



bi-monthly eBlast for followers and supporters of the Food Shed Co-op - January 26, 2022

## 1365 OWNERS AND COUNTING!



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## CO-OP FUN FACTS!

In this issue of Food for Thought we offer you a few more co-op fun facts. However, one of the most intriguing fun facts is that McHenry County is about to open the first food cooperative in the immediate area! We are very close to breaking ground - the start of a new chapter! We've (very nearly) reached our owner investment goals. We've just hired our first General Manager - Peter Waldmann. We've hired an architectural firm that will make our dreams a reality! What are we still missing? **YOU!**

If you have been waiting on the sidelines for things to align - now is the time! You have very little time left to become a [FOUNDING OWNER](#) of the Food Shed Co-op. Now is the time to Become an Owner! Click any of the buttons or links to [BECOME AN OWNER!](#)

But enough of that, let's look at a few more fun facts about co-ops!

1. Believe it or not - Sean Connery earned a living **driving a co-op horse-drawn milk float** in Edinburgh, UK before he turned to acting!
2. One in every three citizens of the United States is a **member of a cooperative**.
3. Ocean Spray cranberry sauce, the most popular companion to turkey on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, comes from a **cranberry-growers co-operative** in the United States.
4. In Sweden, almost all the forestry industry is **run by co-operatives**.
5. Europe knows how the cooperative model works - **the co-operative sector employs 1.8 million people** in Europe.

6. Don't tell ComEd, but when American farmers found the giant electricity companies would not supply them with power, they **set up their own rural electric co-operatives!**
7. In case you didn't know - **credit unions are the world's most popular form of co-op** and are one of the fastest-growing financial institutions in Britain - with a solid presence in the US too!
8. Some of the **best-known co-operatives in the United States** include the Associated Press (AP), Land O'Lakes, Welch's, Sunkist, and Nationwide Insurance.

Interesting facts, 'ey? Co-ops may be one answer to our future. And you can be a part of this future by [BECOMING AN OWNER](#) now!

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## EVENTS

### Woodstock Farmers

Market - [Website](#)

Saturdays 9am - 1 pm

February 5 & 19, Mar 5 & 19,  
Apr 2 & 16

### Farmers Market at The Dole -

Indoor Winter Market - [Website](#)

Sundays 10am - 2 pm

January 30, Feb 13 & 27, Mar 13 &  
27, Apr 10 & 24

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### Mission

*Our mission is to build a LOCAL food COOPERATIVE promoting a HEALTHY, ETHICAL and RESILIENT COMMUNITY.*

### Core Values

- *Promote and foster better food choices*
  - *Cultivate and strengthen our local economy*
  - *Inspire and empower community*
  - *Champion environmentally responsible practices*
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Cooperatively yours,  
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