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Changes to Rising and Fulls Grain Facilities for 2027

We have made the difficult decision to close our Rising grain elevator before next harvest and transition the Fulls location to exclusively handle Non-GMO soybeans for the 2027 harvest.

The costs associated with operating, staffing, and maintaining grain elevators continues to rise dramatically, it has become increasingly challenging to operate smaller, aging facilities in an economically sustainable manner. While these locations have served our patrons and communities well, we must continue to evaluate our operations to ensure Premier remains financially strong and competitive for the future.

As part of this transition, the Non-GMO soybean program, currently operating at Rising, will move to our Fulls facility for the 2027 harvest. During the 2027 harvest, Fulls will exclusively receive and handle Non-GMO soybeans only.

The decision to change operations at Fulls was equally difficult. Over the years, the volume at Fulls has declined as other locations have been a better option for many growers. The reality of the current elevator business is that it is increasingly difficult to operate lower volume facilities with limited market opportunities. By transitioning Fulls to a dedicated Non-GMO soybean facility, we believe we can better utilize the location while continuing to offer an important specialty grain marketing opportunity to our patrons.

These decisions were not made lightly. We recognize the history of these facilities, the relationships built over generations, and the importance they have to the farmers and communities they serve. However, as a farmer-owned cooperative, we have a responsibility to make decisions that protect the long-term financial health of Premier and position the cooperative to serve our members well into the future.

Premier remains committed to providing our patrons with competitive grain marketing opportunities, efficient grain handling, and dependable service throughout our network of facilities. We appreciate the loyalty and support of the growers who have utilized Rising and Fulls over the years. We will do everything we can to continue those relationships through our other Premier locations. If you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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