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Grow to Give Program Enters Second Year

HOWE, IN June 13, 2012 Michigan, Ohio and Indiana agricultural companies are joining together to support the second year of the **Grow to Give** program. The effort, initiated last year by Lennard Ag Company, will once again share resources to grow, store and distribute one million pounds of potatoes to those families in need throughout the country's mid-section. Working in partnership with a group of supporters, **Grow to Give** distributes the potatoes grown on a field east of Bronson, Michigan.

"There are families in need of food, both here and around the country. We work with great people in this area's ag industry and have joined together to share resources to grow and provide nutritious potatoes to those families," Kyle Lennard, partner in Lennard Ag, said.

He added that the company is working with new partners this year, who also recognize the need to be involved in feeding those in need. "Each and every **Grow to Give** partner helps put food on the tables of the area's hungry. Each partner makes a difference by their willingness to support this effort. That's the kind of community we're proud to be part of. "

Lori Lennard, Lennard Ag's COO said. "We have set aside a field provided for the second year by *Oak Prairie Farms*, near Bronson. Our many generous partners are providing seed and other inputs," Lennard Ag is providing the equipment, labor and management of the crop.

"It is truly encouraging and inspiring to see the enthusiasm **Grow to Give** has created and to work with area companies providing their support." Lori Lennard added. Other companies partnering with Lennard Ag are:

Oak Prairie Farms, Bronson, Michigan
Bader & Sons Co., Tecumseh, Michigan
Lutes Flying Service, Shipshewana, Indiana
United Insurance Service, Tiffin, Ohio
North Central Co-op, Coldwater, Michigan
Co-Alliance, Schoolcraft, Michigan
Albright Farms, Coldwater, Michigan
Firestone Tires/Boland Tire, Sturgis, Michigan
GreenStone FCS, Caro, Michigan
Michigan Agricultural Commodities, Blissfield, Michigan

CPS, Blissfield, Michigan
Calvary Farms, Coldwater, Michigan
Family Farms, Sturgis, Michigan
Dove Ag Services, Inc. Union City, Michigan
Morgan Composting, Ewart, Michigan
Century Bank and Trust, Coldwater, Michigan
Syngenta, Cooperville, Michigan
Nachurs, Marion, Ohio
Michigan DuPont Team, Hudson, Michigan
The Andersons, Inc., Maumee, Ohio

Lennard estimates that the production from the field will create roughly four million servings of potatoes. Unique about the **Grow to Give** program is that 100 percent of the produce will be donated.

More information on the **Grow to Give** program is at www.lennardag.com/grow.

Lennard Ag Company is a family owned and operated farm growing potatoes and grain crops in southern Michigan and northern Indiana. Established in 1947, Lennard Ag is a three generations deep farm managed today by Kim Lennard and his children Kyle and Lori Lennard. Anchored by their strong history, Lennard Ag Company's modern operations are complemented by their care for the land, their community and the people with whom they work.

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