

## National Farmers Union (NFU) Resolution on Merger of Dow and DuPont

Whereas NFU was founded on principles of ensuring competition in the agriculture supply marketplace and agriculture processor marketplace and has worked to maintain competition in all marketplaces;

Whereas farmers are harmed by increased marketplace concentration, as evidenced by the increasing consolidation in all agricultural sectors and the subsequent consolidation of farms;

Whereas mergers along the agricultural supply chain negatively impact farmers and rural communities;

Whereas Dow and DuPont have agreed to merge, thereby creating the world's second largest chemical business and eliminating a major competitor in the agricultural chemicals market;

Whereas only five major players would remain in the agricultural chemicals market and this merger would increase pressure for the remaining companies to merge;

Whereas the agricultural supply chain is already extremely consolidated resulting in increased prices for farmers, less innovation, and a high concentration of economic power and intellectual property held by just a few companies;

Whereas a merger of this magnitude should be subject to the full review and scrutiny of the federal government for its harm to competition;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

NFU opposes the merger of Dow and DuPont for the damaging impacts it will have on farmers and rural America. NFU urges the Department of Justice to block this merger.