



Chris Pearson
Former CEO
Agtegra Cooperative

Chris Pearson grew up on a farm in southwest Iowa. His upbringing fueled a passion for agriculture that led him to spend his career building and running farmer-owned cooperatives in Iowa and the Dakotas. He has served in senior executive and board roles spanning the Grain, Agronomy, Precision Ag, Feed, Energy, and Ag Services sectors since 2002.

In 2017, he led the merger of two of the largest cooperatives in the United States. The result of the successful merger vote by the cooperative members was the formation of Agtegra Cooperative. For the past five years, he has been CEO of Agtegra Cooperative based in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Agtegra's purpose is "To do something great for farms and farm families that nobody else will do." That mission is executed by 850 full-time employees that work at over 70 locations across a large portion of the production areas of North and South Dakota. Total revenue when Agtegra formed in 2017 was projected to be \$1.8 billion, and in 2021 revenue had grown to \$2.5 billion. Agtegra is currently the largest locally owned agriculture supply cooperative in the nation.

On July 1, Chris will move to a different role inside the agriculture industry where he can continue put his previous management skills and knowledge to use in a way that will benefit farmers and cooperatives.

Chris accepted Christ as his savior at a young age and was fortunate to be raised in a Christian home. While working at the Iowa Regular Baptist Camp, Chris met Rachel Holub, and they were married the following year after attending one year at Faith Baptist Bible College. The Lord has blessed them with five children and four grandchildren.

Wherever work has taken the Pearson family, Chris has served in his local church. That has led to serving on the deacon board, singing in choir and for special music, and volunteering to do whatever the church needs.