

Cooler / Refrigeration Use

NESFP has a cooler at Richardson's Dairy in Dracut, MA. The cooler is for the World Peas Marketing Cooperative and co-op members. If you are not a co-op member, you can use the cooler after you pay a use fee. The fee helps to pay for electricity and maintenance.

Cooler Use Rates: If you are not a co-op member, you pay \$ 125 for the season (due July 1). The marketing cooperative will store crops you sell through World Peas for no charge. The \$125 fee is charged if you want to store crops for your personal markets, even if you are a co-op member.

Eligibility:

- Be an active farmer with NESFP
- Pay annual fee up front
- Short training on cooler management

Cooler Use Guidelines: Since we will all share one cooler, we must manage it carefully.

- Use storage boxes and mark **each box** as follows:
 - o Your Name
 - o Crop / Product
 - o Where grown (ex. Smith Farm, White Gate Farm)
 - o Date of harvest and when put in the cooler
- Produce not labeled will be thrown away.**
- Keep all your boxes together, and stack them neatly to save room.
 - Load and unload quickly and keep the doors closed.
 - Keep the cooler on if other produce is stored inside; turn it off if empty.
 - Keep the cooler clean – sweep/wipe floor if dirty.
 - Remove all vegetables within 7 days of harvest or sooner if spoiled.

If you do not follow the guidelines, you may lose cooler use after one warning.