Yesterday's values. Today's vision.



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Celebrated by cooperatives nationwide during the month of October, National Co-op Month is an annual opportunity to raise awareness of a trusted, proven way to do business and build resilient, inclusive communities. Under the theme, "Owning Our Identity," this year's Co-op Month is also a chance to lift up what makes cooperative businesses unique in the marketplace. Guided by a set of shared principles and values—among them democracy, equity and solidarity—co-ops are hardwired for economic and societal transformation. In a moment when corporations are scrambling to find an identity outside of maximizing shareholder value, that's a meaningful difference.



In 1995, the International Cooperative Alliance approved the Statement on the Cooperative Identity. The Statement defines a co-operative as "an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprise." This means that co-ops are governed by their members, the everyday people who use the business, as opposed to investors or shareholders. This unique relationship is recognized in international law as well as by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), which affirms that co-ops are "user-owned businesses that are controlled by - and operate for the benefit of — their members, rather than outside investors."

From farmer co-ops to worker co-ops, credit unions to mutual insurance, and housing co-ops to energy co-ops, co-operative businesses thrive across the U.S. economy, where 1 in three people are co-op members. Around the world, around 1 billion people are members of about 3 million co-operatives, and 10% of the world's population, or around 280 million people, are employed by co-ops. And because they are member-owned, co-operatives are rooted in their communities and governed by the people who use them to meet their needs.

Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity, and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, cooperative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others. These values set the co-operative movement apart from other business models in that their purpose is not simply to generate profit, but to enable people to work together to build a better future for everyone.

Country Visions Cooperative has been building long-term relationships with customers for over 100 years with products and services for home, agricultural, and business needs. Yesterday's Values. Today's Vision. We are Country Visions Cooperative. Owning Our Identity - Co-op Month 2023









## **COUNTRY STORE**



Brillion - De Pere - Mishicot - New London - Sheboygan Falls - Valders Purina® and Exclusive® branded products are also available at our Agronomy locations in Chilton, Fond du Lac, Malone, Plymouth and Ripon.





## It's Flock-Tober ® Time! Sale on Select Purina Layena products October 22-28, 2023



**Purina** Layena Crumbles Flock-Tober® October 22-28, 2023 Sale \$2 off SALE! products can also be found at our

Sale valid for Flock-Tober 10-22-23 to

10-28-23 at Country Visions Country Stores. Sale of \$2 off per bag, while supplies last. Purina Layena Crumbles 50lb bag. Purina & Exclusive branded Agronomy locations in Chilton, Fond du Lac, Malone, Plymouth & Ripon. Cannot be combined with any other sale/discount or punch card.

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Two fun new coop signs this year and NEW Flock-Tober® decal packs! Each decal pack contains 5 different decals, perfect for putting on your laptop, water bottle, car bumper, and more!

> FREE coop sign or a pack of decals with purchase of any Purina® layer feed. Limit one (1) coop sign OR one (1) decal pack per 25lb or larger bag of Purina® layer feed purchased. Up to 2 signs and 1 decal pack per transaction. While supplies last.

Join us for Flock Talks with discussions on Transitioning the diet needs of the flock; Starter chick feeds vs. egg laying feeds; Molting; **Bedding & Winter Care** 

Monday, Oct. 23 Tuesday, Oct. 24 Wednesday, Oct. 25 Thursday, Oct. 26 Friday, Oct. 27 Saturday, Oct. 28

**New London** 3pm to 6pm De Pere 3pm to 6pm 3pm to 6pm Mishicot Brillion 3pm to 6pm **Valders** 3pm to 6pm 9am to 12pm Sheboygan Falls