

The Council's office houses a permanent display of Cooperative Hall of Fame inductees. Below is a replica of Dale's plaque.



DALE JOHNSON

Inducted November 21, 2019

Dale Johnson began his cooperative career working part-time at Farmers Elevator in Daykin. After serving in the U.S. Army, Dale returned to Daykin until he became controller at Aurora Co-op Elevator Company in 1974. In 1977 he was named CEO of Farmers Cooperative Union (which later became Agland Co-op) in Oakland, a role he served in until 2003. In 2003, Dale was instrumental in the merger of Agland, Central Farmers, and Tri-Valley to form CVA. Dale served as COO of the newly formed CVA from 2003-2014.

When Dale was hired as CEO at Farmers Cooperative Union, sales were \$3.9 million with 10 employees. At the time of his retirement from CVA, sales were \$1.36 billion with 800 full-time employees. During his time as COO of CVA, Dale was instrumental in building four state-of-the-art hubs in Monroe, Oakland, Royal and Randolph.

Dale's leadership extended beyond his local cooperative through his service to the Nebraska Cooperative Council. He served two terms on the Board of Directors from 1985-1987 and from 1994-2003. During that time he served as Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair of the Board. Dale also served on the Council's Political Action Committee and the Legislative Advisory Committee.

In addition, Dale also served on the boards of Four Points Federal Credit Union, Farmland Industries PAC, and Advanced Energy Fuels.