

Rural Business-Cooperative Service Webinars for National Co-op Month

October is National Cooperative Month! As part of this month's celebration, USDA's Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) is holding a series of training and informational webinars to showcase the many important ways cooperatives empower our daily lives. For the full calendar of events for Co-op Month, visit <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/cooperative-programs>, or to request special accommodations, please contact rdced@wdc.usda.gov.

Oct. 11, 2016
1-2:15 pm EST

Cooperative Board Training 101

Speaker: Margaret Bau, RBS Cooperative Programs

Webinar/Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/x3d3w44ec7ex&eom>

Oct. 13, 2016
2-3:15 pm EST

Cooperative Legal Basics

Facilitator: Meegan Moriarty, RBS Cooperative Programs

Speakers: Todd R. Eskelsen, Schiff Hardin, LLP and Marlis Carson, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives

Webinar/Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/fjn0raup3sqh&eom>

Oct. 18, 2016
2-3:15 pm EST

When the Last Grocery Store Closes – Exploring Cooperative Options

Facilitator: Margaret Bau, RBS Cooperative Programs

Speakers: Dr. David Proctor, Rural Grocery Initiative, Kansas State University and Marnie Thompson, Fund 4 Democratic Communities

Webinar/Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/v92f7ysgo9k0&eom>

Oct 19, 2016
2-3:15 pm EST

Farm to School and the Role of Cooperatives – Producer and Buyer Perspectives

Facilitator: James Barham, RBS Cooperative Programs

Speakers: Andrea Northup, USDA Food Nutrition Service, Jennie Rengert, Fifth Season Cooperative, Krista Garand, Durango School District, and Janet Fogel, Mancos School District

Webinar/Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/jlm99m0d6tul&eom>

Oct. 25, 2016
2-3:15 pm EST

#CoopYouth: Telling our Stories

Facilitator: Scott Cessarich, RBS Cooperative Programs

Speakers: Jesus Lucero, USA Cooperative Youth Council, Hnin Hnin, Cooperative Food Empowerment Directive, and Morgan Crawford, North American Students of Cooperation

Webinar/Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/57tvjzrooxe4&eom>

Oct. 27, 2016
10:30 am-12 pm EST
(Whitten Bldg - 107A)

Celebrating Diversity: Race and Ethnicity in the Cooperative Movement

Facilitator: Claudette Fernandez, RBS Cooperative Programs / Community Economic Development

Speakers: Cornelius Blanding, Federation of Southern Cooperatives, Mai Nguyen, California Center for Cooperative Development, and Felipe Witchger, Community Purchasing Alliance

Webinar/Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/8gjluzevxt8&eom>