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United Grain Appoints Brian Welch as Chief Financial Officer

Welch brings deep industry insight into CFO role

United Grain is proud to announce the promotion of Brian Welch to chief financial officer (CFO). Since joining the company in 2022, Welch has played a key role in strengthening financial operations, improving reporting, and building team capacity. His promotion comes as United Grain prepares for a major digital transformation and enterprise resource planning (ERP) implementation.

*"This promotion represents a meaningful milestone in my career," **said Welch.** "It brings the opportunity to help shape the company's financial strategy and make a greater impact across the organization."*

*"Brian's promotion to CFO reflects his reliable leadership and commitment to integrity," **said Augusto Bassanini, president and CEO.** "His ability to bring people together and drive meaningful growth strengthens our business and supports the long-term success of our partnerships."*

Before being named CFO, Welch served as treasurer at United Grain. Earlier in his career, he held finance roles at Wilco Co-op and Hazelnut Growers of Oregon and served in the U.S. Air Force. He earned a degree in accounting from the University of Texas at El Paso and completed postgraduate coursework at Texas A&M University. Brian is actively involved in industry leadership, currently serving on the National Grain and Feed Association's Business Management and Operations Committee and as treasurer for the North American Export Grain Association. He previously served on the NGFA Finance Committee.

About United Grain

For more than 55 years, United Grain has ensured success for all by uniting our producers, suppliers, and customers to nourish the world safely and reliably. As the Pacific Northwest's premier bulk grain and oilseeds supply chain management company, we combine high-quality products with superior service to ensure unwavering value for our community for decades to come. For more information, visit www.unitedgrain.com.

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