



Dear Patron,

We are pleased to announce that, effective April 1st, 2018, Genesis Cooperative Association will merge with Ag Partners Cooperative Association. From this date, the combined companies will conduct business together under the name Ag Partners Cooperative, with the main office located in Goodhue, MN.

A special meeting was held on December 19th, for the exclusive purpose of tabulating votes cast on the proposed Plan of Merger. The official election judges have certified the ballots and confirmed that the owners of Genesis have approved the motion of unification. Four ballot counters from the Genesis membership were appointed to tabulate the votes cast during the special meeting. There were 374 returned ballots of the 747 eligible ballots. In order for the motion to pass, 250 "yes" ballots were needed. The Genesis Cooperative members cast in favor of the unification, at 67% with 253 "yes" votes and 121 "no" which meets the state required two-thirds majority.

This is a merger of two successful companies with similar portfolios. They hold similar values and philosophy for doing business, and accomplishing excellent results for customers, with an emphasis on honesty, integrity and the importance of doing our best for our member owners. Though we will now operate as one company – Ag Partners Cooperative – you can still rely on the working relationships that you have had in the past.

We understand that this merger represents a change in our company name, but we want to ensure you that our services will not be negatively affected in any way, but rather, will only grow stronger through this merger.

Please note that our existing phone numbers will remain the same. Also, please continue to address inquiries and business transactions to your current sales and customer service representatives.

Our goal is to continue delivering high-quality products and services to our members in an efficient manner. To accomplish this, we will continue to provide similar offerings as in the past while simultaneously exploring opportunities to help enhance what is offered today.

We are grateful to you not only for giving us the opportunity to provide you with agricultural services but for your loyalty and trust. We are confident that our new affiliation will serve us all well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Griep". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Tim Griep, Genesis Cooperative Board President