

# Agriculture – A Few Feed the World

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# **Cooperative Resources** International



A Breeder Apart: The Bull Who Sired 500,000 Is Gone

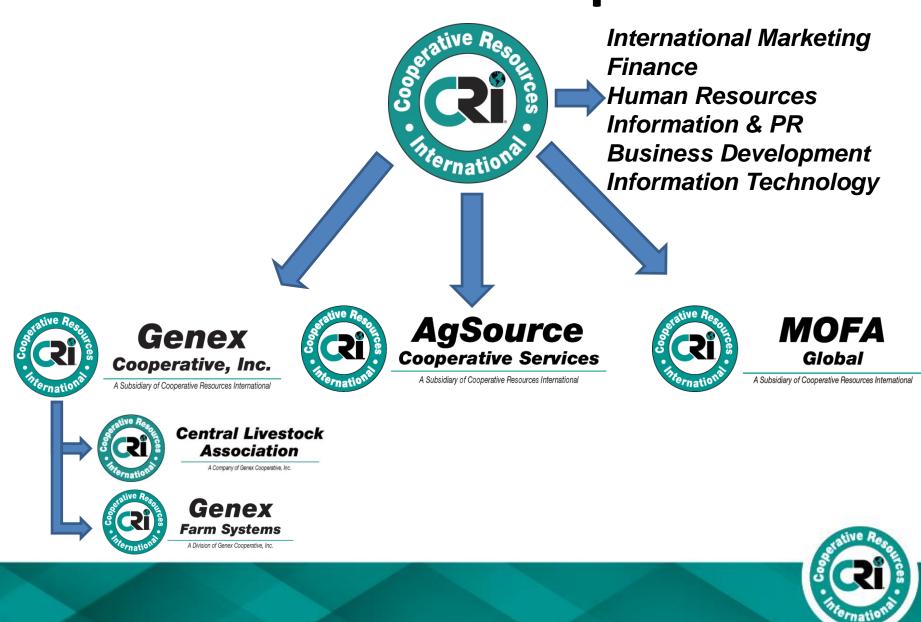
Fans Commemorate 'Toystory,' a Dairy Legend With a Ravenous Libido



Toystory, who set a record for semen production, weighed 2,700 pounds.



## Size and Scope



## **29 CRI Locations**

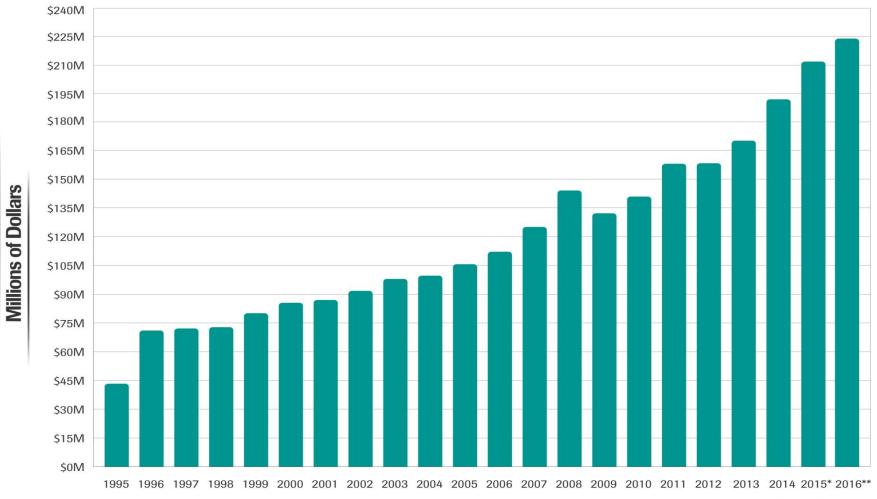
- Shawano, Wis.
- Verona, Wis.
- Bonduel, Wis.
- Marshfield, Wis.
- Menomonie, Wis.
- Mount Horeb, Wis.
- Melrose, Minn.
- South St. Paul, Minn.
- Rock Creek, Minn.
- Zumbrota, Minn.
- Albany, Minn.
- Montgomery, Minn.

- Ellsworth, Iowa
- Lincoln, Neb.
- Umatilla, Ore.
- Billings, Mont.
- Strafford, Mo.
- Tiffin, Ohio
- Ithaca, N.Y.
- West Fargo, N.D.
- Mitchell, S.D.

- Guelph, Ontario
- Ingersoll, Ontario
- Cape Town, South Africa
- Cardiff, Wales
- Sao Carlos, Brazil
- Mexico City, Mexico
- Santiago de Querétaro, Qro, Mexico
- Zieuwent, Netherlands



## **Annual Revenue**



<sup>\*</sup>Unaudited \*\*Projected









## **CRI Values**

- Innovation
- Integrity
- Leadership
- Quality
- Stewardship



Stony Hill Bull housing and GENESIS Shawano, Wis.



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Bull and heifer housing *Tiffin, Ohio* 

Bull housing Ithaca, New York

Genex Shawano, Wis.

## **MOFA Global**





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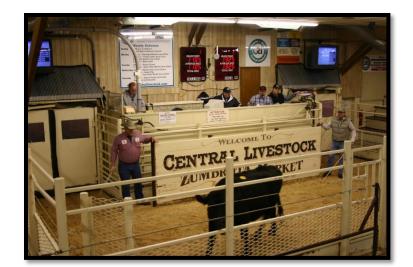


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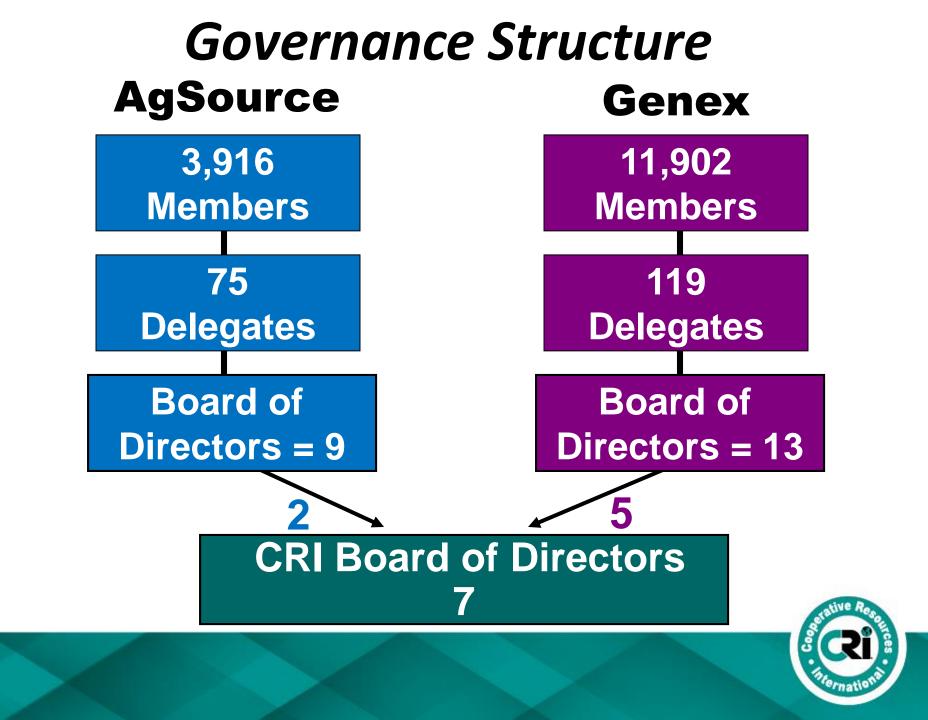


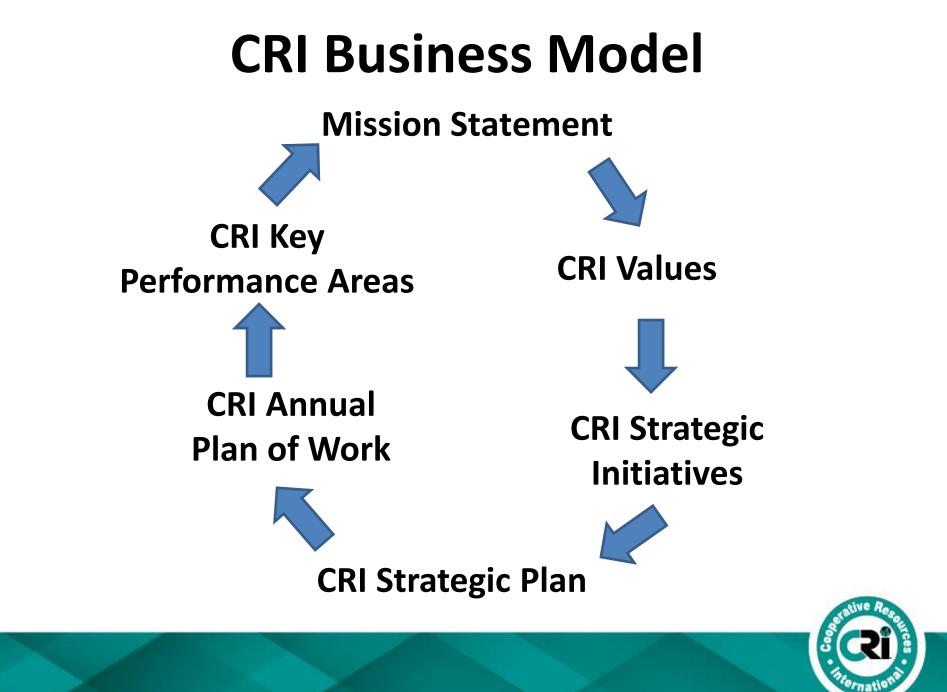












## **The CRI Culture**

- Manage change and do not let change manage us.
- We will narrow our focus if it broadens our appeal.
- We are quick to adopt new technology if appropriate.



#### **Production Ag Trivia**

Milk Production – 1946 vs. 2016

- 21% Fewer cows
- 23% Less feed
- 65% Less water
- 90% Less land
- Same milk volume



#### **Production Ag Trivia** (Continued)

- Less than 10% of the average household income spent on food
- First week in February earned enough to buy for year
- 30% of the food in the U.S. is wasted
- Food spending equals recreation and two-thirds health costs

## Production Ag Trivia

(Continued)

- One million or .85% make a living farming
- Another 1.2% have farm income
- 80% of Americans live inside city limits
- Last year 10% of ag income was ag tourism



#### Mega Trends Impacting Production Ag

- World population moves from 7.0 billion to 9.2 billion by 2050
- Developed regions stable developing regions change
- One billion people (1/7<sup>th</sup>) suffer chronic hunger today
- By 2050 must double food production



- 50% world population middle class
- 2050 anticipate 70%
- One billion people move to middle class
- Research indicates when people move from poverty to middle class, protein is the first priority



- Low energy cost impacts ag positively:
  - Directly impacts farm production costs
  - Increases consumer spending power (major debate globally)
  - Increases global speed to middle class in non-energy producing countries



- Extreme low energy cost has a negative impact:
  - Where it has a negative economy impact for developing countries reduce importation
  - American farmers are dependent on exports



The U.S. cannot consume the difference

In general, ag commodity lags behind energy price



#### **Resulting Trends**

- World food trade will increase as world population increases. Population growth and productive land distribution is not the same.
- Winners are North America, South America, Oceania, and Europe

Today 25% of all food is globally traded

Every farmer is a global producer

#### Resulting Trends (Continued)

- Research and technology is not a choice if we are to feed the world
- Cannot ignore food waste
- Globalization demands production efficiency and technology increases efficiency



#### Resulting Trends (Continued)

- Globalization means world politics and U.S. trade facilitation policy are very important
- The long-term production ag dynamics is attracting Silicon Valley and outside investment



#### **Resulting Trends** (Continued)

- Immigration law is important as farm labor force is dominated by such
- The shortage of four-year ag graduates has created a scenario of high starting wage



#### Conclusion

- Great time to be in production ag. Few industries promise a 30-year steady growth.
- If we are to effectively compete, we must become global marketers, not just producers of volume
- Production ag provides a great career opportunity for those without ag background

# Food production, not weapons, will make strong nations.





## **Thank You!**