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## Press Release

## M. John Bender Named CEO of Frenchman Valley Coop

(Imperial, NE) February 7, 2018: On February 7, 2018, the Frenchman Valley Farmers Cooperative, Inc. (FVC) Board of Directors announced the promotion of M. John Bender to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of FVC. Bender has served as the interim CEO since April 18, 2017.

Bender has been in the ag industry for 35 years and brings a great deal of experience with him as he takes on the FVC CEO position. Bender is originally an Ohio native and began his career there. He has held multiple positions in the cooperative system including stints as general manager in Kansas, Indiana, Iowa and Illinois.

Bender states, "Being here the past nine months has shown us the potential of the company to succeed. Many of the processes we started will continue to accelerate as we complete our first phase of change and improvement."

The FVC Board of Directors is excited about the new direction under Bender's leadership and the new and innovative plans for the future.

Founded in 1912, FVC has 21 locations serving patrons in southwest Nebraska, northwest Kansas, the Nebraska Panhandle, northeast Colorado and Wyoming. FVC is a progressive agricultural coop that provides services in agronomy, energy, feed, grain, member services, and grain procurement.

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