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American AgCredit Employees Join American Diabetes Association Cycling Events – Four Teams Set for the 2013 Tour de Cure

Regional branches each have a team that is raising funds for ADA's cause: San Diego (Temecula), CA – Napa (Santa Rosa), CA – Wichita, KS – Longmont (Greeley), CO

SANTA ROSA, CA (May 2013) – Farm Credit lender American AgCredit announced the sponsorship of four teams for the American Diabetes Association (ADA) Tour de Cure cycling event for 2013. The Tour de Cure is the ADA's annual nationwide cycling event attracting more than 55,000 riders across 44 states, raising more than \$18 million to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

Thus far, American AgCredit employees have raised more than \$10,000, with the first two teams – Temecula, CA and Napa Valley, CA – raising just over \$8,000. Upcoming events include Wichita, KS (5/11/13), and Longmont, CO (8/17/13). Team riders are tasked with raising minimum funds ranging from \$150-\$250.

All Association Board Directors have been invited to join a team as well, with one director, John Caldwell out of Colorado, issuing a fundraising challenge: He will match each director's contribution up to \$1.00 per mile. As he's signed on to ride 100 miles, he has pledged to donate \$100 for each director who donates \$100 for his ride!

"American AgCredit is proud to take part in the Tour de Cure," said Terry Lindley, Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer. "It's a great opportunity for our employees to connect with the community and better understand the positive impact of working together on a common cause while doing something healthy."

Each Tour de Cure race features different scenic routes. Cyclists have the option of riding routes of varying distances depending on the location: 100, 75, 50, 30/25 and 10/7 miles. For American AgCredit's teams, each rider may choose his or her own distance. Company team jerseys were designed by well-known race jersey designer Bill Oetinger to build camaraderie and team awareness.

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According to Gregg Warren, the Team Captain for American AgCredit, "While in the past we have sponsored employee involvement in running events, this is our first year doing this charity ride. We look forward to continuing our involvement and raising more funds for this worthwhile cause."

About American AgCredit

Founded in 1916, American AgCredit is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System, and is the nation's 6th largest Farm Credit cooperative. American AgCredit specializes in providing financial services to agricultural and rural customers throughout California, Nevada, Central Kansas, Northern Oklahoma, Western Colorado, and Northern New Mexico – as well as to capital markets customers in 30 states.

Financial services provided by American AgCredit include production and mortgage financing, equipment and vehicle leasing, crop and life insurance, lines of credit, and the Young, Beginning and Small farmer program. In addition, the Association provides interest-free loans for qualifying 4-H and FFA AgYouth programs, as well as college scholarships to young people interested in agriculture.

For more information about American AgCredit's financial services, call 800-800-4865 or visit the website at www.agloan.com for a listing of offices by region.

According to the ADA, over 25 million people, or roughly 8% of the population, in the U.S. has diabetes. For further information on the ADA Tour de Cure please visit <u>http://tour.diabetes.org</u>

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San Diego, CA:

https://donations.diabetes.org/site/Donation2?11488.donation=form1&idb=1051006774&df_id=11488&FR_ID=8667&PROXY_ID=57271 2&PROXY_TYPE=22

Napa Valley, CA:

https://donations.diabetes.org/site/Donation2?idb=794076971&df_id=11495&11495.donation=form1&FR_ID=8674&PROXY_ID=572763 &PROXY_TYPE=22

Wichita, KS:

https://donations.diabetes.org/site/Donation2?idb=545062507&df_id=11471&11471.donation=form1&FR_ID=8650&PROXY_ID=572765 &PROXY_TYPE=22

Longmont, CO:

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