



Skyland Grain, LLC

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SKYLAND GRAIN, LLC AND UNITED PRAIRIE AG, LLC JOIN FORCES

JOHNSON, KS and ULYSSES, KS - Skyland Grain, LLC and United Prairie Ag, LLC (UPA) are excited to announce that the two companies will merge on September 1st, 2019, and operate as Skyland Grain, LLC. This pro-active unification of two successful, financially strong, producer focused companies will allow us to take advantage of opportunities to better serve our producers now and in the future.

Board Chairman for Skyland Co-op, Wade Tucker, believes that merging UPA and Skyland will help keep Skyland in a position to provide the assets and resources our producers need. "The merger of UPA into Skyland Grain is just another way we are connecting our producers to the service they deserve," says Tucker. "We are excited about the talented employees in each company working together to serve our producers and their needs."

David Cron, current CEO of Skyland Grain, will be the CEO of the combined company. Skyland will have their Corporate Office in Ulysses with Regional Administrative Offices in Johnson and Cunningham.

"I believe that this merger is happening at the right time," says Clifford Alexander, Cropland Co-op Board Chairman. "Both of these companies are good, financially strong institutions, making this a great opportunity for all of our producers."

The new Skyland Grain, LLC will have 87+ million bushels of storage capacity in 36 locations. Sales for the combined company will be in excess of \$400 million. Skyland will employ 250 dedicated employees with the addition of UPA.

For additional questions, please feel free to contact David Cron, or any member of the UPA or Skyland Grain Board of Directors. To learn more about Skyland Grain, visit our website www.skylandgrain.com or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

About United Prairie Ag

Headquartered in Ulysses, KS, United Prairie Ag (UPA), was formed in January 2006 and is a joint venture between Cropland Co-op Inc. and ADM Grain Company.

UPA is a full-service agriculture partner, offering grain operations, agronomy products and services, refined fuels and marketing expertise. UPA operates elevator facilities in nine communities, with a total of 30 million bushels of well-maintained storage capacity.

UPA is also the managing partner for Santa Fe Grain Terminal, a joint venture with Skyland Grain and ADM.

About Skyland Grain, LLC

Skyland Grain, LLC, with cooperative roots from 1915, is headquartered in Johnson, KS, and began operation August 1, 2004, with Johnson Cooperative Grain Co. and ADM Grain Company as the founding parent companies. On February 1, 2010, Syracuse Cooperative Exchange also became a part of the joint venture, followed by The Cairo Cooperative Equity Exchange on May 1, 2015. The three co-ops came together in 2017 to form Skyland Co-op, Inc.

Today, Skyland Grain, LLC operates grain receiving facilities at 27 locations across Kansas, Oklahoma, and Colorado. They have a total licensed grain storage capacity of over 56 plus million bushels.

Additionally, Skyland Grain has a full-service agronomy department that provides bulk liquid, dry, and anhydrous ammonia fertilizers, chemicals and seed, as well as custom application for fertilizer and chemicals.