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**Producer Contact Information**

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1. Producer Name

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2. Business Name

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3. Business Address, City, State, Zip, & County

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4. E-mail & Website Address

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5. Business Phone Number (B), Cell Number (C), & Fax Number (F)

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**Welcome!**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a producer member of the Purple Porch Cooperative. The Co-op seeks to provide an online marketplace for small-scale producers located within 60 miles of South Bend, Indiana, who are committed to sustainable business practices that demonstrate good stewardship of the environment. Transparency of business practices is of primary importance to the Co-op; therefore the following questions are intended to help the Producer Relations Committee understand all aspects of your business. Should you be approved as a producer-member, these answers will be incorporated into the online marketplace so that Co-op members can make informed choices about the products they are purchasing. We will contact you within 4 weeks to let you know if your application has been approved.

**All applicants must answer the first section of the questionnaire. Please answer the other sections as they apply to the products you intend to sell through the Co-op. You are welcome to attach a separate document with your responses if you prefer.**



## Producer Questionnaire

### **I. Background & Products**

1. Please describe your business, including when it was founded, how many people it employs, the range of products you produce, and how your business has changed over time. If you farm, what is the size of the area under cultivation or pasture? What is your business philosophy, i.e. what are your guiding values?









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### **III. Products Grown/Collected (Includes fruits and vegetables, herbs, spices, seeds, plants, mushrooms, honey, flowers, maple syrup, nuts, sweet sorghum, unpopped popcorn, & whole or ground grains)**

1. Describe your pest and disease management system. Do you use synthetic pesticides and herbicides? Please list all pesticides or herbicides used, synthetic or organic.

2. Describe your water usage practices. If you irrigate, describe how: deep well, surface water, etc. Explain how you conserve water or use best management practices. Describe how you are protecting your water source from contamination and erosion.







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I affirm that all statements in this application are true, correct and complete. I have given a truthful representation of my operation, practices, and origin of products. I understand that if questions arise about my operation, a Co-op representative may ask for more information and may visit my farm or business before approving my application. I have read all of the Co-op's producer guidelines and fully understand and am willing to comply with them.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Application Checklist**

- Producer Questionnaire
- Copies of all relevant licenses and certificates
- Membership Application & Fee (if you choose to shop through the Co-op)