

Food Hub Participant Categories

Agricultural Producer Members (Members)

Requirements:

- Annual Membership Fee: \$200.00
- One-time Purchase of Common Stock: \$100.00
- Margin: 23%

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Agricultural Producer Members (Members) are persons, or associations, who raise produce (fruit, vegetables, and herbs) and care for, cultivate, and harvest the crops offered for sale through the Southwest Washington Food Hub (SWWA Food Hub). Beekeepers, growers of animals, egg farmers, and fish and shellfish growers are also considered in this category of membership. Agricultural Producer Members (Members), having purchased one share of Common Stock, are entitled to one vote in the Cooperative's decisions.

Agricultural Producer Members (Members) may also sell processed food items made from products that they have raised, cared for, cultivated and harvested, whether or not these products are offered unprocessed (raw). All processed food items sold by Agricultural Producer Members must be processed from products grown by the Agricultural Producer Member. A **'substantial portion of the cost'** of each processed product must be derived from ingredients produced by the member. This may also include Agricultural Producer Members who raise the basic ingredients of a product and send the products out for fundamental processing; provided that the product is labeled with the producer's name and a **'substantial portion of the cost'** of each product is derived from ingredients produced by the member. Each individual product must meet all applicable state, county, local, and any other legal requirements and must be approved by the Food Hub Committee before being offered for sale.

Non-Member Vendors

Requirements:

- Annual Membership Fee: \$350.00
- Margin: 33%

Processors

Processors are persons, or associations, who offer for sale, processed food products such as meat, fish, baked goods, or confections, that they have created from raw ingredients. Processors must meet all applicable state, county, local, and any other legal requirements. All applicable permits and licenses must be provided to the SWWA Food Hub and kept current.

Processors are strongly encouraged to use ingredients produced by Food Hub Members, unless these ingredients are not available in the quantity, form, or quality necessary to produce the product or products offered for sale through the Food Hub. Processed items using Food Hub ingredients will be given preference during the application process.

The Food Hub Committee will review non-member vendor applications and samples, and determine the acceptance of any Processors. The Food Hub Committee must approve each individual product before it is offered for sale through the Food Hub.

Processors who are not agricultural producers are not eligible to become members of the Cooperative, may not purchase Common Stock, and therefore are not entitled to a vote in the decisions of the Cooperative.

*What of member vendors who also process ingredients (or a portion) they do not produce.