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Section I: Introduction

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There are over 2,000 unique references covering 27 cooperative topics. The references listed include books, monographs, journal articles, newspaper articles, videos, and technical reports by government agencies; Internet resources; and other documents. These references address studies on cooperatives from the following areas that were published from early 1980 to early 2012: economics, geography, sociology, political science, political economy, history, agricultural economics, anthropology, environmental science, and labor relations.

The objective of our work is to create a comprehensive bibliography, but, realistically, it is difficult to do so. Our desire is that this compilation of sources will assist researchers and practitioners in learning more about the theoretical and practical aspects of the cooperative model. This document is available from the IIRA and from its website: www.IIRA.org. Comments or questions about this bibliography should be directed to Chris Merrett, director, IIRA, Western Illinois University, at (309) 298-2281 or at cd-merrett@wiu.edu.
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