Whether it is bringing fresh, local food through a food co-op, milk and dairy products to your table from an agricultural cooperative; competitive financial services through a credit union; or electricity through a rural electric co-op, cooperatives help strengthen communities — and they have big plans for their future.

This year’s theme for Co-op Month is “Cooperatives See the Future” and we are highlighting how co-ops see themselves in the future economy, continuing to make substantial impact in the communities they serve.

For 29 years, NCB has produced the NCB Co-op 100®, highlighting the economic impact of cooperatives across the country. The future continues to be strong for co-ops with the top 100 cooperatives in 2017 generating $214.4 billion in revenue.

As you scan the list, you will recognize some familiar names on the NCB Co-op 100®, and you may not have known they were a co-op. I challenge you to learn more about co-ops and join and/or shop co-op because cooperatives see the future to serve you — their members and community.

Charles E. Snyder | President and CEO | National Cooperative Bank
The NCB Co-op 100 List

Each year, the NCB Co-op 100® announces the top 100 cooperatives in America, highlighting the business activity and economic power of these member-owned, member-controlled businesses. The only annual report of its kind, the NCB Co-op 100 List features the top 100 cooperatives in America that have been designated as member-controlled businesses. The NCB Co-op 100 List is an important indicator of cooperative business activity across the country.
Electric Cooperatives: Creating a Brighter Future for Local Communities

"Across the nation, more than 900 electric cooperatives are powering local communities and enabling economic growth. Driven by a focus on local communities, electric cooperatives are making tomorrow’s energy possibilities today’s reality in rural America. That’s why co-ops from Alaska to North Carolina established the first rural microgrids, why co-ops have invested in cutting-edge carbon capture research, and why co-ops have accelerated solar energy development faster than any other segment of the electric sector."

~ National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

HOW CO-OPS SEE THE FUTURE

Generations To Go

“For our hundreds of farm families who banded together 100 years ago, the next century’s success takes several generations working on and off the farm together. We commit to care for our farm animals. To even more investment in clean water, renewable energy and soil nutrition. And we’ll continue to honor decades of consumer trust in our ever-better dairy products that we craft with award-winning skill in our plants using our milk.”

~ Cabot Creamery Cooperative

“With clear signs of increasing interest in the cooperative model, NCBA CLUSA sees a future where cooperatives leverage their influence and impact through the shared resources of our movement to engage, partner with and empower people from all walks of life, and in particular those left behind by a shifting economy and facing the greatest barriers to achieving this goal. We value community impact over profit. As drivers of an economy that reflects those values, we see a future in which people can more broadly participate in the economy and create a more sustainable future for families, communities and future generations.”

~ Doug O’Brien, President & CEO NCBA CLUSA
National Cooperative Bank (NCB) provides comprehensive banking products and services to cooperatives and other member-owned organizations throughout the country. What makes NCB unique is that the bank was created to address the financial needs of an underserved market niche — people who join together cooperatively to meet personal, social or business needs, especially in low-income communities.

Chartered by Congress in 1978, NCB was privatized in 1981 as a cooperatively owned financial institution and is currently owned by more than 3,100 customer-owners, with more than $7.5 billion in assets under management. As part of its enabling legislation, NCB was tasked with ensuring that 35% of the capital it deploys will benefit low-income communities.