



News Release

## GERMANY'S SECOND BAYER FORWARD FARM OPENS NEAR BERLIN

- *Demonstrating sustainable agriculture in practice*
- *AGRO-FARM GmbH Nauen is the 6th official farm to join the Bayer ForwardFarming network*

**NAUEN, September 1, 2017** – The Bayer ForwardFarming Initiative has welcomed the second German ForwardFarm to its growing network. AGRO-FARM GmbH Nauen, located near Berlin, provides the opportunity for Bayer, and partners, to demonstrate sustainable agriculture in practice near the heart of Germany's government and culture.

“Bayer ForwardFarming promotes sustainable methods of cultivation, which pair environmental and social responsibility with economic success,” said Dr. Helmut Schramm, Director of Bayer Crop Science Germany GmbH. “In Nauen, we are demonstrating that sustainability and profitability in modern agriculture work together.”



AGRO-FARM GmbH Nauen, located outside of Berlin, Germany, is the sixth farm to join the Bayer ForwardFarming network

The farm, independently run by fourth-generation farmer Dirk Peters, produces winter wheat, corn, winter oil seed rape, winter barley, winter rye, sugar beets, alfalfa and soy beans on 2,500 hectares of fertile land. The business also focuses on biomass production, solar panels and wind turbines for creating renewable energy. Environmental enhancement is also a focus of Peters and his team.



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“Society is continuously challenging us farmers,” said Peters. “In order to meet these challenges, we have to explain and help consumers understand sustainable production methods.”

Bayer ForwardFarming seeks to encourage demonstration, dialogue and partnership on farms around the world. At AGRO-FARM Nauen, customized agronomic solutions, proactive stewardship measures and partnerships help spur this engagement.



Combined use of certified seeds and chemical and biological crop protection products, informed by digital farming, ensure crop management is individually adopted to every field's needs. Additionally, innovations such as easyFlow®, a closed transfer system for liquid crop protection products, and DroplegUL spray nozzle design, ensure safe and efficient use of products throughout the application process.



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Flowering areas, bee hotels and skylark plots encourage beneficial species to visit and create a home on the farm, while other natural elements are used to ensure water and soil remain clean, naturally. Phytobac® is a bioremediation system that uses naturally occurring organisms to break down hazardous substances that may have been collected in water during cleaning of equipment or application of product. Using nature to bring back water to its most natural state is an efficient, and sustainable stewardship practice.

During the launch event held at the farm, partners, politicians and members of the farming community gathered to exchange on important challenges for the local and global agricultural sector. Partnering and engaging with organizations and companies to find and implement solutions by leveraging diverse expertise is essential to the success of the ForwardFarms, and to the industry as a whole.

To learn more about AGRO-FARM Nauen, and the global Bayer ForwardFarming network, visit [www.ForwardFarming.com](http://www.ForwardFarming.com).

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