

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

ORIGINAL

(COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we Herman B. Harrington, .....  
Alton M. Bassett, Perry H. Potter, Carl C. Bruhn, Ellis B. Bennis, .....

all of lawful age and engaged in the production of agricultural  
products, hereby agree to and with each other:

FIRST. To associate ourselves together with the intention of  
forming a corporation under and by virtue of the powers conferred by  
Chapter <sup>117</sup> ~~1202~~ <sup>GENERAL</sup> of the Public Laws of Rhode Island, 19~~88~~, ~~as amended~~

SECOND. Said corporation shall be known by the name of .....  
.....Foster Milk Cooperative Incorporated.....

THIRD. Said corporation is formed for the purpose of .....  
..... a) To provide and maintain a transportation Service for milk  
..... from the farms of the members to market, and  
..... b) To rent, buy, build, own, sell and control such buildings  
..... equipment, and other real and personal property as may be needed  
..... in the conduct of its operations in order to improve the business  
..... situation for its members, and to better all conditions affecting  
..... the production and marketing of the products of its members

In addition to the foregoing, said corporation shall have the following powers and authority, viz:- (See Sec. 5, Chapter <sup>117</sup> ~~1308~~ of the ~~Public~~ <sup>GENERAL</sup> Laws, 19~~38~~<sup>7</sup>)

- (a) To have perpetual succession in its corporate name unless a period for its duration is limited in its articles of association.
- (b) To sue and be sued in its corporate name.
- (c) To have and use a common seal and alter the same at pleasure.
- (d) To elect such officers and appoint such agents as its business requires and to fix their compensation and define their duties.
- (e) To issue shares of capital stock or certificates of membership to its members, and to transfer, retire or cancel the same, as authorized by law, or by the articles of association or by-laws adopted in conformity with law.
- (f) To buy, lease or hold any real or personal property necessary or convenient for the conduct and operation of the business or incidental thereto.
- (g) To enter into contracts with its members for periods not over ten years requiring them to sell or market all or a specified part of their products to or through the association.
- (h) To employ any lawful means or methods for financing its transactions or operations.
- (i) To borrow money and to make advance payments and other advances to members.
- (j) To act as agent or representative of any member or members in carrying out of the objects of the association.
- (k) To receive and employ warehouse receipts or other written instruments covering products of members stored on farms or elsewhere under suitable conditions issued or executed by any warehouseman, warehousing association, or other entity, which products may or may not have been inspected by inspectors licensed or authorized to inspect, sample, classify, grade or weigh agricultural products under state or federal laws and which warehouse receipts or other written instruments may or may not be accompanied by the certificate or certificates issued by such inspectors on such products.
- (l) To form or become a member or stockholder of other non-profit association of producers, and to admit to membership or to sell stock to, other non-profit associations of producers.
- (m) To adopt by-laws consistent with law providing for any matter or thing relative to the control, operation, maintenance, management, regulation, government, financing, indebtedness, the establishment of voting districts and the election of delegates for representative purposes, membership, the termination thereof, stock if formed with capital stock, its issuance retirement, purchase or transfer, or with respect to members, directors or officers and any other by-laws pertaining to its affairs.
- (n) To do each and everything necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any one or more of the purposes or the attainment of any one or more of the objects herein enumerated or the objects or purposes for which formed and to contract and act accordingly.



(Further provisions not inconsistent with law)

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and stated our residences this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1939..

NAME	RESIDENCE
.. Herman B. Harrington .....	.. Foster R.D. .....
.. Alta M. Barrett .....	.. Foster R.D. .....
.. Perry H. Potter .....	.. Foster R.D. .....
.. Carl C. Benson .....	.. Foster Center .....
.. Ellis B. Bennis .....	.. Foster R.D. .....

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, ) City )  
County of Prov. ) In the ) of Foster R.D.  
Town )

in said county this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1939..

then personally appeared before me Herman B. Harrington.....

.. Alta M. Barrett, Perry H. Potter, Carl C. Benson and  
.. Ellis B. Bennis .....

each and all known to me and known by me to be the parties executing the foregoing instrument, and they severally acknowledged said instrument by them subscribed to be their free act and deed.

Jane ...  
Notary Public Justice of the Peace



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

A 8934 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL TREASURER

Providence, October 24, 1939

I Hereby Certify That Foster Milk Cooperative Incorporated

has paid into the State Treasury a fee of Five Dollars for Incorporation

in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 248, General Laws, and all acts in amendment thereof.

\$ 5.00

Thomas P. Hazard  
General Treasurer

Foster Milk Cooperative  
Incorporated.

\$5.00

FILED . OCT 24 1939

COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

**ORIGINAL**

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION . . .

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*Cooperative*.....  
*Incorporated*.....

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..... *Oct 24 1933* .. 19....