

Rural Development, Rural Business-Cooperative Service
Cooperative Services Branch

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Understanding Cooperatives CD: Instructor's Guide

Understanding Cooperatives is designed for use by secondary and adult teachers of agricultural education courses.

It is also readily adaptable for use by post-secondary instructors, as well as for other cooperative educators. The units are designed to be generic in content, and should be supplemented with local, State, or company examples and situations.

All informational and reference materials are included in electronic format on the CD. All PowerPoint slides corresponding to the lesson guides may be used as is, or readapted as the instructor wishes to fit into any cooperative education program. The program consists of seven lesson units:

- Unit 1 - The American Business Enterprise System.
- Unit 2 - Cooperative Business Principles.
- Unit 3 - The Structure of Cooperatives.
- Unit 4 - Finance and Taxation of Cooperatives.
- Unit 5 - The Cooperative Business Team: Members and Directors - Policy & Control.
- Unit 6 - The Cooperative Business Team: Manager and Employees - Coordination & Operations.
- Unit 7 - Mini Cooperative Business Experience

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