



6) Cooperation Among Cooperatives
Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional, and international structures.

7) Concern for Community
While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

Electric Cooperatives Across America

FACTS AT A GLANCE

More than 900 electric cooperatives serve:

- 39 million people in 47 states
- 15 million businesses, homes, schools, churches, farms, irrigation systems, and other establishments in 2,500 of 3,128 counties in the U.S.
- 12 percent of the nation's population

To perform their mission, electric cooperatives:

- Own assets worth \$76 billion
- Own and maintain 2.3 million miles, or 43 percent, of the nation's electric distribution lines, covering three quarters of the nation's landmass
- Deliver 9 percent of the total kilowatt-hours sold in the U.S. each year
- Generate five percent of the total electricity produced in the U.S. each year
- Employ nearly 60,000 people in the United States
- Pay more than \$707 million in state and local taxes annually

