

Aurora Cooperative Elevator Company Merges with Farmers Union Co-Operative Association of Kearney



Aurora, Nebraska – Aurora Cooperative Elevator Company, a Nebraska cooperative corporation (“Aurora Cooperative”) is pleased to announce the completion of its merger with Farmers Union Co-Operative Association of Kearney, Nebraska (“Farmers Union”). Effective September 2, 2025, this strategic merger unites two longstanding farmer-owned cooperatives, poised to create enhanced value and expanded service offerings for their members in the Kearney area.

The merger underscores Aurora Cooperative’s commitment to strengthening its position in the agricultural sector, ensuring the continuous delivery of top-quality products, services, and expertise. By combining resources, expertise, and market reach, the merged entity will offer broader access to innovative solutions in seed, fertilizer, crop protection, animal nutrition, energy products, and grain operations.

Chris Decker, CEO of Aurora Cooperative Elevator Company, expressed confidence in the merger. “We are bringing together two strong organizations with shared values and a dedication to supporting our member-owners. Our combined efforts will enable us to provide more comprehensive services and improved efficiencies that will benefit our farming communities in the Kearney area.”

Members of Farmers Union will benefit from Aurora Cooperative’s extensive network and service capabilities while contributing their local expertise and tradition of cooperative support. Collectively, the merger reinforces the cooperative principle of working together to achieve greater success than could be achieved independently.

Gary Kegley, President of the Board of Directors for Farmers Union shared his enthusiasm about the future. “Joining forces with Aurora Cooperative was the best option for us to continue to provide the services that our members need through significant investment to our existing facility that will allow us to build on the strengths of both organizations.”

The merger process, guided by the principles of transparency and member involvement, ensures that the interests of all stakeholders are maintained. Aurora Cooperative and Farmers Union will work collaboratively during the integration phase to assure a seamless transition and continued excellent services.