



YFC Overview

Our Vision and Mission

VISION

To be a sustainable and reproducible model for community service based self-sufficient food accessibility systems within the Cascadia Bio-region.

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Yelm Food Cooperative has and will continue to:

Operate as a natural and organic food sales and distribution outlet, providing knowledge about, as well as access to, foods not available through corporate food distribution channels.

Why is it important to be a Member of YFC?

Yelm Food Cooperative is all about community - participating together, learning together, and giving together. It's about helping create a vibrant state of health for everyone by providing ways to obtain clean, wholesome, and natural foods.

Buying goods from local suppliers in community run stores keeps local dollars within the Yelm community. This provides a basis for a healthy economy, while bringing people together in order to build strong relationships for the present and the future.

If you support these ideas, then build the momentum by joining us!

What is a Cooperative?

Cooperatives endeavor to follow the Principles of Cooperation which were first drafted in Rochdale, England in 1844. The updated wording of the principles is as follows:

- 1) Voluntary Membership
- 2) Democratic Member Control
- 3) Member Economic Participation

- 4) Autonomy and Independence
- 5) Education, Training, and Information
- 6) Cooperation among Cooperatives
- 7) Concern for Community

Yelm Food Cooperative is a consumer cooperative that strives to uphold the principles above while providing the Yelm and Thurston County communities with healthy food choices.

We also support local farmers and businesses in order to improve sustainable living.

We have been operating as a retail store since April 27th, 2007.