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Ag Innovation Showcase coming to Danforth Center

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The second annual Ag Innovation Showcase will be held on May 24-25 at the **Donald Danforth Plant Science Center**, 975 N. Warson Road.

The showcase is a top event for industry leaders, entrepreneurs and investors in the global agriculture industry. This year's program features emerging technologies as well as discussions on sustainability and productivity in agriculture.

Representatives of 17 entrepreneurial companies, selected through a competition, will make presentations on their firms' technologies to an audience including venture capitalists and investors, as well as experts focused on commercial plant-tech growth.

Speakers include Dr. Jerry Caulder, executive chairman of **Finistere Ventures**; Dr. Bryan Willson, director, **CSU Clean Energy Supercluster**; Jason Hall, executive director of the **Missouri Technology Corp.**; and Charles Cleland, **USDA** national program leader for the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Several panel presentations also **are scheduled**.

The Ag Innovation Showcase is jointly presented by **BRDG Park** at the Danforth Plant Science Center, **Nidus** (formerly called the Nidus Center for Scientific Enterprise), the Missouri Technology Corp. and **Larta Institute**. The seven organizations involved in its production include those entities as well as the **St. Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association**, **Missouri Biotechnology Association** and the **St. Louis County Economic Council**.

The companies presenting are:

- **ACGT Sdn Bhd**, Ag Biotech and Food Production, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- **AeroFarms**, Farming Technology and Livestock Productivity, Ithaca, N.Y.
- **Agrisoma Biosciences**, Renewable Energy and Biomaterials, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- **Aova Technologies**, Farming Technology and Livestock Productivity, Madison, Wis.
- **AquaSpy**, Crop Inputs, Water Technologies, and Other, Santa Ana, Calif.
- **Dairy SolutionNZ**, Farming Technology and Livestock Productivity, Hamilton, New Zealand
- **EcoSynthetix**, Renewable Energy and Biomaterials, Milton, Ontario, Canada
- **Green World Genetics**, Ag Biotech and Food Production, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- **Harvest Automation**, Farming Technology and Livestock Productivity, Billerica, Mass.
- **Inventure Chemical**, Renewable Energy and Biomaterials, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
- **Kuehnle Agrosystems**, Ag Biotech and Food Production, Honolulu, Hawaii
- **Phyto Biznet**, Crop Inputs, Water Technologies, and Other, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- **Pasteuria Bioscience**, Crop Inputs, Water Technologies, and Other, Alachua, Fla.
- **Plant Impact Plc**, Ag Biotech and Food Production, Preston, Lancashire, United Kingdom
- **SG Biofuels**, Renewable Energy and Biomaterials, Encinitas, Calif.
- **Symbiotic Sciences**, Ag Biotech and Food Production, New Delhi, India

- **Verdezyne**, Renewable Energy and Biomaterials, Carlsbad, Calif.

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