



Businesses Providing Direct Services to Production Agriculture

According to the Minnesota state law, entities which provide direct services to production agriculture in Minnesota are also eligible for membership in 40 Square! The 40 Square Board of Directors has defined this as businesses who receive a minimum of 25% of their income from providing direct services to production agriculture (as required by Minnesota State Statute). Please note this definition also includes farm corporations which file a Form 1120, such as S Corporations, C Corporations, and LLCs.

Below are examples of small businesses and professions, other than farming, which may qualify for 40 Square Cooperative Solutions and those who may not. The eligible business must derive a minimum of 25% of their income from providing services to production agriculture. These are not intended to be exhaustive lists.

Examples of businesses and professions which may qualify for membership:

- Livestock hauling
- Grain and feed trucking
- Drain tiling
- Hoof trimmers
- Agronomists
- Grain elevators
- Crop consulting
- Insurance agents
- Meat processors/Butchers
- Forestry or lumbering operations
- Fish hatcheries
- Equipment dealers
- Construction companies serving ag
- Apiculture (bee keeping)
- Agricultural equipment and truck dealers
- Large animal veterinarians
- Milk haulers
- Creameries
- Custom harvesters
- Custom applicators
- Mechanics of ag machinery/equipment, large trucks, etc.
- Manure haulers
- Seed dealers
- Agricultural cooperatives
- Food cooperatives
- Electric cooperatives
- Dairy cooperatives
- Horticultural nurseries/greenhouses
- Vineyards
- Solar Panel companies
- Auction companies serving ag

Examples of businesses and professions which would NOT likely qualify for membership:

- Hardware stores
- Residential Landscapers
- Small animal veterinarians

We frequently receive questions asking if certain businesses may be eligible. Please contact us at 844-205-9579 or info@40Square.coop