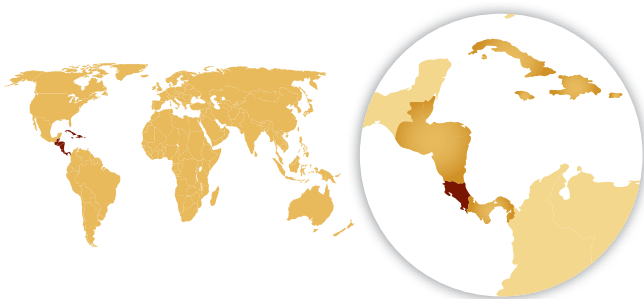


CoopeAgri R.L.

Costa Rica



NAME	Cooperativa Economica Agraria
FOUNDED	1962, Fair Trade certified since 2008
LOCATION	Cantón San isidro de Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica
ENTITY	Cooperative (8,800 members)
PRODUCTS	Coffee
CERTIFICATES	Organic, Fair Trade
PARTNER SINCE	2000

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General

CoopeAgri is a socially and market-focused organisation that has the objective of supporting its members in the improvement of their quality of life. Better growing conditions, targeted training programmes and improved tools have led to significantly higher yields. At the outset 12,000 fanegas (1 fanega = 55 kg) of coffee were produced; this has risen to a proud 250,000 fanegas today.

Respect for nature is also shown. Reforestation, natural regeneration, the protection of natural water sources as well as a controlled trade in timber are intended to maintain the natural beauty of the region and thereby create additional potential.

Integration of women

The integration of women is also of central importance for the CoopeAgri. A committee in existence since 1983 has been tasked with fostering the development of the family and, in particular, women at an individual and social level. The active role of women as daughters, mothers, partners, members of cooperatives, producers, delegates and directors of political institutions is becoming increasingly stronger.