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## **ACEC named 5-Star Co-op**

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POSTVILLE – Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative has been named a 5-Star Co-op by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. ACEC earned this designation by being an active participant in the Co-ops Vote program. As of September 12, there are 24 5-Star Co-ops in the nation. Currently, ACEC is the only 5-Star Co-op in Iowa.

Co-ops Vote is a non-partisan campaign that encourages co-op member-consumers to make their voices heard in local, state and federal elections. The goal of this campaign is to boost voter turnout in cooperative areas.

Working with co-ops of all sizes throughout the nation, the Co-ops Vote program aims to educate and engage candidates and voters on important issues such as expanding broadband coverage in rural areas, ensuring access to reliable electricity and promoting the work co-ops do for their communities. It also encourages voters to check their registration status, with a big push for National Voter Registration Day on September 19.

Members of America's electric cooperatives serve approximately 42 million people in 47 states. They own and maintain 2.6 million miles, or 42 percent, of the nation's electric distribution lines. In addition, they serve 19 million businesses, homes, schools, churches, farms, irrigation systems and other establishments in 88% of U.S. counties.

To check your voter registration status in Iowa, visit <https://sos.iowa.gov/>. To learn more about Co-ops Vote and co-op initiatives, visit [www.vote.coop](http://www.vote.coop).

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