

## Member Profile

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## About the co-operative retailing system

A network of 250 autonomous retail co-operatives serve more than 500 communities across Western Canada. Collectively they own Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL), their wholesale organization. There are 147 retail (consumer) co-operatives operating in approximately 225 communities across Saskatchewan. FCL's sales in 2010 were \$7.1 billion. Net savings were \$498 million. (NOTE: in a co-operative, net income is called net savings.)

In Saskatchewan, FCL has its head office in Saskatoon; regional offices in Saskatoon and Regina; a distribution centre in Saskatoon; feed plants in Saskatoon, Melfort, and Moosomin, ten propane distribution centres; and a refinery in Regina, Consumers' Co-operative Refineries Limited.

## How Members Benefit

Co-operatives return equity and make patronage refunds to members to re-invest in their community. The amount of the refund is based on each member's purchases from FCL during the year. The refund is paid partly in equity and partly in cash. In 2010, the patronage refund to members was \$355.7 million. Of this, \$286.4 million was paid in cash. Over the last ten years, FCL has returned more than \$2.7 billion in cash to its members.

## Jobs

Retail co-operatives employ approximately 5,700 people in Saskatchewan.

## Did You Know?

For the last number of years, FCL has been ranked #1 or #2 on Saskatchewan Business Magazine's Top 100 Businesses list. FCL and a number of retail co-ops are also included on the Star Phoenix/Leader Post list of Top 100 Saskatchewan Businesses each year.

For more information, visit [www.coopconnection.ca](http://www.coopconnection.ca).

## Fast Facts for Saskatchewan

• Retail co-operatives	147
• Communities served	225
• Employees	5,700
• Number of members served	363,000
• Annual revenue	\$ 2.2 billion
• Assets	\$ 1.1 billion