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Efficiency & Sustainability is Not for the Birds

It's a lot, producing a single egg.

In early 2022, when the Avian flu spread across the United States at a rapid pace, Pete & Gerry's made a business decision: they went from housing birds in their Monroe location to transforming into a campus focused solely on refrigerated storage alongside their processing facility. Recommitting to their family farm partnership model, Pete & Gerry's chickens left the roost and the eggs now have another place to call home.

The decision was made to remove the Monroe "egg layers," a small portion of the business, "to be able to protect this processing plant's operational integrity. If our birds contracted that disease, it would have affected how or when we could process again at the plant," said Brandon Moyses, the Director of Plant Operations at Pete & Gerry's, who started on the packing line straight out of high school in 2012 and has since risen the ranks to run the Monroe operation which employs about 100 people.

Changing the operational focus of the location was a major undertaking and as always, New Hampshire Electric Co-op was there to help.

Moyses said that he began working with the Co-op when he reached out for a new service to be added for the barns.

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our operations work more efficiently and from there, we had a great outcome," he said. "We're always looking for options for continuous improvement and moving towards more sustainable operations is an overarching goal for the company."

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"Pete & Gerry's cold storage project in Monroe – which qualified for \$100,000 incentives because of the substantial energy upgrades – will deliver significant energy efficiency benefits by reducing annual electricity consumption by approximately 101,420 kWh while lowering peak electrical demand by 65.8 kW," said Eric Sandberg, a commercial and industrial program administrator on the Co-op's Energy Solutions team. "These savings reduce operating costs, lessen strain on the electric grid during peak periods and improve the overall efficiency of egg storage operations."

The project wrapped in early June, finishing the last of the two barns powered with high efficiency 33W LED fixtures –

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VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT BID SALE

The Co-op is preparing to offer for bid, vehicles and equipment that are being retired from service. Co-op members, employees and retirees are able to submit bids. ⚡

For additional information, including an updated list of vehicles and equipment, see News & Events under the About tab at nhec.com.

2026 VIEWING DATES & TIMES

Tuesday, October 13, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Wednesday, October 14, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday, October 15, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

VIEWING LOCATION

Co-op Vehicle Maintenance Facility
533 Tenney Mountain Highway
Plymouth, NH

Member Solutions representatives cannot answer questions regarding the items. All questions about the equipment and vehicles will be answered during the viewing dates listed below.

BIDS DUE

**Friday,
October 23, 2026**

REMOVAL BY

**Friday,
November 6, 2026**

at the Co-op Vehicle Maintenance facility

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS

Payment will only be accepted in the form of a certified check. You will be called before November 1st only if you are the highest bidder. An appointment must be made to process the paperwork. NO calls will be made to other bidders.

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(Pete & Gerry's cont.)

replacing 20-year-old inefficient lights – high speed overhead doors, R-90 cellulose insulation in the ceiling and R-19 in the exterior walls – exceeding code given the nature of the work – the local operation includes a total of five converted barns and things are cranking. Monroe processes 1.2 to 1.4 million eggs a day and keeps several million in storage.

"A good testament to the energy efficiency we've experienced since is that when we turn all the units off in the cooler, we can maintain the temperature for a week without doing anything," Moyse said.

Still, he said, "It was a pleasant sight to go out on your lunch break and take a walk and hear the birds talking to each other. We all miss the chickens but are proud of the improvements we've built in this facility and know that our family farm partnership model offers the best care for the hens across the board."

Pete & Gerry's sells from Maine to California and the eggs come from more than 350 family farms, including throughout New England. ⚡

Are you a New Hampshire business looking to upgrade refrigeration, HVAC or lighting? The Co-op is here to help.

If you have any questions about new construction or retrofiting, please contact Eric Sandberg at sandberge@nhec.com or (603) 536-8307 to learn about your options.



Board Director Spotlight: Tom Mongeon



Tom Mongeon's childhood curiosity – sparked by Arkady Leokum's TELL ME WHY books and exploring everything around him – and his active volunteerism, beginning at age 18, underlie his call to serve on the Co-op Board of Directors, now having just begun his 11th year of service.

"You need to be curious. You need to ask questions," said Tom, who also has an extensive background working with non-profits. "Asking questions is how you fulfill your oversight and fiduciary responsibilities."

An engineer by trade who moved into business and executive management, Tom now consults and teaches grad school – a natural outgrowth of a life of asking questions and engaging community.

Commitment to the community is one significant benefit to the cooperative structure. "It is about getting involved and using your voice. Members can vote or think about applying and serving on the board," he said. "All of our emails are on the website. You can reach out to any or all of us. With investor-owned utilities, you don't vote for your board. You cannot contact individual directors directly."

In addition to the importance of representing the membership, being strategic and forward-looking are, in his view, equally essential qualities in a board member – particularly given the governance responsibilities of the role, the pace of change in the energy landscape, and the need for succession planning. There's also the bigger picture to navigate: rising transmission costs beyond the Co-op's control, working to keep members' overall costs down or reasonable while still making necessary investments in the Co-op's infrastructure, and continuing to grow the NH Broadband business.

Tom, a member who splits his time between Rumney and Hampton – the mountains and the ocean – said, "As a hiker and someone who loves the environment, I've brought all of that energy and momentum to serving on the board."

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Tom credits the work and efforts of this board, as well as the Co-op employees, all of whom strive to tackle matters on behalf of the members. ⚡

National Night Out



Community building was the name of the game at last month's National Night Out. The Co-op was pleased to take part in the festivities in Thornton. The free annual event, complete with food and ice cream, brought together residents, police and safety organizations across the Pemi-Baker Valley. In addition to one of our bucket trucks, the Co-op brought challenges like wearing large safety gloves and sleeves while trying to work with tiny tools. Naturally, we brought our ever-popular hard hats – ALWAYS a hit! Thank you to everyone who helped plan and participate in a memorable night of cooperative spirit.

