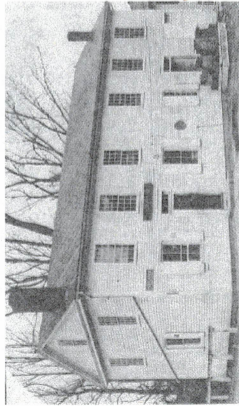


## ABOUT US . . .

The Hardwick Farmers' Co-operative Exchange was founded in 1914 by a small group of local farmers who wanted to increase their buying power. Originally, the Calvin Paige building (formerly the Mixer store) located on the Hardwick town common was used as the co-op store. Today the Calvin Paige building



remains a community building which is used by various community groups, including 4-H clubs and boy scouts. The co-op moved to its current location on Route 32 (444 Lower Road, Gilbertville) in 1974. The current facility is a large 8-acre facility including 3 warehouses and a large retail store.

With its agricultural roots, the Hardwick Farmers' Co-operative Exchange remains firmly committed to meeting the needs of area farmers in terms of feed, supplies and other support programs. However, the changing demographic of the area has made the co-op change with the times and expand its product lines to the diverse offerings it has today. Animal hobbyists will find everything they need at the co-op. All the feed and supplies needed for almost any household pet can be found in the co-op's large pet department. The lawn & garden and nursery departments have grown to hold a reputation for excellence in quality and quantity of products offered.



Perhaps what makes the co-op the unique treasure that it is today is its people. The co-op has a full and part-time staff of about 30 customer-focused people ready to help you. With an array of knowledge, expertise and personal experience on which to draw upon, the co-op staff is always ready to answer questions and offer advice.

You don't need to be a member to enjoy our great service and selection. However, if you become one, you are entitled to the following benefits:

### Hardwick Farmers Co-Operative Membership Benefits

Membership entitles you to:

- 3% discount on purchases.
- Your shares earn interest. (To be determined annually).
- Entitles you to Special Member Only Sales.
- Invites you to the annual Members' meeting to vote on matters concerning the Co-Op.
- Periodic e-mails and updates on Co-Op workshops and clinics.



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### Membership Application

A stock can only be issued to the name which corresponds to the SS# or TIN entered on this form. *Hardwick Farmers' Co-op does not share, sell or in any way reveal the information you provided to us.*

To become a member you must purchase a minimum of 20 shares of the Co-Op's stock at \$5.00 per share.

#### STOCK TO BE ISSUED TO:

(Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Social Security # or Tax Payer ID#) \_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Social Security # or Tax Payer ID#) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Print) Street or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

(Print) Street \_\_\_\_\_

(Print) Town or City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

(Print) Town or City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # with Area Code \_\_\_\_\_

(Print) E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Print) Alternate Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

References: \_\_\_\_\_

Banks: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you file a Federal Farm Income Tax Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Agricultural Involvement (animals, pets, farm, garden): \_\_\_\_\_

Investment in Hardwick Farmers' Cooperative Exchange should be for a five year period. Per our By-Laws, early cash outs are at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please initial)

Statement of Policy: Regarding Interest and Dividend Payments:

1. All accounts that have had a charge off to bad debt have their interest applied to bad debt.
2. All accounts with past due monies (30+ days) have interest applied to account.
3. All accounts that are in the process of liens, mortgages, court proceedings, or collections have interest held until issue is resolved.
4. Any other, Manager to handle with report to the board.

I and/we, hereby consent to report the amount of interest shown on form 1099 as taxable income from Hardwick Farmers' Co-Op in conformity with U.S. Code Section 1385.

# of Shares \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Received \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted by Board \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_