Adam Einspahr, Joseph Krogmeier, Aaron and Desiree Mosenteen and Aaron and Angela Powell, all from the Hoyoke area, learned about the opportunities and challenges facing cooperatives, agriculture and rural America as participants in the recent CHS New Leaders Forum sponsored by CHS Inc., the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative and a global energy, grains and foods company.

They were among 300 young producers from across the U.S. participating in the early December program. The group represented Grainland at the CHS New Leaders Forum, held in Minneapolis, Minn., in conjunction with the CHS annual meeting. All participants were nominated by their local cooperative or a producer organization.

During the three-day forum, participants heard from leading experts on agriculture, leadership and precision technology, including Carl Casale, president and CEO, CHS Inc.; Alejandro Sayago, Agriculture & Turf, John Deere; Ted Crosbie, Integrated Farming Systems, Monsanto; and Robert Thompson, University of Illinois.

The New Leaders Forum also featured a networking event with the CHS board of directors, management and staff and participation in the 2012 CHS annual meeting, including workshops and the annual meeting business session. CHS Inc. (www.chsinc.com) is a leading global agribusiness owned by farmers, ranchers and cooperatives across the United States.

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