

## THE CENTRAL UNION OF THE AGRICULTURAL CREDIT COOPERATIVES OF TURKEY



Dear Cooperative Friends,

I firmly believe that the year 2012 will be more meaningful and eventful than previous years for cooperators throughout the world...

Due to the fact that the United Nations has declared 2012 the "International Year of Cooperatives" all cooperative colleagues will be focusing their strengths and activities towards "promoting the cooperative principles to larger masses, attracting global attention to our common problems in order to find common solutions, letting the world know about the alternative business model cooperatives represent, underlining the role that cooperatives play in fighting poverty and instilling the cooperative way of life in the younger generations.

We will also spare no effort in 2012 in our country in order to deliver the message about the advantages of the cooperative business model as well as its contributions to society in general and ensure that the youth are aware of the principles and values we represent.

In this regard, I would like to wish you, your family, cooperative members and colleagues a healthy and happy 2012. I hope that our cooperation continues to strengthen in the future in order to achieve our common goals.

Yours Truly,

Ilhami TEKE

President of the Board of Directors