

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



DALE PIPER

Inducted November 17, 2021

Dale Piper spent his entire 34-year professional career in the cooperative system. He began as a branch manager at Ponca in 1983. In 1985, he was named general manager at Farmers Cooperative Company in Palmyra.

In 1994, Dale became general manager of Nehawka Farmers Cooperative. Thereafter he successfully led mergers with Nebraska City, Greenwood, and finally Waverly in 2014, creating Midwest Farmers Co-op.

Under Dale's leadership, Midwest developed three greenfield grain storage and agronomy facilities in underserved areas of the trade territory including the shuttle train facility near Syracuse, which improved local markets for member grain and deployed assets to better serve the farmer producers.

Dale also provided significant leadership to a number of cooperative organizations. Dale was a Board member of the NIK Marketing Group, Eastern Nebraska Grain, AGP Grain Board, and the Nebraska Cooperative Council. Dale served on the Council's Legislative Advisory Committee, Political Action Committee, and Educational Advisory Committee as well as serving on the Board of Directors from 1998-2007 including Vice Chair from 2000-2003 and Chair of the Board of Directors from 2003-2007.