

Types of Cooperatives

The two major types of Cooperatives are:

- (i) Agricultural Cooperatives and
- (ii) Non-agricultural Cooperatives.

Agricultural Cooperatives

Specifically organized to cater for agricultural sector needs. Agricultural cooperatives can be found in consumption, production, marketing and credit.


Forms of Agricultural Cooperatives

- (i) Agricultural Producer Cooperatives
- (ii) Agricultural Produce Marketing Cooperatives
- (iii) Agricultural Thrift and Credit Cooperatives
- (iv) Agricultural Consumer Cooperatives
- (v) Multipurpose Cooperative Societies

Non- Agricultural Cooperatives

Exist among craftsmen , artisans , small business concerns, civil servants. Developed in the areas of services, supply of goods and credit.

Based on **functions** and **activities**

- 1. Agricultural Cooperatives
- 2. Service Cooperatives 
- 3. Consumer Cooperatives
- 4. Industrial Cooperatives
- 5. Multipurpose cooperatives

Note: No. 2 -5 are non Agricultural Cooperatives.