



Government of Canada
Co-operatives Secretariat
TOP 50 CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVES^a 1997

Rank by		Name of Co-operative	Sales & Service	Assets	Members	Liabilities	Total Members	Employees		Year End	Major Activities
1997	1996		Revenues (\$)		Equity to Assets ^b (%)	to Equity Ratio ^c		Full	Part		
1	1	Saskatchewan Wheat Pool ^d (Sask.)	4 229 325 000	1 289 278 000	39.1	1.5	74 256	3 359	514	7.31.97	Grain marketing & processing, livestock marketing, farm supply, printing & publishing
2	2	Federated Co-operatives Limited (Sask.)	2 467 088 000	934 476 000	56.3	0.7	335 ^e	2 352	-	10.31.97	Wholesaler, consumer goods, petroleum refinery, building materials
3	3	Alberta Wheat Pool ^d (Alta.)	2 051 654 000	653 617 000	30.9	2.2	56 273	1 433	-	7.31.97	Grain marketing, farm supplies
4	4	Coopérative fédérée de Québec (Qué.)	1 843 478 000	538 733 000	31.4	2.1	95 ^f	6 838	-	10.31.97	Wholesaler, farm supplies, petroleum, livestock and poultry processing
5	6	Manitoba Pool Elevators ^d (Man.)	1 355 297 000	394 214 000	32.3	2.0	25 000	687	138	7.31.97	Grain marketing, farm supplies, livestock auction
6	5	XCAN Grain Pool Ltd. (Man.)	1 343 416 000	65 508 000	30.8	2.2	3 ^e	95	1	7.31.97	Commodities brokerage
7	8	Agropur (Qué.)	1 293 773 000	482 195 000	32.6	2.0	4 738	2 745	20	11.1.97	Dairy products
8	7	Agrifoods International Cooperative Ltd. (B.C.)	1 080 000 000	357 368 000	29.6	2.4	1 868	3 000	-	1.3.98	Dairy products
9	10	United Farmers of Alberta (Alta.)	610 446 000	204 765 000	71.4	0.3	98 000	576	209	12.31.97	Petroleum, farm supplies
10	9	Calgary Co-op Assn. Ltd. (Alta.)	590 321 400	185 169 000	62.5	0.5	342 565	809	2 570	11.1.97	Supermarkets, petroleum, building materials
11	11	Co-op Atlantic (N.B.)	456 452 441	131 897 749	41.5	1.4	169 ^e	665	-	11.28.97	Wholesaler, consumer goods, feed, petroleum
12	13	Western Co-operative Fertilizers Ltd. (Alta.)	328 098 902	176 614 745	10.4	8.5	3 ^e	87	1	6.30.97	Purchaser and distributor of fertilizer
13	12	Lilydale Co-op Ltd. (Alta.)	320 562 591	90 382 889	35.8	1.7	1 200	1 400	100	1.31.97	Poultry products, hatchery
14	15	Groupe Dorchester / St-Damase, La Coop Avicole (Qué.)	231 100 652	76 806 906	31.0	2.2	228	974	65	1.31.97	Slaughtering and marketing of poultry products, hatchery
15	16	Interprovincial Co-operatives Ltd. (Sask.)	217 602 000	15 308 000	47.6	1.0	8 ^e	30	-	10.31.97	Wholesale purchasing for consumer & farm supplies, chemical manufacturing
16	17	Gay Lea Foods Co-op Ltd. (Ont.)	205 892 000	60 200 000	57.7	0.7	4 201	365	50	9.27.97	Dairy products
17	18	Scotsburn Co-op Services Ltd. (N.S.)	196 080 752	54 949 442	25.0	2.9	1 800	600	100	9.27.97	Dairy products, farm supplies
18	24	Nutrinor (Qué.)	186 244 193	59 491 619	37.0	1.6	1 400	362	20	10.31.97	Dairy products, farm supplies, machinery, petroleum
19	19	Agrinove (Qué.)	156 171 243	35 094 406	57.1	0.7	1 288	40	-	10.31.97	Dairy Products
20	20	Purdel (Qué.)	151 734 879	48 560 543	63.0	0.5	1 188	90	-	11.30.97	Dairy products, farm supplies
21	21	Cotter Canada Hardware and Variety Co-operative Inc. (Man.)	150 804 000	34 438 000	33.3	1.9	487	286	65	1.3.98	Wholesale distributor of hardware and variety consumer goods
22	22	Farmers' Co-op Dairy Ltd. (N.S.)	148 350 100	50 921 000	31.6	2.1	263	517	65	11.1.97	Dairy products
23	23	Hensall District Co-op Inc. (Ont.)	129 951 151	52 117 939	29.5	2.3	4 390	202	83	7.31.97	Grain marketing, feedmill, farm supplies, petroleum
24	26	Mountain Equipment Co-op (B.C.)	115 526 000	47 039 000	63.9	0.5	1 040 208	485	125	12.31.97	Outdoor recreational equipment
25	27	Groupe Dynaco, coopérative agro-alimentaire (Qué.)	102 490 607	44 197 032	36.6	1.7	668	240	-	10.31.97	Dairy products, farm supplies, building materials

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	1997	1996		Revenues (\$)	Assets (\$)					Full	Part		
26	25		Comax (Qué.)	94 714 224	30 221 570	40.3	1.4	791	125	-	11.28.97	Feedmill, grain marketing, pork, agri supplies	
27	29		Norfolk Co-op Company Ltd. (Ont.)	88 031 544	23 932 392	43.9	1.2	4 458	85	15	12.31.97	Grain marketing, farm supplies, petroleum	
28	30		Unicoop (Qué.)	87 377 811	38 444 494	26.3	2.7	805	184	40	10.31.97	Feedmill, hardware and machinery	
29	31		Saskatoon Co-op Assn. Ltd. (Sask.)	86 449 925	24 282 376	92.5	8.0	40 518	150	270	1.31.97	Supermarkets, petroleum, building materials, farm supplies	
30	32		Sincere Trading of K.B.A. Co-operative Inc. (Ont.)	82 258 451	6 369 733	3.3	28.8	2 173	61	9	8.31.97	Wholesaler, tobacco, confectionery	
31	40		Coopérative Forestière Laterrière (Qué.)	77 574 835	49 198 479	32.9	2.0	910	350	70	5.3.97	Workers co-operative, forestry products	
32	33		Pioneer Co-op Assn. Ltd. (Sask.)	74 379 812	37 525 460	81.7	0.2	17 088	125	215	1.31.97	Supermarkets, petroleum, farm supplies	
33	36		Granny's Poultry Co-operative (Man.)	73 656 130	19 483 529	40.0	1.4	198	420	30	12.31.97	Poultry processing	
34	34		Northumberland Co-op Ltd. (N.B.)	68 497 890	17 950 237	49.6	1.0	371	238	48	1.31.97	Dairy products, farm supplies, building materials	
35	35		Island Farms Dairies Co-operative Assn. (B.C.)	67 650 610	25 654 000	56.5	0.7	126	200	14	12.31.97	Dairy Products	
36	37		A.C.A. Co-operative Limited (N.S.)	66 830 000	26 719 000	28.1	2.5	51	418	55	3.1.97	Poultry processing, farm supplies	
37	48		B.C. Livestock Producers Co-op Assn. (B.C.)	65 698 146	5 265 983	22.2	3.4	2 480	9	70	12.31.97	Livestock marketing	
38	41		Waterloo Oxford Co-operative Inc. (Ont.)	57 599 566	18 494 292	25.0	2.9	1 400	100	30	8.31.97	Grain marketing, farm inputs, petroleum	
39	38		La Coop de Pointe-Aux-Roches (Ont.)	56 983 877	11 631 758	24.1	3.1	945	56	27	8.31.97	Grain marketing, farm inputs, petroleum	
40	39		Orford Farmer's Co-op Co. Ltd. (Ont.)	56 750 740	12 264 520	31.7	2.1	680	52	15	8.31.97	Crop inputs, grain marketing, feed mill, farm supplies	
41	45		Prince Albert Co-op Assn. Ltd. (Sask.)	56 262 749	26 785 673	83.2	0.2	18 547	176	110	10.31.97	Supermarkets, petroleum	
42	42		Arctic Co-operatives Limited (Man.)	56 241 226	16 650 974	80.2	0.2	41 ^e	69	20	12.31.97	Wholesaler, consumer goods, handicrafts	
43	44		Simcoe District Co-op Services (Ont.)	56 101 512	19 497 744	29.8	2.3	3 028	70	73	9.27.97	Farm supplies, consumer products, grain marketing, petroleum	
44	43		Société coop agricole des Bois-Francs (Qué.)	55 992 602	24 904 917	41.6	1.4	780	81	17	10.31.97	Feedmill, farm supplies, petroleum	
45	47		Red River Co-operative Ltd. (Man.)	55 049 120	22 162 373	92.7	0.0	33 970	13	1	10.31.97	Petroleum	
46	50		Otter Farm & Home Co-operative (B.C.)	53 551 751	17 641 621	77.5	0.2	20 596	85	56	2.28.97	Department store, feedmill, petroleum	
47	49		Perth County Co-operative Inc. (Ont.)	52 878 027	14 608 298	53.6	0.8	2 930	67	28	8.31.97	Grain marketing, farm inputs, petroleum	
48	46		Sherwood Co-op Assn. Ltd. (Sask.)	52 860 631	19 321 246	69.3	0.4	46 941	53	149	1.31.97	Supermarkets, petroleum	
49	-		United Flower Growers' Co-op Assn. (B.C.)	46 453 171	11 020 939	52.5	0.9	106	35	100	12.31.97	Flower auctioning	
50	-		Peninsula Consumer Services Co-operative (B.C.)	43 998 049	18 013 728	42.5	1.3	7 412	27	57	4.30.97	Supermarkets, petroleum	

^a Includes only non-financial co-operatives

^b Members loans and patronage dividends portion of long term debt is included with members equity

^c Total liabilities to members equity

^d Sales include grain purchases for the account of and delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board

^e Member co-op associations representing many thousand individual members

^f Also has 1 267 direct individual members as well as the 95 co-op associations representing 31 515 individual members

