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Local Lending Co-ops Merge

ROBSTOWN, Texas — AgCredit of South Texas and Texas AgFinance have merged. Both are Farm Credit lending cooperatives serving South Texas. Following overwhelmingly positive votes in May by stockholders of both organizations, AgCredit of South Texas became part of Texas AgFinance on July 1.

The combined association will be known as Texas AgFinance and will have headquarters in Robstown, Texas. It will serve a territory extending across 46 counties from south-central and southwest Texas to the coastal plains to the Rio Grande Valley.

“Stockholders in both associations overwhelmingly approved this merger,” said Jimmy Wright, Texas AgFinance chief executive officer. “The merger presents an opportunity to grow our market share and increase our efficiency. And, with the diversity of agriculture in the Rio Grande Valley, the merger also significantly increases the diversity in our loan portfolio.”

The increased opportunities will ultimately benefit the customer-stockholders who own the lending co-op. “Our board of directors is committed to the cooperative structure and the benefits it provides the stockholders, including the distribution of net earnings through a proven patronage program,” Wright said.

Since 1933, Texas AgFinance has been financing agricultural producers and rural Texans. The lending co-op offers a full array of lending products to serve the needs of the agricultural and rural community. In addition, the co-op provides services, including crop-hail, multi-peril and pasture insurance, leasing programs and life insurance. It also has lending programs geared specifically for young and beginning farmers and those with small agricultural operations.

Texas AgFinance is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System. It now has nine branch offices in Bandera, Brenham, Hebronville, Pleasanton, Raymondville, Robstown, San Antonio, Uvalde and Weslaco.

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