

# Press Release



## CHS Inc. accepts the BASF Monarch Challenge

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## Leading US agriculture cooperative joins BASF Living Acres initiative to help create monarch butterfly habitats

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC and INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, MN, May 1, 2017 – CHS Inc. (NASDAQ: CHSCP, CHSCO, CHSCN, CHSCM, CHSCL), the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative and a global energy, grains, and foods company, gave flight today to its commitment behind the Living Acres Monarch Challenge. BASF's research-based initiative provides actionable guidance for farmers and rural communities looking to cultivate monarch butterfly habitat.

To kick-off the initiative, CHS Inc. hosted a pollinator-friendly planting at its Minnesota headquarters, expanding on the already-established native landscape on the campus.

"Restoring the monarch butterfly population will require collaboration with various entities and landowners throughout the agriculture industry," said Scott Kay, BASF, Vice President, U.S. Crop. "By partnering with CHS and their vast network of farmer-owners across key monarch migration states, we can truly make a difference together."

"CHS supports the Living Acres Monarch Challenge through the addition of pollinator seedlings at our CHS locations," said Carl Casale, President and Chief Executive Officer, CHS Inc. "From urban areas to rural communities, we are excited to play a role in creating habitats across the CHS footprint as part of our sustainability efforts."

BASF developed the Living Acres program in 2015 with the initial goal of helping to restore the monarch population. Through Living Acres, BASF researches the most efficient way to grow milkweed alongside high production agriculture. The Monarch Challenge represents the next step in sharing best practices on milkweed development with farmers to help support the species.

### For press photos, please click on the following link:

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**Suggested Caption:** A monarch butterfly takes shelter in a habitat created by the Living Acres initiative. Monarchs need milkweed and other nectar plants to complete their lifecycle. By creating more milkweed habitat across the United States, CHS and BASF are helping to boost the monarch butterfly population.

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