

# COOP NEWS SCENARIOS

## TOOL



The Cooperative News Scenarios are simple descriptions of a problem or situation to which myriad cooperative solutions could be applied. Provided here are two sample scenarios - one using a real agricultural worker cooperative called the Hoedads ([hoedadsonline.com](http://hoedadsonline.com)) as inspiration and one using a fantastical premise with a community of kittens and unicorns. You can cut out or copy these for use in your group or develop your own.

If creating your own scenarios, keep in mind that they should be no more than 200 words, concise and simple, but not "too easy" (i.e. prescriptive).

### REFORESTATION

You are a seasonal fieldworker forced to move to different farms and areas according to the plantings and harvesting cycles. Each time you transition to a new farm, there is a considerable amount of paperwork and other administrative tasks that have to be done before the landowner can allow you to start work and be paid as an employee. Sometimes you will arrive for work, and the farmer will not have any work left for you to do. Landowners will often take advantage of mobile workers' needs for an income by offering a less than fair wage. Finding and securing work as an individual worker is continually tough and inefficient - as a result, your income is unstable and you are unable to easily arrange for a visit from your family as you are never sure where you may be one month to the next. Most seasonal fieldworkers experience the same challenges.

### CLOUDFOREST

You are a group of cuddly kitten friends who live in Cloudforest, land mostly populated by unicorns. Kittens and unicorns came to live together in Cloudforest because they were both run out of their previous home regions in the last Goblin Raids - the unicorns came to the Cloudforest 44 years before the kittens arrived and used magic to develop their homes, roads, etc. While kittens have now lived in Cloudforest for 11 years, the town is still mostly developed to suit and serve unicorns - i.e. eating tables are troughs anywhere from three to five feet from the ground, grocery stores sell mostly unicorn staples (marshmallows, carrots, tins of buttercream icing). Kittens are unable to build their own infrastructure, as they do not have opposable thumbs and their special kind of magic doesn't work to build things (unlike the unicorn magic). While kittens have many other skills and assets, the situation for kittens in Cloudforest remains poor.