

College Conference on Cooperatives

February 16-19, 2023 | Minneapolis, MN
REGISTER NOW!

***** Talk to your instructor to reserve your place!

Registration closes January 31, 2023.

Educating and inspiring the next generation of leaders.

National Farmers Union's College Conference on Cooperatives brings together college students and young professionals from across the country to explore producer, consumer, and worker co-ops. Over the course of this three-day conference, participants hear from experts in the field, participate in networking, interactive learning activities, and workshops, and tour co-ops in the Twin Cities.

- ▶ Discover the core principles & values of cooperatives - or build on existing co-op knowledge
- ▶ Identify opportunities in careers, leadership, member engagement, & professional development
- ▶ Tour consumer and housing co-ops



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Draft Agenda as of 2 December 2022

Thursday, February 16

4:00 PM Check-in at Conference Registration Desk
Evening Pizza Social

Friday, February 17

7:00 AM Breakfast
8:00 AM Farmers Union Welcome and Overview | Meet your fellow participants
9:00 AM Co-ops 101 - An overview from the UW Center for Cooperatives (invited)
10:00 AM Break
10:15 AM Panel Discussion: Cooperation in Agriculture and Beyond
How have cooperative business structures strengthened the agricultural sector? Representatives from CHS, Farm Credit, and Organic Valley share the power of co-ops.
11:15 AM Break
11:20 AM Panel Discussion: Producer Perspectives
Hear from farmers themselves (pork, grains, & produce) how their local cooperatives have helped their operations—and their communities—thrive
12:20 PM Break
12:30 PM Keynote Luncheon Event includes networking with Twin Cities area cooperators
In partnership with CoMinnesota and hosted by the Ralph K. Morris Foundation
2:00 PM Break
2:15 PM Decision-making in Cooperatives: How Would You Act? Consider a director's perspective
3:15 PM Break
3:30 PM Panel Discussion: Careers in Co-ops
What kinds of career opportunities are there in the cooperative space? There are more than you might realize.
4:30 PM Break
5:00 PM Twin Cities Night Out - Dinner on your own – optional bus to the Mall of America

Saturday, February 18

8:00 AM Load buses for Twin Cities Co-op Tours (lunch included)
Seward Co-op OR Mississippi Market Co-op | Riverton Community Housing | REI Co-op
Panel Discussion at REI Co-op: Power and Access for All Through Consumer Co-ops
Hear from REI Co-op, 7500 York Senior Housing Co-op, and Fair State Brewing Co-op
Afternoon Return to hotel, break, then depart for Conference Night Out Dinner & Entertainment

Saturday, February 19

8:30 AM Leadership Training & Career Prep
10:15 AM Break, check out and load vehicles
10:45 AM Co-opportunities and Next Steps: What's out there for me?
Hear from National Farmers Union staff about what Farmers Union and cooperatives have to offer.
11:15 AM Conference Wrap Up
William Nelson, Co-op Hall of Fame inductee & Chair, Ralph K. Morris Foundation
12:00 PM Box Lunch; depart for home