

# **News Release**

# BASF's xarvio announces new digital farming collaboration with WinField United

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC, November 4, 2019 – BASF and WinField<sup>®</sup> United, the crop inputs and insights business of Land O'Lakes, Inc., entered a new collaboration that will make it easier for growers and retailers to access digital farming solutions across multiple platforms.

The two companies will establish a single sign-on connection from WinField United's ATLAS<sup>®</sup> platform to the BASF xarvio<sup>™</sup> digital platforms, starting with xarvio SCOUTING, a mobile application that can quickly identify weeds and diseases with a click of a smartphone. Over time, growers and retailers will also have the ability to synchronize data between the xarvio and WinField United platforms, saving time with data entry while combining agronomic insights into one place.

"Given the tremendous workloads retailers and growers carry out, both groups will be pleased with the ease of use made possible through this collaboration," said Paul Rea, Senior Vice President, BASF Agricultural Solutions North America. "WinField United customers will be able to utilize xarvio systems without having to create new credentials, enhancing their experience with both platforms."

Leading in advanced analytics and agronomic artificial intelligence, xarvio products help growers optimize crop production efficiency and improve their bottom line, while providing growers with field-level and zone-based solutions. Farmers will be able to access this information through their retailer's ATLAS portal. ATLAS, WinField United's online retail portal, allows retailers to tailor data, insights and other pertinent information to their farmers through their branded website. Together, xarvio and ATLAS will enhance data standardization and synchronicity to increase the overall performance of the digital ag tools.

"As a farmer-owned co-op, we are always pushing the envelope to bring new solutions that offer distinct value and benefits to our members," said Teddy Bekele, Chief Technology Officer, Land O'Lakes. "Interaction between these platforms can augment field activities by helping retail agronomists advise the community of growers they work with to help address growers' most urgent needs."

The two companies are planning to expand the agronomic data links between xarvio and WinField United platforms through application programming interface (API). This function would allow for the user's xarvio SCOUTING data to consolidate into new insight offerings for ATLAS users, such as providing regional-level risk and heat maps to help growers stay on top of pest pressure in their area.

The single sign-on connection will be available to ATLAS users in time for the 2020 growing season. For more information, visit <u>xarvio.com</u> or <u>winfieldunited.com</u>.

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xarvio is at the forefront of the digital transformation of agriculture optimizing crop production. xarvio offers digital products, based on a global leading crop model platform, which deliver independent field-zone-specific agronomic advice enabling farmers to produce their crops most efficiently and sustainably. The xarvio products SCOUTING and FIELD MANAGER are being used by farmers in more than 100 countries worldwide.

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