

Macomb Food Co-op Producer Application

Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in becoming a producer in the Macomb Food Co-op. The Co-op seeks to provide an online marketplace for small-scale producers located within a 100-mile radius of Macomb, Illinois, who are committed to sustainable production practices. Transparency is very important to the Co-op and the following questions are intended to help the Producer Relations Committee understand all aspects of your business. Any proprietary information will be incorporated into the online marketplace, with your consent, so that Co-op members can make informed choices about the products they are purchasing. We will contact you within 10 business days to let you know if your application has been approved.

Please fill out the information below, then answer the questions as they apply to the products you intend to sell through the Co-op. If needed, attach a separate paper with your answers. Mail to Macomb Food Co-op, P.O. Box 802, Macomb, IL 61455, or bring to the Co-op at 211 S. McArthur Street in Macomb.

Producer Name
Business Name
Business Address, City, State, Zip & County
Email & Website Address
Business Phone Number, Cell Number, & Fax Number

1. Please describe your business. You could include when it was founded, how many people it employs, the range of products you produce, and how your business has changed over time. If you farm, you could indicate the size of the area under cultivation or pasture.

2. What values guide you in your business?

3. Please list and describe the product(s) you intend to sell through the Co-op. Products need to be grown or processed within a 100-mile radius of Macomb, IL. Please tell us if any of your products carry an eco-label (e.g., a certification that the product was produced under a set of standards that address environmental issues, animal welfare, and/or social justice concerns). Examples include USDA Organic, Certified Humane, and Domestic Fair Trade. A lack of certification **will not** exclude you from the Co-op!

4. Please list any food liability insurance coverage, relevant licenses and certifications you have.

5. Do you plan on selling any products that you did not produce yourself?

6. Are the seeds or plants you use chemically treated or genetically modified?

7. How do you enrich your soil?

8. Please describe your pest and disease management methods. Do you use synthetic or organic pesticides and herbicides? If so, please list them.

9. If you are a meat producer, please answer questions 9 - 11. What kinds of meats do you raise? About how many animals do you have? Please be sure to list any heritage breeds.

10. In managing your animals, do you use hormones or antibiotics?

11. Describe your feeding and animal stewardship practices. Possibilities to discuss are whether your animals are exclusively grass-fed and/or free-range; the approximate amount of time your animals spend outdoors on pasture throughout the year; and whether there are animal by-products or genetically modified products in your feed.

I affirm that all statements in this application are true, correct and complete. I have given a truthful representation of my operation, practices, and origin of products. I understand that if questions arise about my operation, a Co-op representative may ask for more information and may visit my farm or business before approving my application. I have read all of the Co-op's producer guidelines and fully understand and am willing to comply with them.

Signed _____

Print Name _____

Date _____