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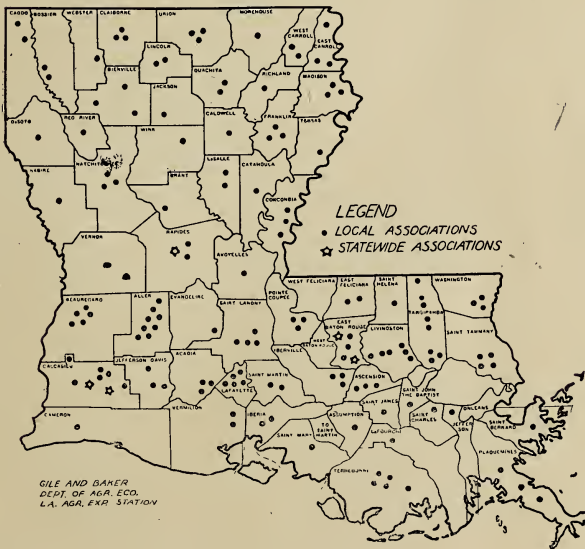
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By means of a field survey during 1944, there were found in Louisiana 152 farmers' cooperatives, of which 147 were local or district associations. Among the local units, six were in process of organization and seven were reported by officers as temporarily inactive on account of war conditions, leaving 134 local associations active in 1944. The five state-wide organizations of the centralized or federated type were all active, and usually served farmers through local units.

The list of farmers' cooperative business associations given in this report does not include many group organizations, cooperative in nature, whose functions are largely educational and promotional from a public service point-of-view. The data refer specifically to cooperative associations of farmers engaged in processing or marketing the products grown by them and in purchasing or manufacturing supplies used by them in the process of producing farm products. In general, the associations reported are incorporated, have a board of directors, an established place of business; and operate on the basic cooperative principles of one vote per member, limited returns on capital investment, and the distribution of surpluses on the basis of patronage. Farmers' cooperative credit associations are not included.

The 147 local associations reported a total of 41,060 patrons, of which 36,000 were voting members and 5,060 were patrons who had not satisfied all the requirements necessary to become voting members. It is estimated that 8,060 of the farmer participants reported were members of more than one association. After making deductions of membership duplications, there were 33,000 Louisiana farmers associated with a cooperative business organization. The data show that about one-third of owner and manager tenant farmers in Louisiana were members of local business cooperative associations in 1944.

The distribution of farmers' cooperative business organizations is shown by the figure on the cover page. Each black dot represents the established office location for one association. In the case of all state-wide organizations and also for many of the local or district associations, the membership is not confined to the particular parish in which the main office is located. Farmers' cooperative business associations are found in all parts of Louisiana, but they are more numerous in the sugarcane, rice, strawberry, and truck crop areas than in those areas where cotton is the main cash crop.

Although many of the local associations perform more than one activity many of them concentrate on one main type of service. Local units which operate "across the board" were not found, but a study of the nature of the functions performed shows that some of the associations are expanding in that direction. Because of the highly seasonal nature of the processing and marketing of most farm products in Louisiana, a combination of enterprises which would lengthen the number of months of active business should make the retention of a well qualified manager throughout the year economically more feasible.

Thirty-three different points were found in Louisiana where some cotton lint was marketed cooperatively in 1944 (Table 1). The volume of cotton marketed at most of the places was small, but the fact that the cooperative outlets existed tends to narrow the margin between the local and the central cotton markets. There are 13 points where cooperative

TABLE 1—Louisiana: Number of items found and nature of business done by local cooperative business organizations of farmers during 1944<sup>1</sup>

Marketing		Processing		Farm supplies (purchasing)	
No.	Product	No.	Nature	No.	Nature
33	Cotton lint	8	Sugarcane factory	35	Fertilizer
8	Cottonseed	8	Cotton gin	30	Seeds
16	Potatoes (sweet and Irish)	6	Freezer-locker plant	15	Feeds
13	Miscellaneous truck crops <sup>2</sup>	2	Rice dryer	13	Electric current
10	Strawberries	3	Wash, color, wrap and pack oranges and other citrus fruits	7	Retail store or warehouse
8	Raw sugar and molasses			6	Insecticides
7	Poultry and eggs	2	Pasteurizing and packaging milk	6	Containers (wood)
7	Rice	2	Pre-cooling machine for cars	5	Fruit jars and cans
6	Wool	2	Feed grinder and mixer	5	Baby chicks
3	Watermelons	1	Cottonseed oil refinery	5	Rice irrigation water
3	Milk wholesale	1	Tung oil refinery	4	Bags and twine
1	Cream (shipping)	1	Wash, grade and pack potatoes	3	Dairy equipment and supplies
1	Lespedeza seed	1	Small cane syrup mill	2	Health service
1	Peanuts	1	Peanut picker	1	Grazing rights on levee
1	Pelts (fur bearing animals)	1	Feed dryer		
1	Paprika				
1	Easter Lily bulbs				

<sup>1</sup>Many associations render more than one type of service.

<sup>2</sup>Green beans, cucumbers, green peppers, eggplant, cabbage, carrots, tomatoes, shallots, etc.

outlets for truck crops were found, nine for strawberries, eight for raw sugar and molasses, seven each for rice and poultry products, and six for wool. Although there were only three active milk marketing associations, their influence is widespread. The bargaining agency for milk producers in the New Orleans milkshed is located at Kentwood and has 2,000

members. It is accomplishing its purpose of obtaining for its members a larger share of the price paid for milk by consumers. The milk association in the Monroe milkshed operates truck routes in several parishes to assemble the milk from producer members. This association has been successful in reducing the price margin between the farmer and the consumer and in lowering the costs of milk concentration. The association of milk producers at DeRidder is small, but it has benefited not only its members but also the consumer by providing a supply of pasteurized milk.

Developments in the field of processing farm products are relatively new, but have been generally successful. Processing plants require a larger investment of capital than is found in most associations organized primarily for marketing purposes. Louisiana has eight cooperative mills for processing cane and manufacturing raw sugar and the same number of cooperative cotton gins. The cooperative gins usually market cottonseed but not the cotton lint. One drying plant for rough rice operated at Sulphur, Louisiana, and two additional drying plants were constructed in 1944. All but one of the six freezer-locker plants found were in process of organization and construction. There is a cooperative tung oil crusher and refinery at Covington, and a cooperative cottonseed oil press and refinery at Washington in St. Landry Parish.

In the field of farm supplies, fertilizers and seeds are most frequently purchased cooperatively. There are 13 associations engaged in the construction of transmission lines and furnishing electric current to farmers. The cooperative farmers' electric power associations supplied electric current to 15,654 rural families on January 1, 1945. This enables them to enjoy the conveniences of electric lights, refrigerators, and other household and farm equipment operated by electrical power. Five cooperative rice irrigation systems were found in use in Allen Parish. The irrigation associations collected the same share of the rice produced as is paid to private irrigation companies in the rice area and partly due to wartime prices for rice, their financial progress has exceeded expectations.

In Table 2 which constitutes the remainder of this bulletin, the name and location of farmers' cooperative business organizations operating in Louisiana in 1944 are shown. Following the name of each organization a brief summary of the nature of the services performed is given. In Part 2 of Table 2, the local or district associations are listed by parishes. This will enable farmers to find quickly the organizations located in their home parish and in neighboring parishes. It will also enable them to gain a better understanding of cooperative developments in all sections of Louisiana.

TABLE 2—Louisiana: Farmers Cooperative Business Organizations.  
Name, Office Location, and Nature of Business, 1944

Part 1. Louisiana: State or regional area cooperative units.

<i>Name and office location</i>	<i>Nature of business</i>
1. American Rice Growers Coop. Assn. Inc. Lake Charles	Rice marketing — foreign and domestic sales service — milling — warehousing — financing — packaging — grading — seed testing — certification. Serves seven local or divisional units in Louisiana and eight in Texas.
2. American Rice Growers Exchange. Lake Charles	Wholesales farm supplies to local or divisional rice associations.
3. Louisiana Agricultural Coop. Inc. 1175 Choctaw Rd. Baton Rouge	Farmers purchasing cooperative, handling principally seeds, fertilizers, and insecticides.
4. Cooperatives of Louisiana. Baton Rouge	Markets cotton on brokerage basis. Operates box and crate factory at Hammond. Wholesales fertilizer, seeds, feeds, hardware, and miscellaneous supplies used in farm production to members of local cooperatives.
5. Farmers State Exchange Pineville	Centralized purchasing and marketing organization. Operates through local units known as purchasing and marketing associations.

Part 2. Louisiana: Cooperative associations operating largely within a parish or a small group of parishes.

<i>Name and office location</i>	<i>Nature of business</i>
<b>ACADIA PARISH</b>	
1. American Rice Growers Cooperative Assn. Crowley	Rice marketing service.
2. Crowley Rice Dryer, Inc. Crowley	Rice drying plant.
3. Acadia Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <sup>1</sup> Crowley	Sells cotton, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes; handles orders for seeds, chicks, and fertilizer. Has cotton gin near Church Point.
<sup>1</sup> All purchasing and marketing associations are local units of the Farmers State Exchange at Pineville, Louisiana.	
<b>ALLEN PARISH</b>	
1. Allen Parish Sheep and Wool Growers Assn. Oberlin	Arranges for wool auctions and the assembly of wool for shipping.
2. Allen Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Oakdale	Sells cotton, Irish potatoes, and handles orders for feed, fertilizer and garden seed.
3. Darbonne Coop. Irrigation Assn. Oakdale	Irrigation system for rice.
4. Soileau Coop. Irrigation Assn. Oakdale	Irrigation system for rice.
5. Sonnier Coop. Irrigation Assn. Oakdale	Irrigation system for rice.

Table 2, Part 2. Louisiana: List of cooperative associations — Continued

<i>Name and office location</i>	<i>Nature of business</i>
6. Fontenot Coop. Irrigation Assn. Oakdale	Irrigation system for rice.
7. Granger Coop. Irrigation Assn. Oakdale	Irrigation system for rice.
8. Allen Parish Medical Assn. Oakdale	Medical Service.
<b>ASCENSION PARISH</b>	
1. Ascension Farmers Coop Assn. Inc. Gonzales	Markets green beans and strawberries and handles seeds, fertilizers and insecticides.
2. Ascension Mktg. Service Inc. Gonzales	Markets poultry and eggs and handles feed. Has truck for gathering eggs from farms.
3. Evan Hall Sugar Coop. McCall	Sugarcane mill. Handles fertilizer and soybean seed. Markets raw sugar and molasses.
<b>ASSUMPTION PARISH</b>	
1. Glenwood Cooperative. Napoleonville	Sugarcane mill. Markets raw sugar and molasses.
<b>AVOYELLES PARISH</b>	
1. Avoyelles Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Marksville	Sells cotton and takes orders for seed and fertilizer.
<b>BEAUREGARD PARISH</b>	
1. Beauregard Wool Growers Assn. DeRidder	Pools wool and holds auction sale.
2. DeRidder Coop. Dairy. DeRidder	Pasteurizes, bottles and sells milk wholesale; handles milk cans, dairy equipment and supplies.
3. Beauregard Electric Coop. DeRidder	Supplies electrical energy.
4. DeRidder Frozen foods. DeRidder	Freezer-locker plant. <sup>1</sup>
5. Beauregard Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. DeRidder	Sells cotton and retails farm supplies from local store.
<sup>1</sup> Incorporated and in process of organization in 1944.	
<b>BIENVILLE PARISH</b>	
1. Northwest Louisiana Agricultural Assn. Saline	Handles fertilizer and potato seed.
2. Bienville Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Arcadia	Markets cotton.
3. Woodardville Farmers, Inc. Ringgold	Markets cotton, handles seeds and fertilizer.
<b>BOSSIER PARISH</b>	
1. Bossier Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Bossier City	Operates cotton gin, sells cotton and cottonseed; handles seed, feed, fertilizer, fruit jars and cans.
2. Bossier Rural Electric Membership Coop. Bossier City	Builds transmission system and supplies electric current to farms and rural establishments.
<b>CADDO PARISH</b>	
1. North Caddo One-Variety Cotton Assn. Inc. Gilliam	Sells cotton through broker. <sup>1</sup>
2. Caddo Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Rodessa	Markets cotton.

<sup>1</sup>Not active in 1944 on account of war conditions.



Table 2, Part 2. Louisiana: List of cooperative associations — Continued

<i>Name and office location</i>	<i>Nature of business</i>
<b>CALCASIEU PARISH</b>	
1. American Rice Growers Coop. Assn. (Holmwood District) <b>Lake Charles</b>	Rice marketing service. Handles sacks, twine and fertilizer.
2. Sulphur Rice Coop. Inc. <b>Sulphur</b>	Dries, stores and markets rice. Handles sacks, twine and fertilizer.
3. American Rice Growers Coop. Assn. <b>Iowa</b>	Rice marketing service. Handles sacks, twine, and fertilizer.
4. La. Sheep and Wool Growers Coop. Assn. Inc. <b>Lake Charles</b>	Arranges for wool auctions and the pooling of wool for shipment.
5. DeQuincy Wool Growers Coop., <b>DeQuincy</b>	Arranges for wool auctions and the pooling of wool for shipment.
6. Calcasieu and Cameron Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Lake Charles</b>	Inactive in 1944.
<b>CALDWELL PARISH</b>	
1. Caldwell Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Columbia</b>	Markets cotton, Irish potatoes and takes orders for seeds and fertilizers.
<b>CAMERON PARISH</b>	
1. Jefferson Davis Electric Coop., Inc. <b>Cameron</b>	Builds transmission system and supplies electric current to farm and rural establishments.
<b>CATAHOULA PARISH</b>	
1. Catahoula Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Jonesville</b>	Markets cotton.
<b>CLAIBORNE PARISH</b>	
1. Claiborne Refrigeration Coop. Inc. <b>Homer</b>	Freezer-locker plant. <sup>1</sup>
2. Claiborne Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Homer</b>	Markets cotton.
3. Claiborne Electric Coop. Inc. <b>Homer</b>	Builds transmission systems and supplies electric current to farms and rural establishments.
<sup>1</sup> Incorporated and in process of construction in 1944.	
<b>CONCORDIA PARISH</b>	
1. Concordia Mktg. Service, Inc. <b>Monterey</b>	Sells eggs, potatoes, cream; handles seed, feed and fertilizer.
2. Concordia Electric Coop. Inc. <b>Ferriday</b>	Builds transmission system and supplies electrical current to farms and rural establishments.
3. Concordia Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Ferriday</b>	
<b>DESOTO PARISH</b>	
1. DeSoto Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Mansfield</b>	Markets cotton and conducts health service.
<b>EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH</b>	
1. East Baton Rouge Parish Agricultural Coop. Inc. <b>Baton Rouge</b>	Feed, seed, fertilizer and farm supply store.
2. Dixie Electric Membership Corp. <b>Zachary</b>	Builds transmission system and furnishes electric current to farms and rural establishments.
3. Ascension and East Baton Rouge Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Baton Rouge</b>	Markets cotton and takes orders for fertilizer and seeds.

Table 2, Part 2. Louisiana: List of cooperative associations — Continued

<i>Name and office location</i>	<i>Nature of business</i>
<b>EAST CARROLL PARISH</b>	
1. Transylvania Coop. Gin Assn. Transylvania	Gins cotton. Sells cottonseed; handles grazing rights on levee.
2. Madison and East Carroll Gin Assn. Roosevelt	Gins cotton and sells cottonseed.
3. East Carroll Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Lake Providence	Markets cotton and handles orders for feeds, seeds and baby chicks.
<b>EAST FELICIANA PARISH</b>	
1. East Feliciana Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Clinton	Markets cotton and lespedeza seed. Takes orders for fertilizer and seed potatoes.
2. Ethel Mktg. Coop. Ethel	Markets eggs.
<b>EVANGELINE PARISH</b>	
1. Evangeline Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Ville Platte	Markets cotton, sweet potatoes and Irish potatoes.
<b>FRANKLIN PARISH</b>	
1. Farmers Cooperative Gin, Inc. Winnsboro	Gins cotton and markets cottonseed. Supplies hulls and meal to members during the ginning season.
2. Franklin Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Inc. Winnsboro	Markets cotton and takes orders for farm supplies.
3. Northeast La. Power Coop. Inc. Winnsboro	Builds transmission system and supplies electric current to farms and rural establishments.
<b>GRANT PARISH</b>	
1. Grant Parish Pur. and Mktg. Coop. Colfax	Markets cotton. Takes orders for feed, seeds and fertilizer.
<b>IBERIA PARISH</b>	
1. Iberia Sugar Coop. Inc. New Iberia	Sugarcane mill — sells raw sugar and molasses, dry soybeans, oats, etc.
2. Iberia Pur. and Mktg. Assn. New Iberia	Markets Irish potatoes and takes orders for seeds and fertilizers.
<b>IBERVILLE PARISH</b>	
1. St. Louis Sugar Coop. Inc. Plaquemine	Sugarcane mill — markets plantation granulated sugar and molasses.
2. White Castle Farmers Coop. White Castle	Markets shallots, Irish potatoes and other vegetables. Sells farm supplies of many kinds.
3. Iberville and West Baton Rouge Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Plaquemine	Inactive during 1944.
<b>JACKSON PARISH</b>	
1. Jackson Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Jonesboro	Markets cotton, potatoes and tomatoes. Takes orders for fertilizer and seeds.
<b>JEFFERSON PARISH</b>	
1. Jefferson Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Gretna	Packs oranges and handles insecticides.

Table 2, Part 2. Louisiana: List of cooperative associations — Continued

Name and office location	Nature of business
<b>JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH</b>	
1. American Rice Growers Coop. Assn. Welsh	Markets rice — handles sacks, twine, seed, rice and feed.
2. American Rice Growers Coop. Assn. Elton	Markets rice — handles bags, fertilizer, twine.
3. Jeff. Davis Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Jennings	Inactive during 1944.
<b>LAFAYETTE PARISH</b>	
1. Carencro Sweet Potato Coop. Inc. Carencro	Markets sweet potatoes .
2. Lafayette Dairymen Coop. Inc. Lafayette	Handles seed, feed, fertilizer and miscellaneous supplies.
3. Ossun Sweet Potato Coop. Inc. Ossun	New 1944. Organized to wash, grade, store, sell, and ship sweet potatoes for members.
4. Southwest La. Electric Membership Corp. Lafayette	Builds transmission system and furnishes electric current to farms and rural establishments.
5. Lafayette Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Lafayette	Markets sweet potatoes.
<b>LAFOURCHE PARISH</b>	
1. Lafourche Parish Pur. Assn. Thibodeaux	Markets cotton and vegetables. Takes orders for fertilizer, seeds, cans, jars, and baby chicks.
<b>LASALLE PARISH</b>	
1. LaSalle Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Jena	Operates cooperative store for farm supplies.
2. LaSalle Parish Cattlemen's Assn. Jena	Purchases feed.
<b>LINCOLN PARISH</b>	
1. Lincoln Mktg. Service Inc. Ruston	Frozen food locker plant. <sup>1</sup>
2. Lincoln Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Ruston	Markets cotton, potatoes, peanuts, watermelons and certified cotton-seed. Takes orders for farm supplies.
<sup>1</sup> In process of organization in 1944.	
<b>LIVINGSTON PARISH</b>	
1. First Hungarian Farmers. Albany	Markets strawberries, beans, cucumbers, eggplant and all truck crops. Has warehouse and handles fertilizer, seeds, insecticides and containers.
2. United Hungarian. Albany	Markets strawberries and all truck crops. Has warehouse and handles fertilizer, seeds, insecticides, and containers.
3. Ho'den Farmers Assn. Inc. Holden	Markets strawberries and all truck crops. Has warehouse and handles fertilizer, seeds, insecticides, and containers.
4. Springfield Farmer's Coop. Springfield	Markets strawberries and all truck crops. Has warehouse and handles fertilizer, seeds, insecticides, containers and farm machinery.
5. Doyle Community Service. Doyle	Cane mill, grist mill, and handles farm supplies. <sup>1</sup>
6. Livingston Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Denham Springs	Inactive during 1944.
<sup>1</sup> In process of organization in 1944 — waiting for power.	

Table 2, Part 2. Louisiana: List of cooperative associations — Continued

Name and office location	Nature of business
<b>MADISON PARISH</b>	
1. Mound Coop. Gin. <b>Mound</b>	Gins cotton and markets cottonseed.
2. Tallulah Coop. Gin. <b>Tallulah</b>	Gins cotton and markets cottonseed.
3. Madison Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Talulah</b>	Markets cotton.
<b>MOREHOUSE PARISH</b>	
1. Morehouse Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Bastrop</b>	Markets cotton.
<b>NATCHITOCHE PARISH</b>	
1. Natchitoches Mktg. Service <b>Natchitoches</b>	Freezing and locker plant — sells poultry and eggs.
2. Valley Electric Membership Coop. <b>Natchitoches</b>	Builds transmission lines and furnishes electric current to members.
3. Natchitoches Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Natchitoches</b>	Markets cotton.
<b>OUACHITA PARISH</b>	
1. Cooperative Dairies. <b>Monroe</b>	Transports milk from farms. Pasteurizes and wholesales market milk in containers.
2. Ouachita Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Monroe</b>	Markets cotton.
<b>PLAQUEMINES PARISH</b>	
1. Buras Citrus Growers Coop. <b>Buras</b>	Washes, grades, colors and packs citrus fruits. Handles boxes, crates and other packing material.
2. Orange Growers Coop. Assn. <b>Boothville</b>	Washes, grades, colors and packs citrus fruits.
3. Plaquemines Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Pointe-a-la-Hache</b>	Markets hides from fur bearing animals.
<b>POINTE COUPEE PARISH</b>	
1. Pointe Coupee Mktg. Service Inc. <b>New Roads</b>	Markets eggs.
2. Pointe Coupee Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>New Roads</b>	Has storage warehouse and sells seed potatoes, chicken feed, etc. Markets cotton and Irish potatoes.
3. Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Corp. <b>New Roads</b>	Builds transmission system and furnishes electric current to farms and rural establishments.
<b>RAPIDES PARISH</b>	
1. Central La. Farmers' Coop. <b>Market Alexandria</b>	Egg market, also watermelons and sweet potatoes.
2. Rapides Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Alexandria</b>	Markets cotton and Irish potatoes; takes orders for fertilizer.
<b>RED RIVER PARISH</b>	
1. Red River Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Coushatta</b>	Markets cotton and takes orders for seeds and fertilizers.
<b>RICHLAND PARISH</b>	
1. Richland Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Rayville</b>	Markets cotton.
<b>SABINE PARISH</b>	
1. Sabine Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Many</b>	Inactive during 1944.
<b>ST. BERNARD PARISH</b>	
1. St. Bernard Pur. and Mktg. Assn. <b>Arabi</b>	Inactive during 1944.

Table 2, Part 2. Louisiana: List of cooperative associations — Continued

<i>Name and office location</i>	<i>Nature of business</i>
<b>ST. CHARLES PARISH</b>	
1. Waterford Sugar Cooperative, Inc. Killona	Sugarcane mill, grinds cane, makes and markets sugar and molasses. Handles pea and bean seeds and fertilizer.
<b>ST. HELENA PARISH</b>	
1. St. Helena Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Greensburg	Orders taken for seeds.
<b>ST. JAMES PARISH</b>	
1. Helvetia Sugar Coop. Inc. Central	Sugarcane mill. Markets raw sugar and molasses. Handles fertilizer and hardware for accomodation of members.
<b>ST. JOHN PARISH</b>	
1. St. John, St. James and St. Charles Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Edgard	Markets potatoes and handles fertilizer.
<b>ST. LANDRY PARISH</b>	
1. Swords Cooperative Gin. Inc. Swords	Gins cotton and delivers cottonseed to cooperative oil mill at Washington. Handles cottonseed meal. Gin located at Swords.
2. St. Landry Soybean Coop. Inc. Washington	Oil compress. Sells cottonseed cake, soybean meal, and handles feeds.
3. Cooperative Paprika Mills Inc. Opelousas	Sells paprika (In process of organization in October 1944).
4. St. Landry Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Opelousas	Markets sweet potatoes and cotton.
<b>ST. MARTIN PARISH</b>	
1. Breaux Bridge Sugar Coop. Inc. Breaux Bridge	Sugarcane mill. Sells raw sugar and molasses.
2. St. Martin Pur. and Mktg. Assn. St. Martinville	Markets sweet potatoes.
<b>ST. MARY PARISH</b>	
1. Teche Electric Coop. Inc. Centerville	Constructs transmission lines and furnishes electric current to farms and rural establishments.
<b>ST. TAMMANY PARISH</b>	
1. Growers Cooperative Assn. Covington	Freezer locker plant. <sup>1</sup> Operates a peanut picker. Handles seeds.
2. Ozone Tung Oil Producers Assn. Covington	Crushes tung oil nuts and refines oil. Sold product to U. S. Government for past three years.
3. Southeast La. Wool Growers, Inc. Covington	Pools wool and sells at auction.
4. St. Tammany Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Covington	Markets Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, cotton, and beans. Handles farm supply orders.

<sup>1</sup>Under construction in 1944.

Table 2, Part 2. Louisiana: List of cooperative associations — Continued

*Name and office location*

*Nature of business*

**TANGIPAHOA PURISH**

1. Dairy Farmers Cooperative Assn.  
**Kentwood** Bargaining agency for producers selling milk in the New Orleans milkshed. Has warehouse and sells milk cans, lime, and seeds to members.
2. La. Strawberry Selling Agency  
Inc — Box 352. **Hammond** Sells strawberries at auctions. Ships vegetables mainly beans, cucumbers and green peppers.
3. Cash Growers Cooperative Assn.  
**Independence** Markets strawberries through broker who guarantees auction prices. Also sells sweet potatoes, green peppers and beans. Have their own precooling machine. Handles hampers, crates and fertilizer.
4. The Farmers Cooperative Assn.  
**Independence** Markets strawberries through auction. Also markets beans, peppers and cucumbers. Handles hampers, crates and fertilizer.
5. Square Deal Cooperative Assn.  
Inc. **Independence** Markets strawberries at auction. Precools berries. Handles hampers, crates, insecticides, and fertilizer.
6. Ponchatoula Farm Bureau Assn.  
Inc. **Ponchatoula** Markets strawberries, green beans, peppers, cucumbers, eggplant and squash. Handles seeds, fertilizers, containers and insecticides.
7. Ponchatoula Union Coop. Assn.  
**Ponchatoula** Markets strawberries, cucumbers, peppers and beans on fixed commission. Handles fertilizer containers, feeds and insecticides.
8. Tangipahoa Pur. and Mktg. Assn.  
**Amite** Markets cotton, potatoes and takes orders for fertilizer, cans, jars, pressure cookers and baby chicks.

**TENSAS PARISH**

1. Tensas Parish Pur. and Mktg.  
Assn. Inc. **St. Joseph** Markets cotton. Takes orders for seed and feed.

**TERREBONNE PARISH**

1. Magnolia Cooperative, Inc.  
**Minerva** Processes sugarcane into raw sugar and molasses and sells product.
2. General Farmers Exchange.  
**Houma** General farm supply store. Seeds, feeds, fertilizer, etc.
3. Terrebonne Certified Easter Lily  
Growers Assn. **Monteguet** Sells Easter Lily bulbs under name and brand (Organized in 1944)
4. Houma Pur. and Mktg. Assn.  
Box 308 **Houma** Takes orders for fertilizers, seeds, jars, cans and canning equipment.
5. South La. Electric Coop. Assn.  
**Houma** Builds distribution system and furnishes electric current to farms and rural establishments.

**UNION PARISH**

1. Union Marketing Service, Inc.  
**Farmerville** Markets poultry and eggs.
2. Union Parish Pur. and Mktg.  
Assn. **Farmerville** Markets sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, melons, and tomatoes. Takes orders for feed, seed and fertilizer.
3. Union Electric Refrigeration  
Coop. **Farmerville** Freezer and locker plant.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Incorporated during 1944 and not ready to operate in September 1944.

Table 2, Part 2. Louisiana: List of cooperative associations — Continued

<i>Name and office location</i>	<i>Nature of business</i>
<b>VERMILION PARISH</b>	
1. Vermillion Farmers Coop. Assn. Inc. Abbeville	Stores rice and operates general farm supply warehouse. Sells hardware, fertilizer, feed, belting, horse collars, etc.
2. Vermillion Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Abbeville	Handles orders for seed.
<b>VERNON PARISH</b>	
1. Vernon Parish Wool Growers Assn. Leesville	Operates wool marketing pool.
2. Pitkin Farmers Marketing Assn. Pitkin	Markets farm produce.
<b>WASHINGTON PARISH</b>	
1. Washington Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Franklinton	Sells feed, seed, fertilizer and salt from warehouse. Does custom feed grinding and mixes feed with molasses.
2. Washington Parish Colored Mktg. and Pur. Assn. Franklinton	Handles feed, seed, sweet potato plants.
3. Washington and St. Tammany Electric Coop. Inc. Franklinton	Builds distribution system and supplies electric current to farms and rural establishments.
<b>WEBSTER PARISH</b>	
1. Webster Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Minden	Markets cotton and handles fertilizer.
<b>WEST CARROLL PARISH</b>	
1. West Carroll Mktg. Service Inc. Oak Grove	Markets eggs, poultry, butterfat and Irish potatoes.
2. West Carroll Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Oak Grove	Markets cotton.
<b>WINN PARISH</b>	
1. Winn Parish Pur. and Mktg. Assn. Sikes	Markets tomatoes and potatoes.

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