

How to set up a Fruit/ Veg Co-op:

Gather 6 to 8 households by word of mouth or a bulletin announcement and decide how often you want to shop as a group, who will do the pick up and sorting of produce and how much on average the households would like to spend. Contact Vernons or another wholesaler and ask them to email the point person a price list weekly. From this, a shopping list can be constructed. Vernons is open from 3:00am-noon Mon-Friday. They accept cash or checks. Vernons has a person working the desk as you walk into the warehouse. Present your list to him. He will ask the staff to pull and load the produce into your vehicle. When you have double checked the produce loaded matches your list, the cashier then will accept your payment in the office. Writing a check for the total and asking the individuals to pay cash when they pick up their produce from a designated location has worked



**well. Cash then can be deposited that same day,
to cover the check written.**

**If the same person does the route each time,
others typically contribute a carrying fee toward
their time and gas.**

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