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## **AgCode Acquires Meristem Technologies**

SONOMA, CA – April 1, 2013 – AgCode Inc. of Glenwood, Minnesota announces the recent acquisition of Meristem Technologies of Sonoma, California. The merger will allow for the best of breed in Vineyard Mobile Enterprise Software by merging the strong GIS functionality of the Meristem platform with AgCode’s iPad driven platform that is an industry standard in payroll, harvest and vineyard management.

The acquisition fits AgCode’s Strategic Growth Plan that saw a 40% growth in acreage under contract in 2012. According to AgCode President and Founder, Dion Harste, “The Meristem Platform gives AgCode an existing GIS strategy and functionality that AgCode was strategically looking to strengthen in 2013.”

Mike Bobbitt, President of Meristem states, “I am very excited about the opportunities this merger is going to provide existing Meristem users. It will bring additional resources to continue expanding the mapping functionality we started with Meristem, while at the same time, giving clients immediate access to industry standard mobile data.

As part of the acquisition, Bobbitt will bring his 20 years of GIS mapping experience and vision for GPS and vineyard data collection to the AgCode Team. “Mike will be a key component to our California Viticulture Team and will provide the GIS vision for the AgCode data work flow that now includes components on the iPad, iPhone and Android,” according to Harste.

Meristem was formed in 2008 and has grown to serve some of the top Vineyards and Vineyard Management companies in Napa, Sonoma, and the Central Coast. AgCode Inc. was founded in 2002 and moved from the seed industry in the Midwest to a focus on vineyard data collection in 2003. AgCode provides tailored mobile enterprise systems for several of the largest U.S. wineries, Ultra-Premium Wineries, and the ever-growing Vineyard Management Sector. To learn more about AgCode Inc. visit [www.agcode.com](http://www.agcode.com).

Bobbitt will continue his independent mapping services through Mike Bobbitt and Associates, which has mapped over 300 vineyards across Napa, Sonoma, and the Central Coast since 1994.

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