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The Agricultural Cooperative of Atsiki has been founded in 1936, due to personal voluntary work offered by the region's inhabitants. It is established in stone-built buildings covering 900m² of surface. After the cooperatives' merge all around the country this cooperative became independent at 2012 as an autonomous primary association. Its headquarters are installed at the center of the island and center of its activity, the homonymous village Atsikis, which lies in the most extended and most fertile valley of the island.

This Cooperative aims at the cooperation of its 107 members on a basis of equality in order to achieve economic, cultural and social development and using qualitative supplies for agricultural and livestock, serving the whole area with a weighing machine, promoting the animal and plant production. There exists an Information Office where an agronomist gives advice to farmers on proper development of landraces. It plays a leading role in the effort to redistribute the land in Atsikis, a work promoting the island's development. Also, it presents an important cultural activity as it offers local products having a particular taste, such as the Atsikis' cow pea landrace "Aspromytiko" (white noose) and the Limnos' Cyprus vetch landrace for puree 'Afkos'.

Though so many years have passed meantime and in spite of difficulties the Cooperative of Atsiki continues functioning due to the members who believe in cooperative ideology and in scientific development.