

## OUR PROMISE

### We only carry products:

- Free of artificial colorings, flavorings, sweeteners, preservatives and additives
- Free of trans fat or artificial fat
- Free of bleached or bromated flours
- Free of nitrates or nitrites, antibiotics, and growth hormones
- Free of hydrogenated, partially hydrogenated or solvent extracted oils
- Free of high fructose corn syrup

## OUR FOCUS

### We will carry products that we believe inspire healthy choices. This includes:

- Certified organic and Biodynamic products
- Local and regional products with emphasis on those produced using organic processes and methods
- Certified Fair Trade products
- Certified humane products
- Certified non GMO project and other products identified as non GMO
- Whole and minimally processed products
- Products that are minimally packaged or in recyclable and returnable containers
- Products that have not been irradiated
- Products that are not tested on animals
- Products that do not exploit people, or the environment

**We will label** all produce and fresh products produced using conventional methods.

**We will label** all products that we know contain or likely contain GMOs until labeling laws require GMO ingredients to be identified.

**We will continue** to label all products that we know are free of GMOs.

**We will remain transparent** in the labeling of all products to assist our customers in making informed buying choices.

# Grain Train

## PETOSKEY • BOYNE CITY

LOCATIONS AT:

220 E. Mitchell St. • Petoskey, MI 49770 • (231) 347-2381

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[www.graintrain.coop](http://www.graintrain.coop)



## Become an owner of our area's only community-owned markets

### BENEFITS OF OWNERSHIP

10% discount once per month on day of your choice

Potential for patronage rebate once your ownership is paid in full

Member-only offers and money-saving coupons

Help determine the future of your co-op:

-Vote for the board of directors

-Run for a position on the board of directors

### EASY PAYMENT STRUCTURE

Benefits begin with your first payment and you only need to join once. Your owner investment is \$210 total. Your first payment is \$35 (\$10 administrative fee and your first \$25 payment) and then \$25 every six months until paid off. Or pay the entire \$210 at one time and receive a \$10 gift card.

*\*Your equity belongs to you and if you no longer wish to be an owner, your investment can be refunded (less the \$10 administrative fee) at any time.*

**A Statement of Rights and  
Restrictions on Membership in the  
Grain Train Natural Foods Cooperative**

**Grain Train**  
NATURAL FOODS MARKETS

**OWNER APPLICATION**

The Bylaws of the Grain Train Natural Foods Cooperative are available for review on the Grain Train website at [graintrain.coop](http://graintrain.coop).

Per Michigan law, and prior to becoming a member, the Grain Train is required to advise each prospective member of the following rights and restrictions on membership and member equity. Please review and check the box at the bottom of the owner application to signify your understanding.

1. The Grain Train Natural Foods Cooperative is subject to the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, as amended (P.A. 162 of 1982; M.C.L.A. 450.2101 et seq.). The Grain Train is organized under the Consumer Cooperative Act, which is Chapter 11 of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, as amended.
2. The purpose of membership in the Grain Train Natural Foods Cooperative is to assure access to the goods, services, and facilities of the cooperative, not to gain profit.
3. Members are entitled to receive notice of and to attend special meetings and vote on issues put before the membership.
4. Membership in the Grain Train Natural Foods Cooperative is open to all regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability. A requirement of membership is payment of member equity in an amount determined by the Board of Directors.
5. Membership in the Grain Train Natural Foods Cooperative may be terminated by death, resignation, failure to pay member capital, or decision of the Board of Directors. Upon termination of membership, member equity can be redeemed within 5 years.
6. A member's membership and the member capital paid by a member is not transferable.
7. Members have the right to call special meetings and cause referenda on issues of concern to them. Members also have the right to receive annual reports and to secure other material information concerning the cooperative.

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Name (legal member of record)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

I agree to purchase a full share in the Grain Train Natural Foods Cooperative and assume the rights, privileges and responsibilities as specified in the co-op bylaws.

I certify that I am at least 18 years of age.

I agree that only persons living in my household will use this membership.

I understand that the "Legal Member of Record" is the person to whom all official co-op mailings are addressed, who is the official voting member in all co-op elections, and who receives any and all monies potentially disbursed, including patronage rebates and refund of equity.

I understand that if I am delinquent with payment I will be notified. If I do not bring my account current within 30 days my benefits will be suspended until payment is made.

I understand that while equity is generally refundable, the Board retains the right to withhold refunds when necessary to protect the financial well-being of the co-op.

**I have read and understand the rights and restrictions on membership in the Grain Train Natural Foods Cooperative.**

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Signature (Legal Member of Record)

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Date