





The number one challenge we have faced as a co-op this year has been our ability to hire qualified employees. A combination of low unemployment and few employee candidates has put pressure on our existing staff as we continue to provide products and services to our members. I am constantly humbled and impressed by the way our dedicated team has gone above and beyond to ensure the job gets done.

I believe that the future of our co-op will be decided by how well we anticipate and respond to the opportunities our shifting marketplace presents. Striving for continuous improvement and adapting to change have helped make your co-op successful in the past — and will help ensure its success in the future. We are making significant investments in our facilities in order to ensure our members have access to the most reliable and efficient service possible.

The vision of your cooperative is to be one of the best agri-businesses by providing an environment for change with future technology, communication and business practices. One way to deliver on this vision is by operating at a size and structure that will keep you and your cooperative competitive in the future. We know that those who stand still get left behind. Because of this we are actively considering partnership opportunities with an eye on future growth.

While the pace of change in our industry continues to accelerate, one thing that hasn't changed is our commitment to you, our member-owners. We are committed

to providing a return on your investment through patronage refunds and an active equity revolvement program. We are investing in the equipment and facilities you need for success. We are promoting agriculture in our local schools and investing in students through a robust internship and scholarship program. We are good corporate citizens, giving back to the communities we serve.

Throughout all of the growth and change your cooperative has seen over the years, we have remained committed to our mission: To provide quality products and services to our customers at a competitive advantage while creating value and profitability for our member patrons and our cooperative. I'm proud of what we accomplished in 2022 and look forward to continuing to build on that success moving forward.

Sincerely,

Tim Clemens, CEO



In 2022, our Agronomy Division performed well despite challenging market conditions. The war between Russia and Ukraine had an impact on both supply and demand around the world. Despite product shortages and supply chain issues, we were able to secure the products we needed in time for spring.

Our team worked hard over the winter months to prepare for spring planting. Meticulous maintenance of our extensive fleet off-season helped to ensure that the fleet kept running in-season. The addition of several new purchased and leased pieces of equipment, including dry tenders, spreaders, sprayers, polywagon replacements and liquid trailers allowed us to better serve our members.

With the concern of pricing and supply at the forefront of our growers' minds, our agronomy advisors worked hard to help our members find ways to maximize their input efficiency. Coming off of a season where we saw tar spot and fusarium stalk rot greatly diminish yields, we enlisted aerial applicators to apply fungicides and micro-nutrients to area crops which greatly helped to reduce the disease pressure in our trade territory.

Our nationally recognized Pest Pros labs were very busy this year, providing a wide range of crop management services designed to help growers solve production problems. They continued to work with the Wisconsin Soybean Marketing Board and the UW-Madison Extension program to offer free Soybean Cyst Nematode tests to Wisconsin soybean growers.

Despite the challenges faced throughout the year, the Agronomy Division showed strong results. We're committed to putting your equity to work through our people, facilities, productive rolling stock and technology all designed to help our grower's get the most out of every acre.



## Energy Division

The Energy Division continues to remain solid amidst a difficult and ever-changing marketplace. Much like other commodity markets, the energy complex will continue to see volatility. You can be assured that Allied is here to help in managing your energy costs in these difficult economic times.





## **Refined Fuels/AFD/Transport Fuels:**

Volatility continued to be the word for energy, and all, markets in 2022. The war in Ukraine resulted in significant uncertainty and ongoing volatility across global energy markets. Diesel fuel prices increased by \$1.85/gallon from the beginning of the year to June, then prices were down another 70 cents/gallon by the end of the year. Customers that took advantage of contracting during this time period saw significant savings.

We continued to set ourselves apart from many of our competitors with the use of our premium diesel fuel, as well as our experienced fuel staff which continues to provide the best service in our area. By carefully managing the purchase of fuel contracts and remaining diligent about operating as efficiently as possible, we were able to report a profitable bottom line despite considerable market stressors.

Our AFD (Automated Fuel Delivery) department had another solid year delivering Cenex premium fuels. With a fuel sensor and electronic tank monitoring system installed



straight from the terminals.

### **Propane:**

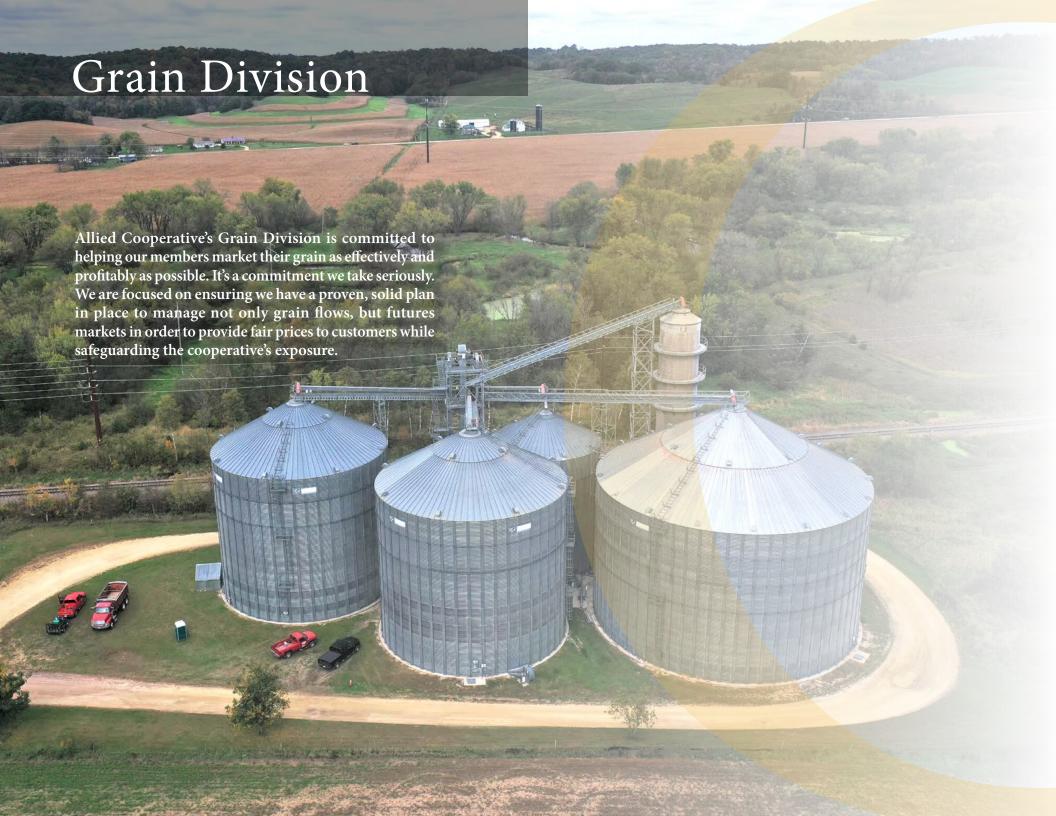
Despite a challenging operating environment resulting from a warm and inconsistent weather pattern and historically high commodity prices and inflationary factors impacting expenses, we were able to effectively manage margins and expenses.

Allied did what we could to reduce our operational costs without having a negative impact on the outstanding customer service that we pride ourselves on. Customers that chose to take advantage of our risk management tools,

was especially taxing since besides the standard licenses drivers must maintain, our drivers must also contend with industry regulations such as hazmat training, tanker endorsements, and other state requirements.

The Energy Division works hard to meet the needs of our members - whether for home, farm or business use. Ensuring the availability of high quality, competitively priced fuels with prompt delivery is an expectation of our members, and it is our commitment to you!





A major drought during the 2021 growing season for the western U.S. and Canada led to some corn export opportunities for the Grain Division in 2022. We were able to utilize our location on the CN railroad to ship corn to Canada's drought stricken areas. Virtually all of the corn in the Wisconsin Rapids facility was shipped north on rail to Canada feed markets.

The world market was impacted significantly in late February when Russia invaded Ukraine. The start of the war put commodity markets on a rollercoaster ride where we experience very volatile daily markets and large intraday spreads between contract months. Although this was a great opportunity for growers to sell their commodities, it created unfavorable marketing conditions for the Grain Division with large inverted markets, while having high inventory levels.

This led to some very unusual local bids where the basis was significantly weaker than a normal year and cash bids rolled out unusually early to futures option months to reduce spread risk. Despite the difficult marketing conditions the grain division was able to capitalize on some well-timed sales and good margins.

The planting season got off to the slowest start since 1993, which added more gas to the bull market and some of the highest futures prices we have seen since 2012. Despite the slow start to planting it looks like the crop fared well and growers anticipated a better than average local harvest.

During the month of September, the grain division did some much need repairs to the Wisconsin Rapids and Blair locations replacing spouting, re-lining grain legs and repairing distributors in preparation for harvest.

Through all the ups and downs, your co-op performed admirably and managed risk well resulting in another strong year for Allied Cooperative's Grain Division.





Allied's Transportation division is an essential part of our business and we are fortunate to have a team comprised of some of the most dedicated and hardest working drivers around.

The Transportation Division supports the grain, energy and agronomy divisions. During peak seasons when the seasonal staff is at work, they can have as many as 50 trucks on the road. The Transportation Division logs about 1.2 million miles per year on its main trucks.

The Transportation Division works hand in hand with the Grain Division – helping our farmers to move grain out of the field at harvest and out of the bins to market. They also haul fertilizer products to our various agronomy locations, working to ensure that routes are as efficient as possible. They support the LP department by hauling propane to our propane bulk tanks.

The Transportation Division puts a strong emphasis on safety and the department works very hard to keep their CSA (compliance + safety + accountability) scores low. A CSA Score is used by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to identify high-risk motor carriers and drivers that may require interventions.

Once again, Allied's fleet performed far better than the national average. The national average is 5.1% on drivers and 4.4% on hazmat. We are running 0.0% – which means we have had no trucks put out of service, which is a credit to our both our drivers and our shop employees who make safety a priority.

The Transportation Division has drivers situated throughout our trade territory with hubs in Mauston and West Salem.



## Retail Division

The pandemic shook up consumer buying behavior. Consumers are spending more money online and with smaller retail stores. Allied Cooperative's retail division was able to capture some of that growth by providing valuable services to our members, close to home. Our team was committed to giving our customers a reason to come back, and their efforts paid off with a successful year.



#### Ace Hardware

We continue to see progress and growth at our Ace Hardware store. A "Pinnacle Performance Retailing" store, the store is recognized as one of Ace's top stores worldwide measured by key performance drivers, including quality, service and convenience. This year Ace has continued to increase its viability in the West Salem market and enhance its brand image. With the addition of YETI and the expansion of its outdoor power equipment department to include more battery powered selections from Milwaukee, DeWalt, Craftsman and EGO, there is no reason why our customers need to go to our competitors.

The Buy Online Pick-up in Store (BOPIS) sales doubled in 2022 compared to the previous year. The store also increased sales in our grilling department, specifically with their rubs and sauces with the expansion of product lines from Meat Church, Spiceology, Traeger and Kosmos.

Customers have showed us that they want to support brands that do good in the world. Often, that means voting with their wallets to purchase social impact products that give back. In support of that, our store introduced products from three veteran owned and operated companies: Black Rifle Coffee Co., Hero products, and General's Hot Sauce. Part of the proceeds of all three companies are donated to veteran causes. The store was also able to raise money for Children's Miracle Network through candy bar sales.

## Cenex Pump 24

Our busiest site for consumer traffic, Cenex Pump 24 continues to be an important part of the Adams community. The convenience store was able to increase sales this year, while cutting costs by finding better pricing through different vendors. They made great improvements with new products and bakery and eliminated products that had not been selling. In addition, the store added an app for its Patrons Points card members which provides added discounts and awareness for our loyal customers.

## **Mindoro Country Store**

The Mindoro Country Store continues to maintain profitability, while providing a valuable service to its small, rural community. Gallons of fuel sold at this site have continued to increase, and the staff and management have done a good job looking for ways to increase in-store profitability by managing its inventory and providing products that its patrons rely on for their convenience shopping needs.



#### **NAPA Auto Parts**

Allied Cooperative continues to be an asset to our communities through our Napa Auto Parts stores in Adams and Mauston. Concentrating on staffing and inventory needs in 2022 has helped put us in position to make an even bigger impact in our communities and with our local auto shops.

Expanding our current selection of Milwaukee products in both locations has helped to drive customer traffic and increase our average sales per customer. The adaptability and flexibility of our crew in both locations have helped to drive top line sales in the midst of inflation and supply woes.

## **Tomah Country Store**

The Tomah Country Store continues to serve as a hub for our Tomah customers. The store saw improvement to its bottom line as it focused on fine-tuning its product mix to better meet the needs of its customers. Growth areas included LP dock sales, bird seed, deer plot sales, grilling pellets and grain feed.

### **Mauston Tire Shop**

The Mauston Tire Shop continues to provide excellent and high quality customer service. We were fortunate to be able to add an additional staff member this year, which has continued to drive the viability of the shop to the local community. The tire shop has been able to stay ahead of inventory despite the market and continues to meet our customer's needs. The consistency and knowledge at the shop has continued to add to the bottom line. Known for exceptional service, the Mauston Tire shop has added business simply by word of mouth and customers telling other customers "This is the place to go!"



**Board of Directors:** From top (L to R):

John Vehrenkamp Chairman of the Board

> Paul Zastoupi First Vice-Chairman

Tom Walker Second Vice-Chairman

> Jim Bays II First Secretary

Leon Pfaff Second Secretary

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## Our Mission

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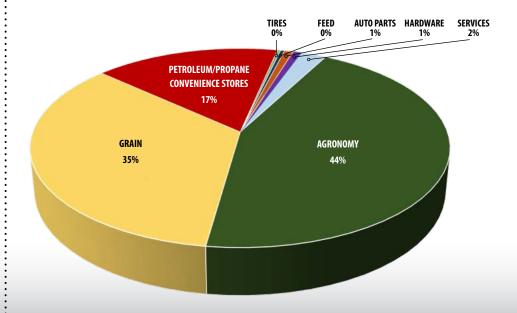
## Our Vision

To be one of the best agri-businesses by providing an environment for change with future technology, communication, and business practices.

# ALLIED COOPERATIVE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS Eight Months Ended September 30, 2022

		Eight Months Ended September 30, 2022		Year Ended January 31, 2022	
	September 3		January 31,		
	Amount	Percent of Sales	Amount	Percent of Sales	
SALES OF COMMODITIES	\$ 235,836,548	97.72 %	\$ 219,986,506	96.28 %	
SERVICE REVENUE	5,500,520	2.28	8,501,037	3.72	
GROSS SALES	241,337,068	100.00	228,487,543	100.00	
Less: Discounts	(68,065)	(0.03)	(101,196)	(0.04)	
NET SALES	241,269,003	99.97	228,386,347	99.96	
COST OF SALES	203,854,560	84.47	187,636,096	82.12	
GROSS MARGIN	37,414,443	15.50	40,750,251	17.84	
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Distribution:					
Salaries and Wages	8,559,567		12,236,875		
Outside Salespersons	129,793		139,720		
Payroll Taxes	631,043		986,562		
Employee Insurance	1,162,970		1,951,627		
Pension Expense	963,187		701,952		
Vehicle Expense	2,571,498		2,759,615		
Advertising	138,966		226,663		
Other Expenses	171,458		264,033		
Total Distribution	14,328,482	5.94	19,267,047	8.43	
General:					
Depreciation	3,065,085		4,786,627		
Insurance	967,484		1,329,543		
Property Taxes	440,484		660,811		
Rent	1,113,032		1,460,092		
Supplies and Repairs	1,706,290		2,132,555		
Utilities	346,133		715,532		
Travel Expense	9,523		12,524		
Other Expenses	198,863		283,058		
Total General	7,846,894	3.25	11,380,742	4.98	
Administrative:	7,010,001	0.20	,000,		
Directors' Fees and Expenses	37,700		53,000		
Professional Services	194,632		136,011		
Office Supplies and Expense	398,459		589,228		
Safety and Compliance Services	34,560		56,892		
Total Administrative	665,351	0.28	835,131	0.37	
Total Administrative		0.20	000,101	0.57	
Total Operating Expenses	22,840,727	9.47	31,482,920	13.78	

		Eight Months Ended September 30, 2022		Year Ended January 31, 2022		
		Amount	Percent of Sales		Amount	Percent of Sales
GAIN ON SALE OF PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	\$	125,823	0.05 %	\$	546,080	0.24 %
OPERATING INCOME		14,699,539	6.08		9,813,411	4.30
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE) Interest Expense		(473,780)			(449,334)	
Patron Finance Charges		120,501			172,698	
Other Revenue		170,430			444,344	
Other Expense	_	(299,356)		_	(545,657)	
Total Other Expense	_	(482,205)	(0.21)	_	(377,949)	(0.17)
LOCAL NET SAVINGS		14,217,334	5.87		9,435,462	4.13
GAIN ON EXTINGUISHMENT OF DEBT		2,000,000	0.83		3,152,200	1.38
GAIN IN EQUITY OF INVESTEE		656,576	0.27		1,225,822	0.54
PATRONAGE REFUNDS RECEIVED	_	1,759,176	0.73	_	2,293,608	1.00
NET SAVINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES		18,633,086	7.70		16,107,092	7.05
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	_	(1,710,441)	(0.71)	_	(587,294)	(0.26)
NET SAVINGS	\$	16,922,645	6.99	\$	15,519,798	6.79



# ALLIED COOPERATIVE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS Eight Months Ended September 30, 2022

ASSETS	September 30, 2022	January 31, 2022
CURRENT ASSETS Cash Receivables, Net Inventories Prepaids Margin Account Equity Unrealized Gain on Forward Contracts Marketable Equity Securities Total Current Assets	\$ 20,357,317 10,100,461 44,219,901 2,834,082 2,741,616 1,461,731 1,561,641 83,276,749	\$ 471,030 3,793,883 105,442,276 17,820,113 3,019,770 990,882 1,671,217 133,209,171
INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS Investments Investment in Unconsolidated Subsidiary Other Assets Total Investments and Other Assets	31,035,786 14,020,364 95,719 45,151,869	30,798,795 13,581,055 100,611 44,480,461
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT Less: Accumulated Depreciation Net Property and Equipment	84,583,847 (55,444,622) 29,139,225	83,818,818 (52,842,520) 30,976,298
Operating ROU Asset	2,863,369	
Total Assets	\$ 160,431,212	\$ 208,665,930

	September 30, 2022	January 31, 2022
LIABILITIES AND PATRON EQUITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Short-Term Notes Payable	\$ 1,547,268	\$ 21,051,950
Current Lease Liability - Operating	1,009,535	-
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	-	15,533
Accounts Payable	8,790,199	8,445,487
Unrealized Loss on Forward Contracts	1,105,273	656,800
Patron Credit Balances and Prepayments	19,112,858	62,913,661
Accrued Expenses	2,355,631	1,958,790
Taxes Payable, Other than Income Taxes	570,979	135,326
Income Tax Payable	1,836,426	466,691
Patronage Refunds Payable in Cash	6,673,200	5,074,800
Other Current Liabilities	311,844	418,974
Total Current Liabilities	43,313,213	101,138,012
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Long-Term Lease Liability - Operating (Less Current Maturities)	1,361,484	-
Debt, Less Current Maturities Above	-	2,000,000
Deferred Income Taxes	4,922,839	4,582,133
Environmental Remediation	190,000	190,000
Other Liabilities	95,719	100,611
Total Long-Term Liabilities	6,570,042	6,872,744
Total Liabilities	49,883,255	108,010,756
PATRON EQUITIES		
Common Class "B" Stock and Patronage Credits	16,823,809	16,951,379
Minimum Required Patron Investment	1,961,987	1,963,049
Patronage Refunds Payable in Equities	7,371,800	6,248,201
Permanently Allocated Equities	33,622,046	27,179,483
Unallocated Capital Reserve	50,768,315	48,313,062
Total Patron Equities	110,547,957	100,655,174
Total Liabilities and Patron Equities	\$ 160,431,212	\$ 208,665,930









#### February 2022

- Ace Hardware named a "Pinnacle Performance Retailing store
- Ace Hardware named a "Gold Dealer" for Traeger Grills
- Pest Pros participated in WPVGA show

#### March 2022

- Agronomy and Transportation upgraded their fleet management system
- Agronomy recognized achievements in crop production at annual Yield Banquets

#### April 2022

• Cool temperatures resulted in slow start to agronomy season

#### May 2022

- Sunshine and warmer temperatures allowed Agronomy to catch up from slow start
- Allied awarded 15 scholarships to area students

#### June 2022

- Tornado touched down at Mauston facilities
- Allied team stepped up to serve at area dairy breakfasts and events
- Allied held its Annual Meeting

#### **July 2022**

- Allied supported area youth at county fair livestock shows
- Allied participated in Adams-Friendship's 4th of July Parade

#### August 2022

- Allied Cooperative launched online bill pay
- Ace became authorized Yeti dealer
- Agronomy hosted Answer Plot event
- Grain division upgraded equipment in preparation for harvest

#### September 2022

- Allied participated in Ag Days at A-F Middle School
- Blair Grain participated in Cheese Fest parade
- Allied allocated over \$5 million in patronage/cash dividends to its members
- Allied closed books on a short year as it announced a new fiscal year end





#### **ADAMS**

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#### **AGRONOMY & GRAIN**

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#### **CENEX PUMP 24**

451 S Main St • Adams, WI 53910 608.339.3626

#### **NAPA AUTO PARTS**

540 S Main St • Adams, WI 53910 608.339.6412

#### **ARCADIA**

#### OFFICE/LP

N28281 State Rd 93 • Arcadia, WI 54612 608.323.3311

#### AGRONOMY / FEED

245 Van Buren St • Arcadia, WI 54612 608.323.2144 (Agronomy) 608.323.3818 (Feed)

#### BLAIR EAST GRAIN PLANT

1015 E Broadway St • Blair, WI 54661 608.989.2298

#### **WEST GRAIN PLANT**

420 N Park Rd • Blair, WI 54661 608.989.2335

#### **GALESVILLE**

#### **AGRONOMY**

W19801 Winnebago Rd • Galesville, WI 54630 608.582.4711

#### **MAUSTON**

#### AGRONOMY/FEED/GRAIN/TRANSPORTATION

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#### **MAUSTON TIRE SHOP / NAPA AUTO PARTS**

310 Prairie St • Mauston, WI 53948 608.847.1640 (Tire Shop) 608.847.7501 (NAPA)

## MINDORO MINDORO COUNTRY STORE

N8319 Cty Rd C • Mindoro, WI 54644 608.857.3414

#### PLAINFIELD PEST PROS

10086 1st St • Plainfield, WI 54966 715.335.4046

#### **PLOVER**

#### **AGRONOMY**

4809 Monroe Ave • Plover, WI 54467 715.345.1955

## TOMAH

DOWNTOWN OFFICE / LP TOMAH COUNTRY STORE & FEED

711 Fair St • Tomah, WI 54660 608.372.2458 / 800.338.6624

#### AGRONOMY / GRAIN

10533 Estate Rd • Tomah, WI 54660 608.372.2090

#### **WEST SALEM**

#### OFFICE LP GAS / FUEL / ACE HARDWARE

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#### AGRONOMY/GRAIN

165 S Mill St • West Salem, WI 54669 608.786.1103 (Agronomy) 608.786.4154 (Grain)

## WISCONSIN RAPIDS GRAIN PLANT

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