Form **1028**

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Application for Recognition of Exemption

Under Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code

For the use of farmers', fruit growers', or like associations applying for recognition of exemption as cooperatives.

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If Your Organization Does Not Have an Organizing Document, Do Not File This Application. Every organization must furnish all the information specified in the instructions. If any organization does not file the information required, it will be notified that the application will not be considered on its merits and it may be returned. If more space is needed for any item, an attachment may be used.

Part I Identification (See instructions.)

1a Full name of organization

b Employer identification number (See instructions.)

2a Address (number and street)

b City or town, county, state, and ZIP code

3 Name and telephone number (including area code) of person to be contacted during business hours

4 Date incorporated or formed

5 Month the annual accounting period ends

6 Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns? . . . . . ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

a If **"Yes,"** state the form number(s), year(s) filed, and Internal Revenue office where filed ▶ _____

Part II Type of Entity and Organizational Documents (See instructions.)

Check the applicable entity box below and attach a conformed copy of the organizing and operational documents listed

Part III **Activities and Operational Information** *(Continued)*

5 If the association issues any nonvoting preferred stock, explain whether the owners, upon dissolution or liquidation, may participate in the profits of the association beyond fixed dividends.

		Yes	No
6	Does state law require the accumulation and maintenance of reserves?		
a	If **"Yes,"** enter the amount of the reserve(s) and state the name and purpose of each: Amount		
7	Does the association maintain or plan to maintain any reserve or reserves other than those required by state law?		
a	If **"Yes,"** enter the amount of the reserve(s) and state the name and purpose of each: Amount		
8	Does the association deal or plan to deal with both members and nonmembers?		
9	Does the association pay or plan to pay patronage dividends?		
a	If **"Yes,"** are they paid or will they be paid to all patrons, both member and nonmember, on the same basis?		
10	Is the allocation of patronage dividends made based on an obligation in existence before the cooperative received the amounts allocated?		

a If **"Yes,"** is this obligation in:

☐ Organizing document (specify) ▶

☐ Bylaws

11 Explain below all of the activities in which the association is or will be engaged.

12 Explain below how distribution is or will be made of the proceeds of products marketed for members and nonmembers. Also, if the organization operates on a basis of allocated units (i.e., functional, departmental, etc.), explain how losses are or will be treated.

13 Explain below how the association charges for supplies and equipment bought for members and nonmembers.

Part III Activities and Operational Information *(Continued)*

14 Explain the requirements for membership in the association.

	Yes	No
15 Federated cooperatives only:		
a Are all of the association's member cooperatives exempt under section 521?		
b If **"No,"** do the nonexempt member cooperatives have the same annual accounting period as the association's?		
If **"No,"** check the method below that the association used, or will use, to provide a common or comparable unit of time for analyzing and evaluating its operations and those of its members.		
Note: *The methods listed below do not apply to the filing of returns or the manner in which operating results are reported by a federated cooperative and its members.*		
(i) ☐ Method 1— Does the association use the operations of members for those months that correspond to the months that make up its tax year?		
(ii) ☐ Method 2— Does the association use the tax years of members that end within its tax year?		
(iii) ☐ Method other than 1 or 2 above (explain) ▶		
16 Were all of the net earnings (after payment of dividends, if any, on capital stock) for the years shown in item 17 distributed as patronage dividends (see instructions)?		
a If **"No,"** were undistributed net earnings apportioned on the records to all patrons on a patronage basis?		

17 Value of agricultural products marketed or handled during the year(s) (see instructions) ended ▶ _____, for:

***a** Members—	
(i) Actually produced by members	
(ii) Not actually produced by members but marketed by them through the association	
b Nonmembers—	
(i) Actually produced by nonmembers	
(ii) Not actually produced by nonmembers but marketed by them through the association	
c Nonproducers (purchased from nonproducers for marketing by the association)	

18 Value of supplies and equipment purchased for or sold during the same year(s) (see instructions) as shown in item 17 to:

***a** Members who were producers	
b Nonmembers who were producers	
c Members and nonmembers who were not producers	

19 Does the association deal or plan to deal with the United States Government or any of its agencies? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

a If the association has done business with the United States or any of its agencies, enter the amount for the year(s) as shown in item 17 (see instructions)

20 Has the organization operated in a manner consistent with the information given since the date formed? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

a If **"No,"** state the changes that have occurred and dates of the changes.

* If it is necessary to own one or more shares of stock in order to become a member, include in items 17a and 18a only the amount of business transacted with persons actually owning the required number of shares.

Part IV Financial Data (See instructions.)

Complete a statement for the current year and for each of the three immediately preceding years that the organization was in existence.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures, for period ending _____, 19 ____.

(If you prepare a statement of receipts and expenditures which is more descriptive and detailed than the statement below, you may submit that statement instead of this one.)

Receipts	1	Gross dues and assessments from members		
	2	Gross dues and assessments from affiliated organizations		
	3	Gross amount derived from activities related to organization's exempt purpose (attach schedule)		
		a Less cost of goods sold		
	4	Gross amount from other business activities (attach schedule)		
		a Less cost of goods sold		
	5	Gross amount received from sale of assets, excluding inventory items (attach schedule)		
		a Less cost or other basis and sales expense of assets sold (attach schedule)		
	6	Interest, dividends, rents and royalties		
	7	Other receipts (attach schedule)		
	8	Total receipts		
Expenditures	9	Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule)		
	10	Other salaries and wages		
	11	Interest		
	12	Rent		
	13	Depreciation and depletion		
	14	Dues and assessments to affiliated organizations		
	15	Other expenditures (see instructions—attach schedule)		
	16	Patronage dividends (see instructions—attach schedule)		
	17	Total expenditures		
	18	Excess of receipts over expenditures (line 8 less line 17)		

Balance Sheets

			Enter dates ▶ Beginning date	Ending date
Assets	19	Cash		
	20	Trade notes and accounts receivable (less allowance for bad debts)		
	21	Inventories		
	22	Investments (attach schedule)		
	23	Other current assets (attach schedule)		
	24	Depreciable and depletable assets (less accumulated depreciation/depletion)		
	25	Land (net of any amortization)		
	26	Other assets (attach schedule)		
	27	Total assets		
Liabilities and Capital	28	Accounts payable		
	29	Mortgages, notes, bonds payable in less than one year		
	30	Other current liabilities (attach schedule)		
	31	Mortgages, notes, bonds payable in one year or more		
	32	Other liabilities (attach schedule)		
	33	Patronage dividends allocated in noncash form, other than capital stock and interest-bearing obligations		
	34	Per-unit retains allocated in noncash form		
	35	Capital stock (enter numbers at end of year):		
		a Voting preferred stock		
		b Nonvoting preferred stock		
		c Voting common stock		
		d Nonvoting common stock		
	36	Paid-in or capital surplus		
	37	Retained earnings (attach schedule)		
	38	Less cost of treasury stock	( )	( )
	39	Total liabilities and capital		

Number of shareholders	Number of shares: Issued for money	Number of shares: Issued as patronage benefits