

## Harvest Power Division Headquarters Locating in Iredell County Move Will Result in 33 New Jobs

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**Raleigh, N.C.** - Governor Pat McCrory and N.C. Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker announced today that Harvest Garden Pro, LLC a division of Harvest Power, Inc. is planning to locate its division headquarters in Iredell County, creating 33 jobs and investing approximately \$120,000 over the next three years in Mooresville.

**“North Carolina welcomes Harvest to Iredell County,”** said Governor McCrory. **“Having a division headquarters locate in our state is not only a boost to the regional economy, but a testament to the strength of North Carolina communities.”**

Harvest Power helps communities better manage and beneficially re-use organic waste through the production of renewable energy, soils, mulches and natural fertilizers. The Harvest Garden Pro subsidiary provides and sells tens of millions of bags of mulches, soils and bagged garden products through retail outlets across North America including Lowe’s, The Home Depot, Walmart and independent garden centers. With this move, the company will be better positioned to serve key operations, distribution channels and customers.

“Harvest Garden Pro is exactly the kind of company we want to continue to attract to North Carolina,” said Secretary Decker. “Its reputation for quality products and commitment to outstanding customer service has made it the successful company it is today.”

Salaries will vary by job function, but the average annual wage for the new jobs will likely exceed \$70,000 plus benefits. The Iredell County average annual wage is \$42,724.

“We are excited about this move because it enables us to provide better support to our customers and product lines,” said Steve Liffers, Harvest Garden Pro senior vice president. “We appreciate the support we received from the State of North Carolina and the Mooresville community. Their efforts were instrumental in making this relocation a reality. We plan to get up and running quickly and we are looking forward to a robust 2015 season.”

The project was made possible in part by a performance-based grant from the One North Carolina Fund of up to \$45,000. The One NC Fund provides financial assistance, through local governments, to attract business projects that will stimulate economic activity and create new jobs in the state. Companies receive no money up front and must meet job creation and investment performance standards to qualify for grant funds. These grants also require and are contingent upon local matches.

“I welcome Harvest Garden Pro and the new jobs it is bringing to Mooresville,” said Senator David Curtis. “I look forward to working with Governor McCrory in bringing more good jobs to our region.”

“What great news for Iredell County to have Harvest Garden Pro bring these new jobs to our community,” said Senator Andrew Brock. “I look forward to seeing this company grow in our community in the coming years.”

“Congratulations to Harvest Garden Pro for choosing Mooresville and creating these new jobs,” said Representative Robert Brawley. “These new jobs are a welcome addition to Iredell County and will be a great addition to our economic development. We are looking forward to a quality future with you.”

“These new jobs and the move by Harvest Garden Pro are good news for Iredell County,” said Representative Rena Turner. “It is always great to have new, good jobs coming to our community.”

Other partners that helped with this project include: the N.C. Department of Commerce, the Economic Development Partnership of N.C., the Town of Mooresville, the Mooresville-South Iredell Economic Development Corporation and Iredell County.

For more information about Harvest Garden Pro or job opportunities, visit <http://harvestpower.com>.

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