Fargo, ND 58103, (218) 937-5210. This is a 27 member NGC established to identify new markets and uses for rhubarb to add value to the product and increase profits.

Sakakawea Vegetable Growers Cooperative, Harold Mathisen, President, 410 2nd Avenue NE, P.O. Box 215, Hazen, ND 58545, (701) 748-6347. This 6 member NGC was started in 1993 to raise vegetables and sell them at local Farmers Markets.

Seventh Generation Bison Cooperative, Cliff Walking Elk, P.O. Box 591, Fort Yates, ND 58538, (701) 854-7479. This is an 8 member Native American owned and operated bison producers cooperative.

United Spring Wheat Processors, Gary Lee, President, 4614 Amber Valley Parkway, Fargo, ND 58104, (800) 963-9256. This 2,850 member NGC was started in 1996 to maximize the value of members' spring wheat crop. They currently produce frozen dough and frozen partially-baked bread product. The cooperative is also involved in merchandising Identity Preserved Spring Wheat.

Walton Bean Growers Cooperative, Les Dale, 100 Second Avenue, Englevale, ND 58033-5000, (701) 683-5246. This 159 member NGC was established in 1994 to process pinto beans.

Western Dakota Pork Cooperative, Bob McIntyre, General Manager, RR 1 Box 105, Scranton, ND 58653, (701) 275-6158. This cooperative of 69 barley growers constructed and currently operates a 1350 sow farrow-to-finish operation. Hogs produced by the facility are fed barley grown by cooperative members.

Oregon (2)

Hazelnut Growers of Oregon, P.O. Box 626, Cornelius, OR 97113, (503) 648-4176, www.hazelnut.com. Hazelnut Growers of Oregon is the only Hazelnut cooperative in the United States. Founded in 1984, HGO has 146 member-growers and more than 7,500 acres.

Norpac Foods Inc., Rick Jacobson, President & CEO, 930 West Washington, Stayton, OR 97383-1501, (503) 769-2101. This is a fruit and vegetable marketing and processing cooperative.

South Dakota (3)

Heartland Grain Fuels, L.P., Jim Kuch, CPA, 38469 133rd Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401, (605) 226-9113. This ethanol processing plant is a limited liability partnership owned by a new cooperative, an established local cooperative, and a regional cooperative.

South Dakota Soybean Processors, 1000 Caspian Ave, P.O. Box 500, Volga, SD 57071, (605) 627-9240, www.brookings.net/sdsp/home.html. The purpose of this cooperative is to keep more bushels of South Dakota soybeans in the state for both processing and sale, allowing farmers to purchase soybean meal without the cost of added freight. Currently, there are nearly 2,100 farmer members who have invested in this NGC.

Tri-State Corn Processors Cooperative, Kay Braun, P.O. Box 78, Rosholt, SD 57260, (605) 537-4585. This 178 member NGC started in 1994. Corn growers from Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota are collaborating to construct an ethanol plant. Plans are to convert 2 million bushels of corn into 5 million gallons of ethanol each year.

Washington (1)

Columbia River Sugar Company, 321 South Beech Street, Moses Lake, WA 98837-3808, (509) 766-1933. This is a cooperative owned by sugar beet growers who process the beets into sugar in the Columbia River Valley.

Wisconsin (2)

CROPP (Coulee Region Organic Produce Pool) Cooperative, Jerry McGeorge, P.O. Box 159, La Farge, WI 54639. (608) 625-2602, www.organicvalley.com/. This is a 170 member NGC formed in 1988. CROPP is a farmer-owned and operated marketing cooperative, distributing nationally certified organic dairy, eggs and vegetables. It is the largest producer of certified organic dairy products in the United States.

Home Grown Wisconsin, Rink Davee, Manager, 6970 McNeill Road, Mineral Point, WI 53565, (608) 967-9359. This is an organic vegetable cooperative that markets produce to upscale restaurants in Chicago and Madison, WI.

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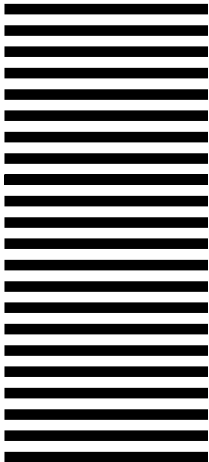
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