

Transitions and Economic Performance of Agricultural Cooperatives in Brazil

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Summary

In contemporary times, international organizations are focusing on the function of agricultural cooperatives in alleviating poverty in rural communities in developing economies. This is apparent in the case of Brazil, a leading agricultural country in the world.

Brazilian agricultural cooperatives encountered many difficulties during the debt crisis and hyperinflation from the 1980s to the mid-1990s, but cooperatives overcame these challenges, even expanding the nation's exports.

Minimal literature exists on the recent economic performance of Brazilian agricultural cooperative; therefore, this article investigates the history and economic performance of Brazilian cooperatives to identify the potential factor of sustainable management for nations involved in capital-intensive agriculture, using statistical data and the result of interview survey.

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