

Business Entities for Local Food

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Overview



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Basic Legal Structures

- ▶ Sole Proprietor
- ▶ Partnership
- ▶ Corporation
 - For profit
 - Nonprofit
 - Cooperative
- ▶ Limited Liability Company

Form should follow function!

Nonprofits

Courses between March 29 and April 12

1. All About Seeds and Starts
2. Drip Irrigation Workshop
3. Blacksmithing Tool Making (two day class)
4. Blacksmithing Overview
5. Beginning Organic Gardening

Other Educational Programs

- Field Trips
- Wool Spinning
- School Garden Initiative
- Learning Ecology and Alaska Farming
- EATinG (Summer Camp)
- Farmer Training



<http://www.calypsofarm.org/>

Cooperative

“A business that is owned and controlled by the people who use it.”

Co-op Principals

- ▶ Open membership
- ▶ Democratic Control
- ▶ Member Economic Participation
- ▶ Autonomy and Independence
- ▶ Education, Training and Information
- ▶ Cooperation Among Cooperatives
- ▶ Concern for Community

Alaska Cooperatives





Welcome to Co-op Market
Building our community-owned
grocery store together



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Coming Soon

Co-op Market is a grocery store established by member-owners to serve the Fairbanks area. The store will be located in part of the Foodland Building on Gaffney Road. [Find out more.](#)

- [Join Now](#)
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Building our own member owned grocery store together

Who we are and what is membership

Co-op Market is a grocery store established by member-owners to serve the Fairbanks area by providing organic and whole foods, local foods, bulk quantities for price savings, and other healthy products for an Alaskan lifestyle. The store will start out with 6000 square feet at the East end of the Foodland Building at 546 Gaffney Road.

Co-op Market is about good, healthy food. How it looks, how it tastes, who grew it, how it was grown, and where it came from.

Local Food First

Co-op Market is committed to buying quality local products FIRST, purchasing from outside of Alaska when a quality local option is not available. We are committed to working with local producers to provide:

- Alaska Grown produce (in season)
- Local Meat
- Alaska Seafood
- Alaskan Dairy Products
- Locally made Bread & Baked Goods

Join Us!



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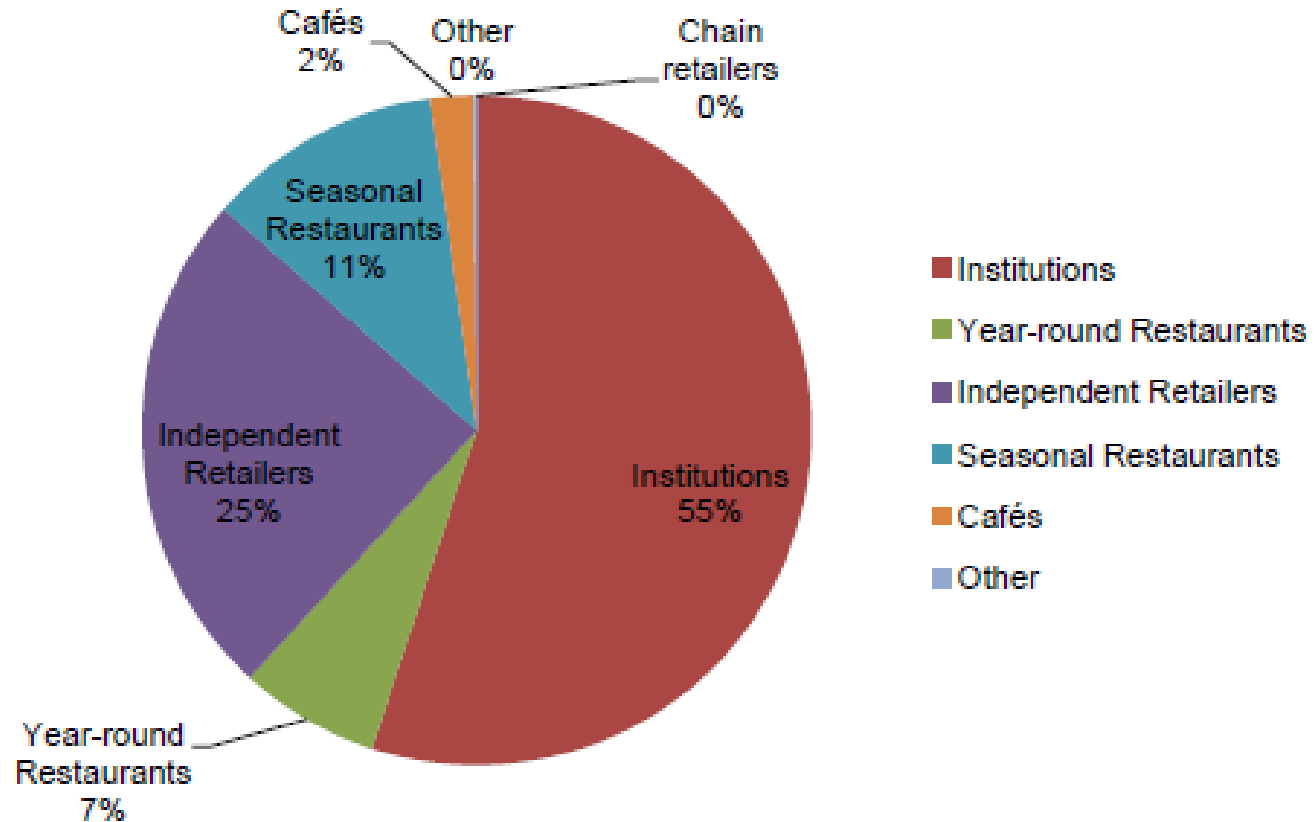
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Community Partners

We offer this advertising opportunity to businesses who would like to assist Co-op Market in a mutually beneficial manner. Call 457-1023 to find out how you can participate.

For 2013 – survey done in Jan 2014

Figure 2: Average Expenditures for Local Produce



SOLIDARITY as a Business Model

A Multi-Stakeholder
Cooperatives Manual

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<http://www.fifthseasoncoop.com/>



<http://www.gardensofeagan.com/>

Starting An Online, Local Food Cooperative



Northwest Cooperative Development Center
Olympia, Washington
www.NWCDC.coop
2011



<https://www.idahosbounty.coop/>



Resources

- ▶ Northwest Co-op Development Center
<http://nwcdc.coop/>
- ▶ University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives
<http://www.uwcc.wisc.edu/>
- ▶ Kent State, Ohio Employee Ownership Center
<http://www.ocockent.org/>
- ▶ USDA Publications on Cooperatives
<http://www.rd.usda.gov/publications>

What do you need to think about?

- ▶ What will your business do?
- ▶ How much money do you need and how will you raise it?
- ▶ Can it sustain itself or will it continue to need grants and donations?
- ▶ How will you get value out?
- ▶ What is your tolerance/ability to go to meetings and work toward consensus?
- ▶ Are there other people who are committed and who you can work with?

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