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Challenges Facing Agricultural Co-operatives Consolidation, Efficiency, and Market Power

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Consolidation among agricultural co-operatives in the United States is a well-documented trend. A number of factors have contributed to this recently, including the desire for efficiency gains, growing capital requirements, and the preservation of producers' collective bargaining power. This presentation documents the trend in consolidation, analyzes recent cases for evidence of efficiency effects, and provides evidence about the relationship between market prices for grain and consolidation over time.



Keri holds the Iowa Institute for Cooperatives Economics Professorship at Iowa State University. She has a BA in economics and business administration from Coe College and a PhD in economics from North Carolina State University. The majority of her teaching, research, and extension work relates to co-operatives. Topics of interest include farm-level production decisions, conservation and land use policies, and the financial and equity conditions of agricultural co-ops. She also provides training and education to co-op boards and management, developing content based on applied research.

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