



Piedmont Progressive Farmers Cooperative Membership Application

Applicant Information

Business Name:		
Contact Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Physical Address, if different:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:	Website:	
Mobile Number:	Alternate Phone	

Date:

Payment Options due upon acceptance:

\$500 Total one time membership investment

Or

\$100 deposit of the \$500 total membership investment and \$100 due on or before November 1 (time of annual meeting) of the same year. Payments of \$100 per year can be made by November 1 each of the subsequent 3 years. If a member chooses to make payments on the membership, they will not be considered a full voting member until the \$500 is paid.

Return completed application to PPFC, PO Box 1883, Yanceyville, NC 27379 or send electronically to info@ppfcoop.com.

Payment made payable to PPFC can also be mailed to PPFC PO Box 1883, Yanceyville, NC 27379.

Contact number 336-343-1840



The Cooperative Board will vote on all membership applications based on the following criteria:

- Completed Membership Application
- All Required Supplemental Documentation, ex. Water test, W9, insurance documents
- Need for applicants products based on current customer contracts
- Applicants commitment to being a contributing member of the cooperative, beyond supplying product

All applicants must meet eligibility requirements and provide all documentation before their application will be processed:

- Completed **Membership Application**
- Signed **Cooperative Membership Agreement**
- For approved applicants, a **membership fee** must be paid prior to listing product with the PPFC
- Signed PPFC **Producer Commitment Statement**
- Signed **W9 form**
- Comply with all county, state and federal **food safety requirements**
- Water test done within 6 weeks of joining the Cooperative
- Food Safety Plan completed within 6 months of joining the Cooperative
- CFSA visit within 6 months of joining Cooperative
- If you have best practices **certifications** (GAP, Certified Organic, etc) please provide a copy
- Each producer is required to provide a copy of the certificate of **insurance coverage for \$1 million policy**. Please add as an additional insured: PPFC, PO Box 1883, Yanceyville, NC 27379
- A map, drawing or **image of your farm** property
- Completed **Farm Visit Form**
- Signed **Standards Agreement** for products sold to PPFC



Please tell us a little bit about yourself and your farm:

Please tell us a little bit about your farm operations, including how long you've been in production, where you are selling and your production practices:

Do you grow 100% of what you sell? If no, please explain:



Do you wish to sell all your products (in some quantity) via PPFC? If no, please explain. Yes No

Do you have niche products? Yes No

What are your niche products and what months are they available?



Cooperative Membership Agreement

WHEREAS Piedmont Progressive Farmers Cooperative (the Coop) has incorporated as a cooperative association under the laws of the State of North Carolina for the purposes of facilitating the sale of agricultural products produced by its members; and

WHEREAS the undersigned (member) seeks to become a member of the Coop for the purposes of participating in the above system of the sale of agricultural products; and

WHEREAS the Member is willing to acquire one share of common stock in the Coop and is required to become a member on the terms and conditions set forth below.

IT IS AGREED as follows:

1. The member is supportive of the mission of the Coop listed below:

- To provide opportunities for disadvantaged farmers in the Piedmont Region to collectively market, process, and distribute their farm products at a fair market rate.
- To collect and share information among members to improve growing sustainable practices and quality of member growers' products.
- To provide healthful and high-quality food into the Piedmont Region's food system.
- To provide a democratic system for organizing the economic efforts of member growers.
- The member will acquire one share of common stock in the Coop for the price of \$500. Upon and only upon payment of the purchase price in full, the member shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Coop as provided in its governing documents.
- The member agrees that they will comply with the provisions and requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Coop for its members.
- As a further condition of this Membership, the member must submit all requirements from the Membership Checklist.

Farm Name

Signature

Print Name

Date



Producer Commitment Statement

The Piedmont Progressive Farmers Cooperative (PPFC) is committed to supporting the Piedmont regions farmers, ranchers, and producers. All farms participating in PPFC have individually made a public statement about the standards of their farming practices and have received the Standards Agreement.

PLEDGE

By signing this pledge, I agree to the Rules of Collaboration and Participation and verify that all farm information I have provided to PPFC about our farm operations in our Producer Profile and Product Descriptions is complete, accurate, true and valid. For certification claims, I have provided complete, appropriate and current information and documentation. *As a participating farm I fully understand that any knowing inaccuracy or failure to provide complete, proper and updated information and documentation will jeopardize my access to PPFC's distribution channels and participation in related activities.*

Agreement to Terms and Conditions

I understand that farms own their product and are not time owned by PPFC until time of purchase.

Farm Name

Signature

Print Name

Date



Egg Members General Information

PPFC is a volunteer organization and we must work together to get all of the steps done each week to get the eggs to our customers.

Each farmer is responsible for washing his or her own eggs. If there are additional people that participate in the handling of your eggs they must also go through safety training. If you are washing at home all safety regulations need to be followed. Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA) will provide these safety trainings.

There is an egg washing machine available for use located at 11 Hodges Dairy Rd., Yanceyville, NC 27379. Usage training and cleaning of the egg washing machine is required and will be provided. Labels and packaging (boxes, cartons and flats) are available. Instruction on packaging and labeling is required and will be provided.

Eggs must be washed and delivered to the refrigerated trailer located at 11 Hodges Dairy Rd., Yanceyville, NC 27379 by Monday evening of each week. Egg counts are reported to clients on Tuesday of each week. In order to report accurate counts to our customers, members are required to inform the Cooperative **in advance** if you will not be delivering eggs for shipment during the week.

For your direct deposit payment, please report your egg counts **weekly** via the system that is in place.



Egg Standards Agreement

PPFC sells brown eggs; only Heritage Breeds and Sexlinks of Heritage Breeds that are brown egg layers are acceptable.

- Chicken feed will be all-natural grain, with no fillers or animal byproducts with at least 16% protein.
- No Growth Hormones will be administered.
- Antibiotics will be administered on a per animal basis with quarantine; they will not be administered to whole flocks.
- All chickens must be housed outdoors primarily with access to sunlight at least 6-8 hours per day, except during cases of natural disaster.
- No roosters are allowed in the area with laying hens that are producing for PPFC.
- All producers will use only natural parasitic removal practices.

Farm Name

Signature

Print Name

Date



Hen Return Agreement

It is a goal for Piedmont Progressive Farmers Cooperative to be a sustainable entity. For the year of 2023 going forward Piedmont Progressive Farmers Cooperative will initiate a "Hen Return Program". Over the next 18 months the cooperative will implement procedures for the returned birds to be sold and or processed. We intend to use the proceeds to supplement the cost of purchasing new birds for our members.

Going forward new birds will be banded for cooperative identification. Members are required to inform the board of bird loss within a week of the loss for accurate record keeping. If members do not wish to return their birds when they age out (approximately 18 – 24 months) they will not be able to receive the price reduction for new birds for the following season.

Farm Name

Signature

Print Name

Date



Please check your product availability and capacity to sell through the PPFC:

PRODUCT/ TYPE	QUANTITY Ex: bushels/qts boxes/lbs...	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Asparagus													
Beans													
Beets													
Broccoli													
Brussel Sprouts													
Cabbage													
Carrots													
Cauliflower													
Celery													
Corn													
Cucumber													



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Eggplant													
Garlic													
Greens Variety													
Beets													
Herbs													
Onions													
Peas													
Peppers													



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Potatoes													
Radishes													
Squash/ Zucchini													
Tomatoes													
Turnips													
Peppers													



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Fruits													
Eggs													
Meat													
Other													