

## Become a Member

When you purchase two shares at \$10.00 each, for a total cost of \$20.00, you become a member of EEFC. Joint memberships are also available.

At the end of every fiscal year, the Board of Directors decides how the profit earned by the Co-op will be distributed. Among the choices that can be made, profit may be:

- reinvested in the store
- returned to members as a patronage rebate
- returned to members as a discount on in-store purchases
- applied towards the purchase of more shares to be added to your Co-op share account
- or some combination of a number of the above options.

### As a member, you

- Have a voice in how the Co-op operates
- Can vote for candidates (or become a candidate) for the Board of Directors
- Are encouraged to join committees and participate in meetings
- Can place a special order of a product you want at a discount price
- Can request a product you would like to see the store carry
- Qualify for a 3% discount on store purchases.

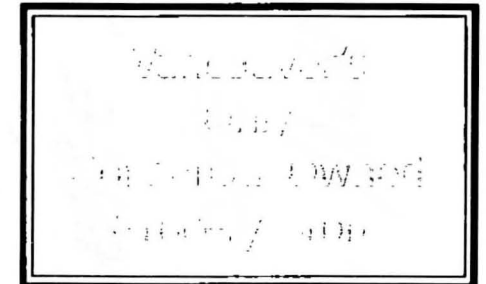
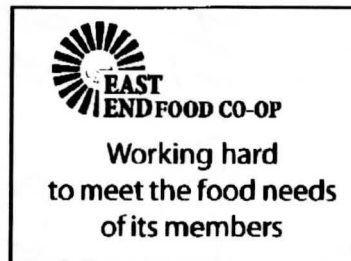
## The World of Co-ops

Co-ops are an international phenomenon with a long history and a rich tradition of sharing resources and ideas.

Co-ops are about people working together to meet their own needs, whether it be a worker-owned or a consumer co-op.

The International Co-op Alliance recently reaffirmed its *Statement on the Co-operative Identity*. The first six principles were developed hundreds of years ago in Rochdale, England by what is thought by many to be the first co-operative.

1. Voluntary and open membership
2. Democratic member control:  
One vote per member
3. Member economic participation
4. Autonomy and independence
5. Education, training and information
6. Co-operation among co-operatives
7. Concern for community



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