

The Kansas Cooperative Council is pleased to announce the 2025 inductees into the Kansas Cooperative Hall of Fame. This recognition honors individuals whose leadership, vision, and commitment have made a lasting impact on Kansas cooperatives and the cooperative system as a whole. Bruce Krehbiel and Vance Westhusin will be honored on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, as part of the Kansas Cooperative Council's joint annual meeting along with ProValue Cooperative, Inc.

BRUCE KREHBIEL



Bruce Krehbiel is being recognized for a career defined by steadfast leadership, service to cooperative principles, and a deep commitment to agriculture and rural Kansas. During his more than 35 years with Kanza Cooperative in Iuka, KS, Bruce focused on sound governance, strategic decision-making, and long-term sustainability. His influence extended beyond his cooperative through more than 30 years of service on the StoneX board, contributing to the broader commodity industry. Bruce's legacy is one of integrity, service, and dedication to ensuring cooperatives remain strong, relevant, and member-focused for future generations. He and his late father, Larry Krehbiel, now make history as the first father-son duo inducted into the Kansas Cooperative Hall of Fame.

VANCE WESTHUSIN



Vance Westhusin is being honored for his leadership during his 25-year tenure as General Manager and CEO of Midland Marketing Cooperative, Hays, KS. Throughout his career, Vance demonstrated vision and a clear understanding of the unique cooperative business model, consistently implementing strategies that served the best interests of the cooperative's members. He anticipated change, strengthened operations, and made safety a priority, including helping launch the Grain Recovery Task Force to improve emergency preparedness in rural communities. Beyond his local impact, Vance served on multiple regional advisory boards, helping advance cooperative practices beyond the state of Kansas.

Both honorees' biographical information will be on display alongside other inductees in the Kansas Cooperative Hall of Fame showcase display at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. This permanent display plays a significant role in educating visitors about the uniqueness of the cooperative business model while highlighting the achievements of our state's great co-op leaders.