Becoming a Grocery Chain

Coborn's has become one of the largest and most successful independent grocery chains in the country. Today, the company has diversified with 120 retail locations, including its two distinctive supermarket brands, as well as convenience stores, pharmacies, liquor stores, and CobornsDelivers.

But it all started with one grocery store in the small Central Minnesota town of Sauk Rapids in 1921. Here's a look at the growth of the company's grocery stores:

1921	Coborn's	Sauk Rapids, Minnesota (Moved 1925, 1930 and 1974; Moved to current Superstore 1993)
1963	Coborn's	Foley, Minnesota (Current 1998)
	Coborn's	Fifth Avenue, St. Cloud, Minnesota (Moved to Cooper Avenue 2007)
1972	Coborn's	Willmar, Minnesota (Operated as Chet's Town and Country)
1974	Coborn's	Centennial, St. Cloud, Minnesota
<i>1977</i>	Coborn's	Little Falls, Minnesota (Superstore in 1997)
1978	Coborn's	Sartell, Minnesota (Moved 1981)
1979	Coborn's	Clearwater, Minnesota (Current 2005)
1979	Cash Wise	Willmar, Minnesota (Originally Chet's Town & Country) (Moved 1984)
1982	Cash Wise	Waite Park, Minnesota
1985	Cash Wise	Mason City, Iowa (Sold 2000 to Hy-Vee)
1986	Cash Wise	Hutchinson, Minnesota (Moved 1993)
1988	Cash Wise	Fargo, North Dakota
1989	Cash Wise	New Ulm, Minnesota
1990	Cash Wise	Owatonna, Minnesota
1993	Cash Wise	Moorhead, Minnesota
1996	Coborn's	Princeton, Minnesota
	Coborn's	Long Prairie, Minnesota
	Coborn's	Mora, Minnesota
	Coborn's	Morris, Minnesota (Closed 2009)
	Cash Wise	Bismarck, North Dakota
1997	Cash Wise	Austin, Minnesota (Closed 2008)
1998	Coborn's	Elk River, Minnesota
	Coborn's	Sauk Centre, Minnesota
1999	Coborn's	Huron, South Dakota
	Coborn's	Mitchell, South Dakota
2000	Coborn's	Glencoe, Minnesota (Current 2006)
<i>2001</i>	Coborn's	Delano, Minnesota
	Save-A-Lot	Freeport, Illinois
	Save-A-Lot	Dubuque, Iowa

Total number of stores per decade

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2002	Coborn's	Albertville, Minnesota
	Coborn's	Park Rapids, Minnesota
2003	Coborn's	Big Lake, Minnesota
2004	Coborn's	Pine Cone Road, Sartell, Minnesota
	Save-A-Lot	St. Michael, Minnesota (Closed 2007)
	Save-A-Lot	Beloit, Wisconsin
2005	Coborn's	Ramsey, Minnesota
	Coborn's	Pipestone, Minnesota (New store 2012)
2006	Coborn's	Buffalo, Minnesota
2007	Coborn's	Cooper Avenue, St. Cloud, Minnesota
	Coborn's	Hastings, Minnesota
2008	Coborn's	New Prague, Minnesota
	${\it Coborns Delivers}$	Online, New Hope, Minnesota
2009	Coborn's	St. Joseph, Minnesota
	Cash Wise	East St. Cloud, Minnesota
	Cash Wise	West St. Cloud, Minnesota (Closed 2012)
<i>2010</i>	Coborn's	Belle Plaine, Minnesota
	Coborn's	Melrose, Minnesota
2011	Coborn's	Montevideo, Minnesota
2012	Coborn's	Jamestown, North Dakota
	Save-A-Lot	St. Cloud, Minnesota
	Cash Wise	Williston, North Dakota
	Cash Wise	Watford City, North Dakota (New store 2013)
	Cash Wise	Stanley, North Dakota (New store 2014)
	Cash Wise	Tioga, North Dakota (New store 2014)
<i>2013</i>	Cash Wise	Minot, North Dakota

Coborn's, Inc. Store Count - 2014 and Beyond

Since the original Coborn's history book, "Beyond the Store Shelves" was published in 2014, the company has continued to expand, as follows:

2013 Cash Wise Williston, North Dakota – Acquired, July 2013

Captain Jack's Liquor Bismarck, North Dakota – Acquired 2013 (four locations)

2014 Cash Wise Stanley, North Dakota (new store 2014)
 Cash Wise Tioga, North Dakota (new store 2014)

Coborn's Jamestown, North Dakota-Transitioned to a Cash Wise in 2016

2015 Cash Wise West Fargo, North Dakota

Marketplace Foods St. Croix Falls, Menomonie, Rice Lake, Hayward, Wisconsin, 2015

Cash Wise Dickenson, North Dakota

2016 Coborn's Isanti, Minnesota

Coborn's Buffalo (store closed 2016)

2018 Cash Wise South Fargo, North Dakota
Coborn's Montevideo (closed 2018)

Cash Wise Waseca, Minnesota (closed 2020)

2019 Cash Wise North Bismarck, North Dakota

Hornbacher's Fargo/Moorhead, North Dakota/Minnesota (Acquired 8 locations)

2020 Coborn's Centennial, St. Cloud, Minnesota (closed 2020)

Coborn'sOtsego, MinnesotaAndy's LiquorRochester, Minnesota

2021 Coborn's Buffalo, Minnesota (new store 2021)

































