



Piedmont Progressive Farmers Cooperative Membership Application

Founding Membership Application 2021

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

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

Due upon acceptance:

\$500 Total one time membership investment

Or

\$200 Deposit of \$500 Total one time membership investment, payments of \$100 per year can be made by January 1 of each of the subsequent 3 years

- If a member chooses to make a payment on membership, they will not be considered a full voting member until the total of \$500 is paid

Applicant Information

Business Name:		
Contact Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Physical Address, if different:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:	Website:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Business Phone:		

Farm Information

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

Farm Information Continued

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:

Product Availability

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

Vegetables:

- Artichoke Asparagus Beans, Snap Beans, Shelling Beets Broccoli
 Broccoli Raab Brussel Sprouts Cabbages Carrots Cauliflower Celery Corn
 Cucumbers Eggplant Fennel Garlic Gourds Greens, tender Greens, hardy
 Herbs Kohlrabi Mushrooms Onions/Shallots/Leeks Parsnips Peas Peppers
 Potatoes Radishes Rutabaga Summer Squash Tomatillo Tomatoes Turnips
 Winter Squash Other: _____

Fruit:

- Apples Apricot Blackberries Blueberries Grapes Figs
 Melons Peaches Pears Plums Raspberries Strawberries
 Other: _____

Eggs:

- Chicken Eggs Duck Eggs Quail Eggs
 Other: _____

Meat:

- Beef Bison Goat Lamb Chicken Duck Turkey Pork
 Other: _____

What months are your vegetables available?

What months are your fruits available?

What months are your dairy/eggs available?

What months is your meat available?

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



Membership Checklist

The mission of PPFC is:

1. To provide opportunities for disadvantaged farmers in the Piedmont Region to collectively market, process, and distribute their farm products at a fair market rate.
2. To collect and share information among members to improve growing sustainable practices and quality of member growers' products.
3. To provide healthful and high quality food into the Piedmont Region's food system.
4. To provide a democratic system for organizing the economic efforts of member growers.

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**
- 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 1534, Yanceyville, NC 27379
- If you have best practices **certifications** (GAP, Certified Organic, etc) please provide a copy
- A map, drawing or **image of your farm** property
- Signed **Standards Agreement** for products sold to PPFC

Return completed application to PPFC PO Box 1534, Yanceyville, NC 27379 or send electronically to

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:
 1. To provide opportunities for disadvantaged farmers in the Piedmont Region to collectively market, process, and distribute their farm products at a fair market rate.
 2. To collect and share information among members to improve growing sustainable practices and quality of member growers' products.
 3. To provide healthful and high quality food into the Piedmont Region's food system.
 4. To provide a democratic system for organizing the economic efforts of member growers.
2. 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.
3. The member agrees that they will comply with the provisions and requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Coop for its members.
4. 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 through the supply chain and is at no time owned by PPFC.

Farm Name

Signature

Print Name

Date

Egg Standards Agreement

1. PPFC sells brown eggs, only Heritage Breeds and sexlinks of Heritage Breeds that are brown egg layers are acceptable.
2. Chicken feed will be all natural grain, with no fillers or animal byproducts with at least 16% protein.
3. No Growth Hormones will be administered.
4. Antibiotics will be administered on a per animal basis with quarantine, they will not be administered to whole flocks.
5. Vinegar will be used for de-worming.
6. All chickens must be housed outdoors primarily with access to sunlight at least 6-8 hours per day, except during cases of natural disaster.
7. All producers will use only natural parasitic removal practices.

Farm Name

Signature

Print Name

Date