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North Central Co-Op Succeeds with AgVantage and DBU!!

PROBLEM As a small agricultural cooperative working with AgVantage Software on an iSeries AS/400, NC Co-Op in North Central Iowa provides the best in support and technology in the ever-changing agricultural industry. They take pride in their long-standing reputation to provide the support that the customers of North Central Cooperative deserve through the expertise of its employees and the products and services they provide.

Frequently, the IT staff needed to work directly with data files, usually maintaining records or correcting error situations for which there is not a program to allow direct access to the database file. Typically, the only options considered were DFU (one record at a time and limited capability) and SQL with its complex syntax and usage (ie. one typo causes a blow up!).

Without the proper tools to provide the best service, IT support became frustrated using DFU or SQL for every database change required. Writing this kind of code is tedious at best and error prone at worst.

Solution: To eliminate the frustration and provide the high-end support they pride themselves on, NC Co-Op purchased ProData's database utility, DBU.

DBU allows users to view and update any file instantly without using time-consuming queries, DFU or additional programming. Instant access to information on logicals, security and audit logs or multiple files made it a 'must have' for Wayne Jacobs and his staff at NC Co-Op.

"DBU has virtually replaced DFU and SQL. It's much easier to use, more flexible, gives you the ability to save applications, work with data areas, open query, retrieving field information and more," stated Jacobs.

With the newest release of DBU, access is available via traditional green-screen, GUI or iSeries Navigator plug-in. No matter which method the user chooses, the per-

formance and functionality of DBU has been enhanced for quick and easy access to all information about and contained within the iSeries DBU databases.

With over 15,000 installations worldwide, NC Co-Op went with the flagship editor. "One of the programmers I hired at a previous employer could not imagine working with the iSeries 400 without DBU. He had used it daily for years," said Jacobs.

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