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**NEW CORN BREEDER AT AGRELIANT GENETICS' NORTHERN ILLINOIS STATION**

AgReliant Genetics would like introduce Dr. Ivan Barrero as the company's newest corn breeder at the Kirkland, Illinois research facility, succeeding Bill Koehring who will retire this year. Barrero will specialize in corn breeding for the company's 95-105 day relative maturity market.

A native of Colombia, Barrero received a bachelor's degree in biology from the Universidad Industrial de Santander in Bucaramanga, Colombia. He then earned a master's degree from Purdue University in 2010. This June, Barrero completed his doctorate at Texas A&M with a focus in plant breeding.

Dr. Tom Koch, Vice President of Research for AgReliant Genetics, anticipates a strong transition from Koehring to Barrero that will maintain the company's steady growth in the northern regions of the Corn Belt. "Ivan is sure to continue the recent successes we have had in the mid-maturity market areas," said Koch.

Barrero's hiring follows the company's recent selection of their Director of Northern Breeding, Dr. Chris Clucas, who will also be based at the Kirkland research station.

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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