



Monthly eBlast for followers and supporters of the Food Shed Co-op - July 22, 2022

1491 OWNERS AND COUNTING!

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Fairtrade *by Peter Waldmann*

Walking through the aisles in your local grocery store, you may have noticed this Fairtrade label on several items; coffee and bananas are the most common. So, what does the Fairtrade label mean?

Fairtrade certification is a way of guaranteeing that both buyers and sellers stick to the principles of Fairtrade. Different organizations certify Fairtrade products, each with its label and standards.



Fairtrade farmers promise to pay a fair wage to all their workers, are required to provide safe and healthy working conditions, and use sustainable growing practices that protect natural resources, including water, soil, and natural vegetation.

To use the Fair-Trade label, products must meet the standards of the certifying organization, some of which are:

- Transparency: All terms and conditions of Fairtrade transactions are detailed in contracts signed by the producers and buyers.
- Fair price: Producers receive at least a Fairtrade Minimum Price, which aims at covering the average costs of sustainable production, or the market price, whichever is higher.

- Trading with integrity: Operators along the Fairtrade supply chains do not engage in unfair trading practices.
- Labor and environment: Fairtrade supply chain tradespeople comply with labor and environmental law.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Fairtrade Trader Standards.

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We are getting ready to build your McHenry County community-owned grocery store. Buying and eating local foods is better for your health and community!

We need your support please click [HERE](#) to join our mission.

Events

Farmers Market at the Dole

Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Dole Mansion in Crystal Lake, IL

The Food Shed Co-op is proud to be joining local farmers at the Farmers Market at the Dole! We will be manning a table at the market to find new owners and inform the public of our up-and-coming store.

2022 McHenry County Farm Stroll

Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Various Locations

The Farm Stroll is organized by the McHenry County Farm Bureau and the University of Illinois Extension McHenry County Master Gardeners. Extension Master Gardener and 4-H volunteers will be onsite to assist farm families in accommodating guests and conducting demonstrations and tours.

The Green Living Expo

Sunday, November 05, 2022

McHenry County College, 8900 US Hwy 14, Crystal Lake

The Green Living Expo is in person this year! Click [Here](#) for more information or to register your green business

Notice:

The *Food for Thought* newsletter will be published twice per month. Look for it on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month...



*Help us spread the word about our community owned grocery store by sharing our posts with your followers on social media. And why not **BECOME AN OWNER** now?*



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,
Food Shed Co-op Board



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