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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](http://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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