

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



GERALD SCHMIDT

Inducted November 17, 2021

Gerald Schmidt has been a lifelong advocate for the agricultural cooperative system.

In 1983, Gerald was elected to the Board of Directors of Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company in Plymouth and served as Board Chair from 1984-1989. He was re-elected in 1996 and served as Board Chair from 2001-2002. Gerald was instrumental in the successful merger between Plymouth and Dorchester that took place in 2002.

He served on the Board of the newly created cooperative from 2002-2017 and was Board Chair from 2002-2014. His leadership contributed to many strategically planned mergers and acquisitions to better serve the farmer members of the cooperative.

With a strong conviction on the value of vertically integrating farmers into processing, Gerald was instrumental in forming America's Premium Pork in 2000 which led to the formation of Allied Producers Cooperative in 2003. This cooperative provided a means of producer ownership in the Triumph Foods processing plant in St. Joseph, Missouri. Gerald served on the Boards of Directors of both Triumph Foods and Allied Producers Cooperative for nearly two decades.

Gerald has also served on the Board of the NCC Education Foundation since 2006, serving as Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair of the Board.