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The Aurora Cooperative Announces Financial Results for Fiscal Year 2010

AURORA, NE (November 1, 2010) – The Aurora Cooperative, a leading grain marketer and agricultural supplier in Nebraska and surrounding states, today announced the financial results of the company's fiscal year that ended August 31, 2010.

The company reported sales and related income totaling \$607 million for fiscal year 2010. Total earnings reached \$25.5 million, representing the highest earnings year in the company's history. Highlights of the year included:

- Farmer-owner equity growing to \$101 million,
- Payments of more than \$3 million to farmer-owners in cash patronage and tax-free equity revolvment,
- Long-term debt payment of about \$7 million.

In addition, substantial progress has been made on the company's \$11 million Tri-Terminal Grain Project and encouraging results were also reported within the company's Ag Aerial Division.

"The Aurora Cooperative's farmer-owners continue to build their company, as evidenced by these results," said George Hohwieler, President and CEO of the Aurora Cooperative.

"Our company's business model is focused on the farmer-owners. We want their experience with the Aurora Cooperative to be fulfilling and lasting. It appears we are on the right track in meeting these goals," Hohwieler said.

Farmer-owner update meetings will be held in the upcoming months to review fiscal year 2010 and provide an update on the company's progress.

Based in Aurora, NE since 1908, the Aurora Cooperative is a premiere, multi-purpose agricultural cooperative providing service and expertise in grain, agronomy, feed and energy. For more information, visit www.auroracoop.com.

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