

AUCTIONS:

Multiple business models exist for auctions- cooperative, individual sales, for-profit organizations, etc. They are established to allow for consumers to purchase from local/ regional producers. The auction method offers a true supply and demand environment. Auctions can offer a variety of products depending on the organization and producers supply, many also offer choices like wholesale pricing.

COOPERATIVES

Typically in the shape of a grocery store, market, or distribution hub, cooperatives are collectively-owned by workers and/or customers. The goal of being cooperatively owned is to bring the highest quality and best value to members of the business. Many cooperatives offer education opportunities to members, high quality product, member decision making and control, and support for their local communities.

Public Input Sessions:

- Galena, IA: Looking to start sustainable maker space cooperative: contact: artbyrica@gmail.com

Interviews with topic:

Discussion from Main Street Farmers Market:

A few farmers are selling to the co-op as well- but only around 3 individuals- The type of farmers selling to the co-op are at a different capacity to be able to sell wholesale outside of market and are able to do both; some also are at wholesale level and don't need the farmers market; others are using the farmers market as their living --

Dubuque Cooperative:

Need for more growers --

Pork/ grassfed beef/ chicken

How to make that more of an incentive for growers- is it a subsidy program?

Tri-state area: prominent CSA growers- but needs to expand significantly-

They are providing fresh produce

Education: explaining the current diet of America and how much education we need to do

Need places for people to go to buy whole, nutrient dense food- and where can you do that in Dubuque?

The in-between market for fast-food and restaurant- healthy take-out?

Economy:

5TH SEASON COOPERATIVE

DUBUQUE COOPERATIVE

2050 members

Sells local, natural, and organic products

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