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Grange Co-op and Farm Supply Company Announce Proposed Merger

Combined Cooperative to Expand Services Across Oregon and California

MEDFORD, OR — June 11, 2026 — Grange Co-op and Farm Supply Company today announced Board approval of a proposed Agreement and Plan of Merger that would create a 13-location cooperative spanning Southern Oregon through the Central California Coast, uniting two member-owned organizations with a combined 160-plus years of heritage and approximately 460 employees.

Grange Co-op has a successful history of growth through partnership. In 1966, Grange Co-op merged with Jackson County Co-op, and in 1996 expanded further through a merger with Josephine County Growers. Grange Co-op's board of directors unanimously recommended the merger.

Jerry May, Grange Co-op Board Chair, believes the two co-ops' similarities are a great fit for merger "Based on my experience, Farm Supply's culture, people, and operations strongly align with Grange Co-op, and I'm excited for this opportunity."

The proposed merger is expected to immediately and significantly increase purchasing power, offer broader product selection, and provide greater operational resilience through increased geographic and market diversification, benefits that flow directly to members.

"Farm Supply Company and Grange Co-op have earned trust for generations because of the way we care for our customers, employees, and communities. I see tremendous potential in what we can accomplish together," said Neil Itzen, CEO of Grange Co-op.

Michael Mendes, CEO of Farm Supply Company, stated "both cooperatives will gain the scale advantages of growth without taking on new debt, and this transaction is expected to be cashflow positive from day one. We're combining two organizations that share the same values, the same commitment to their communities, and the same belief in the cooperative model."

If approved, current Grange Co-op CEO, Neil Itzen, will serve as CEO of the combined organization. The merged co-op will operate under a unified governance model consisting of board members from each cooperative.

Member Vote and Next Steps

Grange Co-op is mailing ballots and merger details to voting Ag Members today. Pending member approval, the merger is expected to become effective October 1, 2026.



About Grange Co-op

Founded in 1934, Grange Co-op serves the needs of its members and the communities in which they live. With a focus on farm and ranch products, livestock feed, garden supplies, pet care needs, and apparel, Grange Co-op operates multiple retail locations, a feed mill, fertilizer plant, and is committed to providing trusted service and value.

For more information about Grange Co-op, visit GrangeCoop.com

About Farm Supply Company

Established in 1950, Farm Supply Company serves the farm, home, and ranch needs of California's Central Coast. With locations in Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Arroyo Grande, Santa Maria, and Buellton, the company offers a wide range of products, including irrigation, pet supplies, equine, livestock, lawn and garden.

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