



## Co-op in Saskatchewan

The Co-operative Retailing System (CRS), which is composed of Federated Co-operatives Limited and 200 retail co-operative businesses across Western Canada, has a significant economic impact in Saskatchewan.

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#### *Locally based businesses*

- Co-ops serve 253 communities in Saskatchewan.
- 422,000 Saskatchewan residents are members of local co-ops.
- Across all of these communities, there are:
  - 34 liquor outlets (33 franchise, 1 standalone; prior to November 2016)
  - 141 food stores
  - 54 home centres
  - 191 gas bars/convenience stores
  - 189 commercial cardlock facilities
  - 74 agro centres

#### *Major employer*

- 9,874 Co-op employees in Saskatchewan
  - 7,665 employees work at retail co-operatives
  - 2,119 work at Federated Co-operatives Limited
- \$500 million plus in benefits and salaries for Co-op employees in Saskatchewan during 2015

#### *Capital investments*

- Locally based co-ops have spent more than \$402 million in Saskatchewan on new facilities and upgrading or expanding existing facilities over the past five years.

#### *Shared profits*

- In recognition of their purchasing and support throughout the year, Saskatchewan co-ops have returned \$355 million back to their members over the last five years.

### Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL)

- FCL is a unique multi-billion dollar wholesaling, manufacturing, marketing and administrative co-operative owned by more than 200 autonomous retail co-operatives across Western Canada. Together FCL and those local retail co-operatives form the CRS.
- The CRS has a combined workforce of 24,500 employees that serve 1.8 million active individual members and many more non-member customers at 2,500 retail locations in more than 500 Western Canadian communities.
- FCL is the 56th largest company in Canada and the largest non-financial co-operative in Canada. It is listed by Saskatchewan Business Magazine as the largest business, by revenue, headquartered in Saskatchewan.

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