



Cooperative Month Webinars

Wednesday, October 7, 2015: Webinar – Introduction to Cooperative Development

Join cooperative development expert Margaret Bau as she hosts a webinar that teaches the basics about what a co-op is, and the collective benefits co-ops generate for diverse communities all around the world.

Where: Online and Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/x0c1beqian8i&eom>
 When: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT
 Dial: (866) 525-2577, Conference ID 46262925
We encourage participants to use computer audio and the online 'chat' feature instead of phone lines.

Wednesday, October 14, 2015: Webinar – Using the Cooperative Model to Build Capacity in High Poverty Rural Communities

When times are tough, people get creative. Co-ops are a powerful tool to help people achieve together what they cannot accomplish individually. Join the webinar as cooperative development expert Margaret Bau shares some inspiring examples.

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 When: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT
 Dial: (866) 525-2577, Conference ID: 46270689
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Monday, October 19, 2015: A Historical Perspective on African American Cooperatives

“Collective Courage: A History of African American Cooperative Economic Thought and Practice,” a book by author Jessica Gordon Nembhard, makes a strong case for the historical and continuing importance of cooperatives as a strategy for African American economic, social and political development. Join the author for a discussion about the findings in her book, and her thoughts about cooperative opportunities for expanded self-reliance in the future for the African American community.

Where: USDA Whitten Headquarters Building Patio
 Online and Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/573259b2hur8&eom>
 When: 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. EDT
 Dial: (866) 525-2577, Conference ID 46330651
We encourage participants to use computer audio and the online 'chat' feature instead of phone lines.

RSVP Required: Send an e-mail to Community Planning and Development Specialist Scott Cessarich at Scott.Cessarich@wdc.usda.gov by Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015, to reserve a seat if attending in person. (Participating USDA employees may receive diversity training credit.)



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Wednesday, October 21, 2015: Webinar – What Do Cooperatives Have to Do With Rural Development?

Sustainability. Capacity building. Generating wealth. Co-ops and USDA Rural Development share these goals. Join co-op development expert Margaret Bau and learn cutting-edge applications of the co-op model that Rural Development can support.

Where: Online and Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/ip7r15vnpm1f&eom>
 When: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT
 Dial: (866) 525-2577, Conference ID 46300738
We encourage participants to use computer audio and the online 'chat' feature instead of phone lines.

Friday, October 30, 2015: Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food, Know Your Cooperative

This session, hosted by Rural Development's Jim Barham and fellow co-op specialists, will address the growing intersection between local food systems and cooperatives. Cooperative leaders from across the local food supply chain will discuss the advantages of the cooperative business model, how they are engaged in building robust local food systems, and supply-side, distribution, market-side and consumer issues. These co-op leaders include:

- Jim Crawford, Tuscarora Organic Growers Cooperative (Pa.)
- Tad Williams, Shenandoah Valley Beef Cooperative (Va.)
- Nichola Thompson, Glut Food Co-op (Md.)
- Steve Cooke, Friendly City Food Co-op (Va.)

Where: USDA Whitten Headquarters Building, Room 107-A
 Online and Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/j3fipy115vqe&eom>
 When: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. EDT
 Dial: (866) 525-2577, Conference ID 50573752
We encourage participants to use computer audio and the online 'chat' feature instead of phone lines.

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