

Case IH donates machinery and training to strengthen the sustainability of Ghanaian agriculture

Development Partnership will encourage and train future farmers at one of the country's five agricultural colleges

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PRESS RELEASE

Case IH is supporting Damongo Agricultural College in the Northern Region of Ghana as part of a programme designed to train students. The global agricultural equipment leader is donating machinery and expertise to the College, to help train Ghana's farmers of the future.

As a result, many students are expected to graduate from the college with the skills required to gain employment in Yagaba. This project will start by farming 400 hectares of land and has ambitions to expand to 6000 hectares, with the potential to eventually create up to 15,000 new jobs in Ghana's poorest region.

From September 2018 a pilot programme will initially train 60 students in irrigation techniques, climate-smart practices such as the use of solar-powered pumps, and the operation and maintenance of a wide range of agricultural equipment. Students will also be taught how to pass on their new knowledge as managers in the field and will be able to transfer their skills to almost any crop.

The new initiative is part of a government-backed Development Partnership with the Private Sector (DPP). Case IH is collaborating in this with GIZ, the agency implementing German development cooperation with the Government of Ghana, and with IWAD (Integrated Water Management & Agricultural Development Ghana Ltd.), a company focused on expanding commercially viable irrigation and modern agronomic practices. Case IH brings the project world-class expertise as a manufacturer of agricultural equipment for crops ranging from corn to sugarcane, and will be providing comprehensive support and operational training.

Case IH will initially assist Damongo Agricultural College from September 2018 and through 2019 by donating a JX55T utility tractor and teaching students how to maintain and operate it for maximum productivity. Eventually there will be workshop facilities for the maintenance of up to five tractors, equipped with Case IH Advanced Farming System components for precision sugarcane production.

This project will also benefit Damongo Agricultural College with other agricultural machinery and

workshop tools; training for instructors; a solar pump-powered irrigation system; a greenhouse; and trial sugarcane planting.

Daniel Bordabossana, Marketing Manager for Case IH Middle East and Africa, commented: "The modernization and mechanization of agricultural practices is an important part of Ghana's economic development. Through mechanization, Ghana's farms will be able to produce more, feed more people, and increase the number of jobs in this area."

"There is also a need to encourage more young people in Ghana to choose agriculture as a vocation, because the average age of farmers here is currently so high it threatens the industry's sustainability. For these reasons we're delighted to be involved in this Development Partnership Project and look forward to showing many young students how rewarding farming can really be."

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