#### **NEIGHBORING FOOD COOP ASSOCIATION**



# Supporting the Success of Small & Rural Food Co-ops

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### Small & Rural Food Co-ops...

- Make a Difference!
- Crucial Community Resources
- Support Local Producers
- Strengthen Our Movement
- Face Unique Challenges
- Can Work Together for Shared Success







# CDF/RCDG Project Survey (2022)

- Small Rural Food Co-ops across New England & New York State
- General Managers & Board Presidents
- What are Unique Needs of Small Rural Food Co-ops?
- How Can NFCA Support Success?
- What are Key Areas Where We Can Make a Difference?



Fare Share Food Co-op, Norway, ME



# NFCA Technical Assistance (2023)

#### **Workshops in Identified Areas**

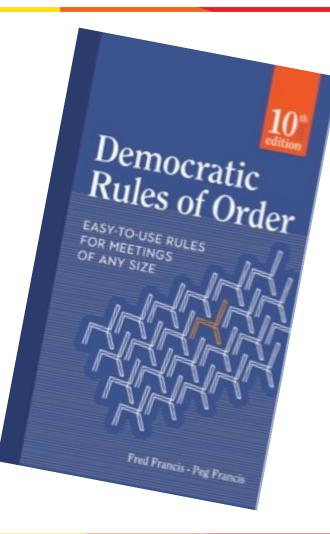
- Marketing
- Financial Oversight
- Strategic Planning
- Governance

#### **Online Portal**

• Recordings & Resources

#### **Governance Resource**

- "Democratic Rules of Order"
- **Site Visits**

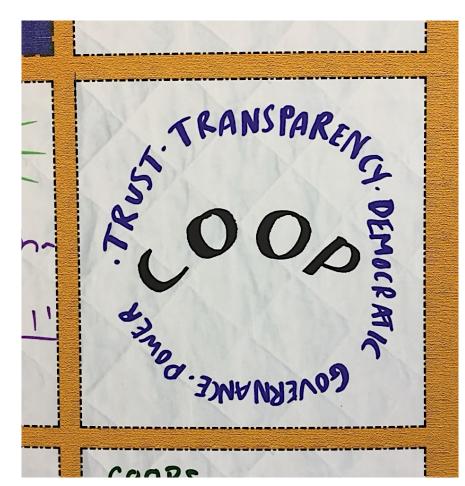






# **Priorities for 2024**

- Quarterly Online Peer Group
- Focused Technical Assistance
- Small Co-op Resource Portal
- Understanding Your Needs
- Priorities for Support







### Your Feedback & Ideas



Neighboring Food Co-op Association Peer Networking Gathering for Board Leaders.





# **Resources for Continued Support**

#### **Rural Food Co-ops Portal**

• <u>https://members.nfca.coop/</u>

#### **Recordings & Resources**

- Co-operative Governance
- Strategic Planning
- Financial Reporting
- Marketing & Membership

#### Want More Information?

- <u>https://nfca.coop</u>
- info@nfca.coop











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