

The Employee Ownership 100: America's Largest Majority Employee-Owned Companies - October 2021

EXCERPT:

“To be on the list, companies must be at least 50% owned by an ESOP or other qualified plan or by one or more other kinds of plans in which at least 50% of full-time employees are eligible to participate. Employment includes all full- and part-time employees in the US and worldwide. In 2021, the top 100 employee-owned companies **employed more than 631,000 people**. Data is collected from direct correspondence with companies, corporate websites, or, if these are not available, the most recent public data available. Companies marked with an asterisk are 100% employee-owned”. (Emphasis added)

<https://www.nceo.org/articles/employee-ownership-100>

Directory of Closed-Membership Producer Cooperatives: New Generation Cooperatives and Limited Liability Companies in the United States and Canada

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“In the face of this general trend, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of so-called New Generation Cooperatives (NGCs) and related closed-membership cooperative enterprises such as Limited Liability Companies (LLCs). Instead of remaining content to export commodities unprocessed out of their communities, many farmers are investing in NGCs and LLCs to process their commodities locally (Patrie 1998). This strategy to invest in an NGC or LLC has the potential to increase on-farm incomes while creating local nonfarm jobs (Leistriz and Sell 2001; Merrett and Walzer 2003). A measure of the success and popularity of NGCs/LLCs is their increase from fewer than a dozen NGCs in the early 1980s to an estimated **457 operational NGCs or LLCs in 2006**.” (Emphasis added)

<http://www.iira.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Directory-of-Closed-Membership-Producer-Cooperatives.pdf>