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Introduction

This updated bibliography was funded as part of a grant from the U.S Department of Agriculture Rural Development to address new information in cooperative development. The original project was funded by a grant from the Illinois Council on Food and Agricultural Research (C-FAR) as part of a strategic research initiative on rural community development. The original project emphasized agriculture and rural economic development, and the bibliography, as part of that project, provided references on the cooperative model as a form of community development. The Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs (IIRA) believes that cooperative development should be considered in a rural development project. The first printing was in 1999 and an update was warranted because of changing demographics, globalization, and rural entrepreneurship.

There are 1,469 references covering 25 cooperative topics. The references listed include books, monographs, journal articles, newspaper articles, and technical reports by government agencies, Internet resources, and other documents. These references address studies on cooperatives from economics, geography, sociology, political science, political economy, history, agricultural economics, anthropology, environmental science, and labor relations that were published from 1980 to early 2007.

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 Merritt, IIRA, Western Illinois University, at (309) 298-2281 or cd-merrett@wiu.edu.
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