

## Cooperative Development Resource Links

### Presentations and Publications

USDA Publications for Cooperatives <https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/publications-for-cooperatives>

Steps to Starting a Cooperative

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZaumnl29k&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZaumnl29k&feature=emb_title)

Co-ops 101 <https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/cir55.pdf>

Co-Op Essentials <https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/publications/CIR%2011%20%20Co-op%20Essentials.pdf>

Deciding How to Structure Your Business <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/deciding-how-to-structure-your-business>

Cooperative Farming [https://greenhorns.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Greenhorns\\_Cooperative\\_Farming\\_Guidebook.pdf](https://greenhorns.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Greenhorns_Cooperative_Farming_Guidebook.pdf)

Co-operative Governance Fit to Build Resilience in the Face of Complexity  
<https://www.ica.coop/sites/default/files/basic-page-attachments/ica-governance-paper-en-2108946839.pdf>

Multistakeholder Cooperative and Consumer Co-ops <https://www.grocer.coop/articles/multistakeholder-cooperatives-and-consumer-co-ops>

Cooperative Equity and Ownership <https://community-wealth.org/sites/clone.community-wealth.org/files/downloads/paper-lund.pdf>

How to Start a Cooperative <https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/CIR45-14.pdf>

Cooperative and Community Development: A Perspective on the Use of Cooperatives in Development <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10705422.2011.550260>

Considering Cooperation: A Guide for New Cooperative Development  
<http://cooperatives.dyson.cornell.edu/pdf/consideringCooperation.pdf>

An Introduction to New Generation Cooperatives <https://extension.psu.edu/an-introduction-to-new-generation-cooperatives>

Food Hubs: an evolution of the co-op business model <http://matsonconsult.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Evolution-of-Food-Hubs-Rural-Co-op-2.pdf>

### Cooperative Development Centers and Networks

Cooperation Works! <https://cooperationworks.coop/>

USDA Cooperative Services <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/cooperative-services>

UW Center for Cooperatives <https://uwcc.wisc.edu/resources/governance-2/>

Ohio Cooperative Development Center <https://cooperatives.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/>

Kansas State University Arther Capper Cooperative Center <https://acc.k-state.edu/>

Cooperative Development Services <https://cdfsus.coop/>

Cooperative Development Institute <https://cdi.coop/>

Cooperative Development Foundation <https://www.cdf.coop/>

Cooperative Grocer Network <https://www.grocer.coop/>

Federation of Southern Cooperatives <https://www.federation.coop/>

Resident-Owned Communities <https://rocusa.org/whats-a-roc/>

National Association of Housing Cooperatives <https://coophousing.org/>

Co-op Canada <https://canada.coop/>

National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association <https://www.electric.coop/>

### **Technical Assistance Resources**

Vital Steps: A Cooperative Feasibility Study Guide  
[https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/publications/SR58\\_CooperativeFeasibilityStudyGuide.pdf](https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/publications/SR58_CooperativeFeasibilityStudyGuide.pdf)

Sample Policies for Cooperatives  
[https://resources.uwcc.wisc.edu/Governance/sample\\_policies\\_usda.pdf](https://resources.uwcc.wisc.edu/Governance/sample_policies_usda.pdf)

Assessing Performance and Needs of Cooperative Boards of Directors  
[https://resources.uwcc.wisc.edu/Governance/cir58\\_AssessingPerformance.pdf](https://resources.uwcc.wisc.edu/Governance/cir58_AssessingPerformance.pdf)

Decision-Making in Cooperatives with Diverse Member Interests  
<https://resources.uwcc.wisc.edu/Governance/DecisionMakingwithDiverseMem.pdf>

Cooperative Finance 101 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vaGOT8B7btA&feature=youtu.be>

South Carolina SBDC Starting a New Business <https://www.scsbdc.com/start-a-new-business>