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### **Good harvest: the added value of co-operation in agriculture**

**Barrie, November 12<sup>th</sup> 2012** – As the end of the International Year of Co-operatives is approaching, the Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario (CCO) is proud to implement a prominent project. Soon after the Congrès de la coopération – Toronto 2012 held at the end of September, the CCO is following through with its project “Good harvest: the added-value of co-operation in agriculture”. This project consists of series of workshops given across the province on the importance of co-ops in farm succession planning and farming operations and is a unique sharing and learning opportunity. This being said, four Northern communities have already hosted these workshops: Moonbeam, Val-Caron, Hearst and New Liskeard. During these events, new co-operative development projects were identified. Stay tuned!

Within the next couple weeks, the CCO will be giving these presentations in ten municipalities. In the Eastern region, they will be offered in Pembroke, Vankleek Hill and Alfred. Down in the Centre and South-Western region, the CCO will be visiting Perkinsfield, Whitby, St-Catharines and Bracebridge. Last but not least, additionally to the four regions already visited in the North, the organization will go to Sudbury, North Bay and Manitoulin Island. These co-operative workshops will be held on a half-day and will have a particular focus on the contribution of the co-operative model with respect to issues of rural and regional development. Specific information such as specific dates and locations of these workshops will be gradually posted in our social networks and on our website ([www.cco.coop](http://www.cco.coop)).

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