

Cooperative Network Unique Services for Farm Supply, Grain and Fuel Co-ops

Protecting and promoting co-op business model

- Protect co-op business structure and tax status, including Capper-Volstead exemption.
- Prevented legislation that would force equity redemption upon request.
- Passage of legislation on the distribution of unclaimed property, reducing co-op paperwork.
- Educate public about how co-ops differ from non-cooperatives; ex: Public Service Announcements, curriculum development.
- Unite industries to create connections that strengthen business strategies. Diversity in membership provides political strength and brokers coalitions between industries.
- Offer Co-op Director Liability workshops and on-site trainings, Co-ops 101 workshop.

Health Care

- Developing health care co-op for farmers, their families and staff and agribusinesses.
- Navigating the state regulatory process for implementing the health care initiative.
- Patron-members will receive a substantial health care co-op membership discount if your co-op is member of Cooperative Network.

Financial and credit issues

- Free members-only red flag rule model policy, written specifically for co-ops.
- Passage of law that co-ops can charge up to 18% interest rate on purchases.
- Members-only Credit Manager Network.
- Master Supply Contract created by former Steel Rives attorney, Joel Dahlgren.

Transportation

- Chair of rail shipper coalition working to pass federal legislation for captive shippers.

Ag Chemical/Fertilizer Issues

- Lobbyist focus to stop perennial attacks on ag chemicals.
- Closed the loophole on out-state dealers not paying ACRRA tax on sales in Minnesota.