Monsanto, climate experts collaborating to reduce farming's carbon footprint

Various groups have joined with Monsanto Co. to form the Carbon-Neutral Collaborative, which was highlighted in a news release as a consortium of experts on greenhouse gases.

The group will work to create a way to account for greenhouse-gas emissions from agriculture and also advise Monsanto on ways to reduce the company's carbon footprint. Monsanto is seeking to become "carbon neutral" by 2021, meaning the company is working to sequester or offset as much greenhouse gases as the company emits through its production and supply chain. Monsanto stated the company rolled out its push to become carbon neutral a year ago. The collaborative met earlier in the week.

"Since last year, we've been energized and inspired by the productive discussions and efforts around climate change from the many stakeholders involved, especially our farmer customers who are the ultimate stewards of the land," said Brett Begemann, Monsanto's president and chief operating officer. ...

The National Corn Growers Association received a \$1 million Conservation Innovation Grant from USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service to work on such issues. Monsanto stated the grant was matched with \$1.6 million from Monsanto and in-kind contributions by several other partners in the project.

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