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AGRELIANT GENETICS NAMES DIRECTOR OF SOUTHERN BREEDING PROGRAM

AgReliant Genetics would like to announce the selection of Dr. Craig Kleinschmidt as the company's Director of Southern Breeding. Kleinschmidt will work from the Kirkland, Illinois research station. He will continue to serve as the station manager and maintain his breeding program at the location.

As the Director of Southern Breeding, Kleinschmidt will direct the company's full season breeding team. His team's focus will be to continue improving the company's elite proprietary genetics by utilizing new breeding techniques and advanced biotechnology traits in order to continue providing farmers today with high quality and competitive products.

Kleinschmidt was raised on a farm in central Illinois. Upon completion of his doctorate in crop sciences at the University of Illinois, he joined AgReliant Genetics in 2005 as a corn breeder, responsible for all phases of inbred and hybrid development. In 2012, he became the manager of the company's Kirkland research station.

"Dr. Kleinschmidt has contributed very positively to AgReliant Genetics' product development effort," said Dr. Tom Koch, Vice President of Research for AgReliant Genetics. "His leadership experience and firm understanding of progressive plant breeding techniques will assist in our continued success in our southern geographies."

Headquartered in Westfield, Ind., AgReliant Genetics is an innovative seed company committed to delivering high quality seed, providing exceptional service and creating consistent customer value. Created in 2000 as a joint venture between the international seed groups KWS and Limagrain, AgReliant Genetics is ranked as one of the largest field seed companies in North America. AgReliant Genetics markets corn, soybean and alfalfa seed through six brands: **AgriGold®**, **Great Lakes® Hybrids**, **LG Seeds®**, **Producers Hybrids®**, **Wensman Seed®** and **PRIDE Seeds®**. The service marks and trademarks mentioned herein are registered trademarks of AgReliant Genetics, LLC or its affiliated entities. © 2013 AgReliant Genetics, LLC.

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