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The Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Cooperative Development Center, Rocky Mountain Employee Ownership Center, and UpRoot Colorado are exploring the viability of an Agriculture Worker-Owned-and-Governed Cooperative and we need your assistance.

Farmers and Ranchers in Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming struggle annually to attract and maintain qualified workers. While the H2A program works for farms that can provide employee housing, many small and mid-scale agricultural operations do not have housing available and use non-family labor more sparingly. As a result, many farms, especially those growing specialty crops, are left with few good solutions for reliable labor. This presents a significant opportunity for a professional farm worker cooperative designed to provide professional, on-demand services. Reliable, healthy workers can contribute to healthy farms and ranches, helping farms scale their operations and better access the institutional market.

The RMFU Co-Op Center has completed listening sessions throughout Colorado aimed at understanding and providing solutions to the region's pervasive farm/ranch labor shortages. This survey represents the next step in our exploration of a worker-owned model that will assist workers and farmers/ranchers to address the nationwide farm labor shortages.

Please assist us by filling out this survey by **August 10, 2023**. If you have any questions about the survey or the feasibility study, please contact Erika Lacono at [erika@rmeoc.org](mailto:erika@rmeoc.org).

For more information on the agriculture worker-and-governed-owned co-op project, or to explore any co-op idea, visit the website at [RMFU.org/cooperation](https://RMFU.org/cooperation) or email [Sandra.Baca@rmfu.org](mailto:Sandra.Baca@rmfu.org).