

Classification and Structure of Cooperatives in Institutional Coordinates Ukraine

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Research Methodology: By means of a systematic approach original classification of cooperatives is created, by means of economic and statistical methods their role as institutional units of the economy is evaluated.

Results: The following features of cooperatives classification are substantiated: service area, membership type, type of the cooperative members, the main function or type of economic activity, sectoral and functional features (for serving agricultural cooperatives), adherence to the principles of cooperation. The analysis of the composition and structure of cooperatives by reducing the number of economic entities allowed to arrange them in the following order: farms, service cooperatives, consumer societies and their unions, agricultural cooperatives, credit unions and others.

Novelty: Proposed by author classification, unlike the existing ones, takes into account formal and informal institutions of cooperatives functioning in Ukraine. It is fully based on legal norms, which include cooperative legislation. Description of informal institutions can explain the presence of pseudo-cooperative forms and identify measures to face them.

Practical Significance: Prospectivity of future development of agricultural service cooperatives, which, unlike manufacturing, is a special type of corporate (integrated) type recognized by developed countries and significant in the agricultural sector of Ukraine.