



**Rocky Mountain
Farmers Union**
Co-op Development Center

Providing resources for innovative cooperative solutions to economic and social opportunities in Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

Food Hub Cooperation in Colorado, New Mexico, & Wyoming



Rocky Mountain Food Hub Network



Cooperative Principles

- **Voluntary and Open Membership**
open to all persons able to use the co-op's services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership
- **Democratic Member Control**
controlled by its members - usually, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote)
- **Member Economic Participation**
members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative
- **Autonomy and Independence**
autonomous, self-sustaining organization controlled by its members
- **Education, Training and Information**
provide education and training for its members, officers and employees and inform the general public about the nature and benefits of cooperation and cooperatives
- **Cooperation among Cooperatives**
strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures
- **Concern for Community**
assist the sustainable development of the community(ies) served

Initiatives & Priorities

- Hub-to-Hub Commerce
- Distribution Arrangements
- Scaling-up Workshops
- Statement of Shared Principles (fair prices, freshness, transparency RE GMOs, open communication between hubs...)
- Exploring shared executive management
- Exploring cross-regional production planning

Agricultural Hubs

Excelsior Farmers Exchange



Thank You!

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