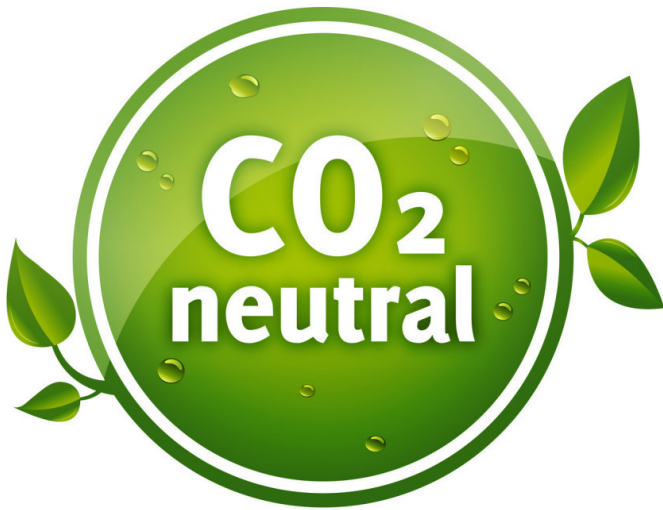


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As agriculture and farmers around the world work to mitigate and adapt to the complex challenges posed by climate change, Monsanto announced plans to make its operations carbon neutral by 2021 through a unique program targeted across its seed and crop protection operations, as well as through collaboration with farmers.

"Climate change is one of the biggest issues we face in agriculture, as well as one of the most pressing challenges facing humanity," said Mr Hugh Grant, Monsanto's chairman and CEO. "That's why we have pledged to do our part within our own business and to help support farmers and others. While progress has been made to reduce agriculture's carbon footprint, we must work collectively to do even more if we are going to sustainably feed 9.6 billion people by 2050. Agriculture is uniquely positioned to deliver climate change solutions, and we hope that policy makers recognize the role agriculture, farmers and crops can play in mitigating carbon emissions."