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**The Good Growth Plan: progress made across all commitments****Highlights include:**

- **4 million hectares of farmland enhanced through biodiversity or soil preservation initiatives**
- **Syngenta reaches more than 17 million smallholders**
- **All data audited and available in open data format**
- **Alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals**

Syngenta today announced results for the second year of The Good Growth Plan, which comprises six ambitious commitments for 2020 to support the sustainability of agriculture and the development of rural communities.

In 2015, Syngenta projects and partnerships enhanced biodiversity on a cumulative 1.6 million hectares of land and improved the soil on 2.4 million hectares – a combined area equivalent to the size of Switzerland. Syngenta also reached 17.2 million smallholders, allowing them to access key solutions to increase their productivity and benefit rural communities.

In the Samara region in Russia, for example, 245 farmers participated in a series of events with scientists, local authorities and Syngenta agronomists on minimum tillage, which avoids churning up the earth and maintains soil moisture and porosity. “This new technology increases yields by 25-30 percent compared with traditional tillage”, said Prof. Vasily Lukhmenov from Orenburg State Agro University, who participated in the project.

In Lumajang, Indonesia, successful rice growers achieving a yield of 10 tons per hectare each passed on their knowledge to 30 other smallholders, supported by Syngenta agronomists and government counselors. “Farmers may make a mistake in identifying a disease and take the wrong remedial action. By adopting modern technology, my rice harvest yield increases and my harvest income is better”, said Hadi Suwono, one of the 15,000 smallholders participating in the program.

Syngenta Chief Executive Officer, John Ramsay, said: “With the Good Growth Plan, a global network of 3,600 farmers and many organizations in 42 countries are joining forces to demonstrate and measure the sustainable use of technology in agriculture. Data is independently collected and validated and in 2015 we achieved audit level of assurance. As we drive progress towards our six

commitments, we are reaching out to partners and learning from our stakeholders. In this way we can make a difference and contribute to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals”.

A description of each commitment and an overview of the progress made in 2015 are below. For more information, please go to [www.goodgrowthplan.com](http://www.goodgrowthplan.com) or the Syngenta Annual Review 2015: [www.ar2015.syngenta.com](http://www.ar2015.syngenta.com)

## Six commitments: 2015 reporting update

1. **Make crops more efficient:** Increase average productivity of the world’s major crops by 20 percent without using more land, water or inputs.
  - In 2015, Syngenta established a global network of more than 1,000 reference farms and - for comparison purposes - over 2,500 benchmark farms, grouped in clusters of similar agro-climatic conditions and grower characteristics. The reference farms have adopted tailored crop protocols and have increased productivity by a global average of 2 percent against baseline data.
2. **Rescue more farmland:** Improve the fertility of 10 million hectares of farmland on the brink of degradation.
  - In 2015, Syngenta programs improved over 1.6 million hectares of soil. On a cumulative basis, we have reached around 24 percent of the 2020 target.
3. **Help biodiversity flourish:** Enhance biodiversity on 5 million hectares of farmland.
  - In 2015, biodiversity was enhanced on around 900,000 hectares of agricultural landscape in over 30 countries. On a cumulative basis, we have reached around 30 percent of the 2020 target.
4. **Empower smallholders:** Reach 20 million smallholders and enable them to increase productivity by 50 percent.
  - Syngenta already reaches 17.2 million smallholders through sales and is measuring their increase in productivity on smallholder reference farms.
5. **Help people stay safe:** Train 20 million farm workers on labor safety, especially in developing countries.
  - In 2015, Syngenta and its partners trained 5.7 million people in better and safer farming.
6. **Look after every worker:** Strive for fair labor conditions throughout our entire supply chain network.
  - In 2015, our Fair Labor Program covered more than 27,000 suppliers representing 84 percent of Syngenta seed supply farms globally. We became the first agriculture company to receive Fair Labor Association accreditation for our program in India.

## **About Syngenta**

Syngenta is a leading agriculture company helping to improve global food security by enabling millions of farmers to make better use of available resources. Through world class science and innovative crop solutions, our 28,000 people in over 90 countries are working to transform how crops are grown. We are committed to rescuing land from degradation, enhancing biodiversity and revitalizing rural communities. To learn more visit [www.syngenta.com](http://www.syngenta.com) and [www.goodgrowthplan.com](http://www.goodgrowthplan.com). Follow us on Twitter® at [www.twitter.com/Syngenta](https://www.twitter.com/Syngenta).

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