

## **ALLY SEED LLC - Announcement**

**East Central Iowa Cooperative / Tama-Benton Cooperative**

**Effective October 8<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Alley Seed LLC was a joint seed venture established in 2011 between East Central Iowa Cooperative in Hudson, Linn Cooperative Oil Company in Marion and Tama-Benton Cooperative in Dysart. Linn Cooperative elected to exit the LLC in 2014 for another opportunity in their seed business leaving ECI Cooperative and Tama-Benton Cooperative as the remaining owners.

The Board of Directors of Ally Seed LLC held a special meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 to discuss the ownership of Ally Seed LLC. Following important discussion, Tama-Benton Cooperative elected to exit Ally Seed LLC leaving ECI Cooperative as the single owner of the entity. Customers currently working with Ally Seed LLC should experience minimal changes during the transition which will occur in the next 30 days. Justin Clark and Ryan Ruzicka will continue to assist Ally Seed customers going forward. If you have any questions, please contact Justin Clark with ECI Cooperative at 319-464-4799 or Ally Seed LLC Seed Specialist, Ryan Ruzicka at 319-239-8854.

Both Cooperatives remain committed to add value to their cooperative memberships and will continue to seek opportunities that best compliment their business structure and employee staff. We each appreciate the opportunity in bringing value to our members and look forward to serving area producers for many years to come.



**Ben Bader  
Board Chairman  
Ally Seed LLC**



**Mike Reiter  
Board Chairman  
ECI Cooperative**



**Ross Monroe  
Board Chairman  
Tama-Benton Cooperative**