

Sun Produce Cooperative Membership - Frequently Asked Questions

Who Can Be a Member / Cost to Join: Though Sun Produce Cooperative (SPC) is an agricultural cooperative, there is a place in SPC for anyone who wants to support local agriculture, not only farmers. Please read the information below to see where you and your friends, family, and business associates may fit into the Co-op.

How SPC Works:

For Producers and Producer Groups – Producers plan together what they will grow and sell based on customer needs, requirements and requests. They respond each week to a request for the products they will have the coming week, including item, pack size, amount available and pricing. Producers set the price according to bids the Co-op has been awarded by the client, or as in the case of additional items they may have, to the price they need to get and / or as they have mutually decided. Different growers may offer different prices on the same item. Current sales outlets include schools, a mobile market, farmers markets, neighborhood grocery stores, restaurants, hospitals, wholesalers, food banks and a healthy fundraiser CSA program called Farmraiser. The Co-op receives a 10% fee from each sale.

For Buyers, Distributors & Processors – SPC prides itself on integrity and supplying the freshest local food, offering a range of Certified Organic, Certified Naturally Grown, GAP Certified and pesticide-free products. The Co-op members will work with you to identify your needs and you will receive a weekly availability list of the seasonal produce being offered.

For Food and Agriculture Marketing Experts – You don't need to be an actual expert, just have a passion for local agriculture and extraordinary food to help guide and promote the Co-op, and maintain its engagement in the business environment, the broader community and the media!

Member Rights, Roles and Responsibilities - As a member, you can participate in annual and special membership meetings, vote in elections for the board or on ballots and serve on the board of directors or on committees. Members are expected to participate in the activities of SPC by patronizing the Co-op, keeping current on activities and actions, attend annual and special member meetings, vote in elections, respond to surveys, participate in committee work, promote the Co-op and encourage others to become members and more.

As an SPC member you will be part of the decision-making process regarding the Co-op's priorities, operations, services and solutions. When you join the Co-op you can take advantage of its benefits as well as support the viability of smaller-scale growers, increased access to healthy food, and help grow the local food movement.

For more information, please email SPC at sunproducecoop@gmail.com.