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Form 8-A12G  
January 14, 2003

FORM 8-A

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

CENEX HARVEST STATES COOPERATIVES  
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

MINNESOTA  
(State of incorporation  
or organization)

41-0251095  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

5500 CENEX DRIVE  
INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA  
(Address of principal executive offices)

55077  
(ZIP Code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class to be so registered	Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered
Not Applicable	Not Applicable

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box. [ ]

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box. [X]

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this Form relates:  
333-101916 (if applicable)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

8% Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock  
(Title of class)

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.  
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The description of the Company's 8% Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock included under the heading entitled "Description of the Preferred Stock" in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-2, as amended, File No. 333-101916, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits.  
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Number	Description
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3.1	Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 30, 2002).
3.2	Bylaws of the Registrant, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 30, 2002).
4.1	Amended and Restated Resolution Creating a Series of Preferred Equity to be Designated 8% Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-2, as amended, File No. 333-101916).
4.2	Form of Certificate Representing the 8% Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-2, as amended, File No. 333-101916).

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Date: January 13, 2003

CENEX HARVEST STATES COOPERATIVES

By: /s/ John Schmitz

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John Schmitz  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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