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## NEW PARTNER AND BOARD MEMBER JOIN GLOBAL HARVEST INITIATIVE

### New Expertise to Enhance GHI Food Security Programs

WASHINGTON/June 24, 2013 – The Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute (DWFI), a research institute at the University of Nebraska, joined the Global Harvest Initiative’s (GHI) growing group of consultative partners working to sustainably meet the future food demand of a growing and changing global population.

*“The Daugherty Water for Food Institute’s collaboration with GHI amplifies our ability to influence the international conversation about water in agriculture,” said **Dr. Roberto Lenton**, Daugherty Water for Food Institute founding executive director.*

***Dr. Margaret Zeigler**, Global Harvest Initiative executive director, welcomed DWFI, saying, “Water is one of the most important factors in our ability to feed a growing and increasingly affluent global population. DWFI’s partnership with the Global Harvest Initiative demonstrates the urgency of addressing the impacts of climate change on global water and food security.”*

GHI also welcomed a new member of the Board of Directors: Cory J. Reed, senior vice president of global marketing services for John Deere Agriculture and Turf, was elected by the Board on June 10. He fills the role vacated by J.B. Penn, John Deere chief economist, who will now serve as treasurer.

On joining the Board, **Cory Reed** said, *“I’m looking forward to serving on the GHI Board in support of advancement in agricultural productivity. We need policies that encourage investment, cross-industry collaboration, and technological development in agriculture. We must put policies in place that enable productive use of scarce inputs, such as fresh water, to meet the challenge of feeding a growing population.”*

Learn more about Mr. Reed at [www.globalharvestinitiative.org/index.php/2013/06/sustainable-intensification-through-local-mechanization-qa-with-cory-reed-john-deere](http://www.globalharvestinitiative.org/index.php/2013/06/sustainable-intensification-through-local-mechanization-qa-with-cory-reed-john-deere).

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***The Global Harvest Initiative (GHI)** is a private-sector voice for productivity growth throughout the agricultural value chain to sustainably meet the demands of a growing world. GHI believes the*

*right policies can improve global food and nutrition security by accelerating agricultural productivity gains while conserving natural resources. Every year GHI releases its signature GAP Report®, an annual benchmark of the global rate of agricultural productivity. Established in 2009, GHI's growing membership includes DuPont, Elanco, IBM, John Deere, and Monsanto. Visit us at <http://www.globalharvestinitiative.org>, Twitter @Harvest2050 <http://twitter.com/Harvest2050>, and Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/GlobalHarvestInitiative>.*