



FOREIGN EXPERIENCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES

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ANNOTATION

Agriculture is one of the most important sectors of the global economy. Increasing production efficiency in this field, ensuring the rational use of resources, introducing modern technologies, and strengthening cooperation principles can contribute significantly to the socio-economic development of rural areas. These factors, in turn, necessitate the development of cooperative structures in agriculture. Agricultural cooperatives are independent economic, social, and organizational entities formed by farmers, smallholders, and other producers to protect their common interests. In many countries, cooperatives serve as a key mechanism for expanding farmers' economic opportunities, facilitating their effective access to markets, and accelerating the adoption of scientific and technological innovations.

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INTRODUCTION

The main functions of agricultural cooperatives include providing producers with material and technical resources, assisting in the storage, processing, transportation, and marketing of products, stabilizing product prices, and offering credit, insurance, and consulting services. Cooperatives enable farmers and dekhans to combine their resources and capacities, rather than operating individually, thereby gaining access to new markets, financial resources, and innovative technologies. This contributes to the economic development of rural areas, increases incomes, and expands employment opportunities. As the number of cooperatives and the demand for them continue to grow, their activities in developed countries are supported both legally and financially. Government policy plays a crucial role in the establishment and development of agricultural cooperatives. In many countries, special state programs, subsidies, tax incentives, and other supportive measures have been introduced by governments to promote their growth and effectiveness.

LITERATURE REVIEW AND METHODOLOGY



Cooperatives are increasingly regarded as an effective tool for achieving economic stability and equality within communities. Through these structures, it is possible to increase the volume and quality of production, adapt to market demands, and develop marketing systems. Cooperatives also contribute to the development of social infrastructure in rural areas, improvement of living standards, provision of auxiliary services, and enhancement of everyday living conditions.

For agricultural cooperatives to deliver effective results in the short term, principles such as transparency, mutual trust, and cooperation must be firmly established. The development of cooperatives largely depends on the existence of an appropriate legal framework and well-designed regulatory foundations. The effective functioning of cooperatives requires financial independence, high-quality management, and the establishment of mechanisms that ensure the legal and economic interests of members. A clear and efficient organizational structure, active participation of members, and well-defined mechanisms for distributing production results and income contribute to strengthening the competitiveness of cooperatives. In addition, cooperatives place special emphasis on education and knowledge exchange, improving members' qualifications, and learning and implementing new technologies in practice. The development of agricultural cooperatives primarily enables small and medium-sized farms and producers to achieve better economic outcomes by combining their resources and efforts. Effective management, unified economic interests, and transparency in financial and managerial reporting are essential in cooperative activities. In financial matters, the use of innovative solutions, modern information technologies, online platforms, and e-commerce systems allows cooperatives to create efficient mechanisms for delivering products directly to consumers.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

World experience shows that there are several key factors for the successful operation of agricultural cooperatives. First of all, it is very important to strengthen mutual trust, responsibility, and cooperation among cooperative members. Every decision made within a cooperative should correspond to the interests of all members, so that each participant feels that they have contributed and is satisfied with the results. Based on these requirements, the organization of information exchange and the maintenance of open and transparent reporting for members ensure the stable functioning of cooperatives. The role of highly qualified managers and administrators in cooperatives is also of great importance. A favorable environment is created through the election of management bodies by active members, continuous monitoring of their activities, and the implementation of internal audit and external control systems. In developed cooperatives, these principles and methods are always given priority. As the management system improves, the economic and social interests of members increase, their market activity expands, and new job opportunities are created.



Cooperative development is highly effective when members are comprehensively supported, particularly through the organization of special training programs aimed at improving knowledge and skills. By regularly receiving education in modern management, marketing, innovative technologies, and financial literacy, members can continuously enhance their competencies. This increases their participation in cooperative governance, improves collaboration efficiency, and ultimately leads to better production outcomes.

Legal and institutional development of agricultural cooperatives is also of great importance, requiring accelerated reforms to ensure their effective functioning. In the establishment of cooperatives, measures such as simplified registration procedures, tax incentives, investment financing, grants and subsidies for initial capital, and easier access to credit resources play a crucial role. These measures contribute to the growth in the number of cooperatives, strengthening their stability, and ensuring economic sustainability.

In their activities, agricultural cooperatives focus on developing and implementing effective marketing strategies to ensure efficient use of the market. Improving competitiveness, optimizing pricing policies, and introducing mechanisms for direct sales to large buyers and consumers form the core of cooperative operations. Through these approaches, cooperatives expand export opportunities and enhance their competitiveness in international markets [2].

Regular analysis of members' problems and needs is also essential for cooperative development. Ensuring member satisfaction, improving service quality, and introducing new services based on modern demands increase the attractiveness of cooperatives. This leads to the continuous attraction of new members and the expansion of cooperative activities. Strategic development of cooperatives requires long-term planning and diversification of financial resources. Cooperatives may expand into various sectors such as rural tourism, ecotourism, deep processing of agricultural products, logistics, and service provision. This creates additional income sources and strengthens economic stability. The use of information technologies is crucial for improving members' potential. Digital management systems, financial reporting automation, online trading platforms, and modern communication tools enable faster and more efficient information exchange, ensuring quicker achievement of desired results [3]. To ensure successful operation, cooperatives should implement continuous monitoring and evaluation systems. This helps identify weaknesses, define development directions, and design new strategies. Strengthening member engagement and internal cooperation can elevate the quality of cooperative performance to a new level. Finally, developing agricultural cooperatives based on international experience strengthens the economic position of farmers creates integrated systems for product distribution, and accelerates the adoption of innovative technologies. With modern



management, advanced marketing systems, education, and information technologies, the global competitiveness of cooperatives significantly increases [4].

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the development of agricultural cooperatives based on international experience serves as an important guarantee of a country's economic and social progress. The key aspects of establishing cooperatives include members' interests, principles of cooperation, modern management and financial independence, continuous education, information exchange, and effective use of innovative technologies. Appropriate legislation and state support, modern management and marketing strategies, targeted investments, and active participation of cooperative members play a crucial role in strengthening the role of agricultural cooperatives. Developing them in line with international standards makes it possible to achieve high results in the agricultural sector and ensures sustainable growth of rural economies.

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