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President Museveni (L) talking to AmatheonAgri investors

**UGANDA'S PRESIDENT Yoweri Kaguta Museveni recently applauded AmatheonAgri Limited, the European agribusiness and farming company for mechanizing farming in Nwoya and Kween districts, urging farmers to adopt**

## **mechanized farming.**

Museveni took off time during the thanksgiving ceremony for Richard Todwong, the Nwoya County Member of Parliament, to visit AmatheonAgri's farm. While at the farm, the President lauded the investors' efforts at modernizing agriculture

stating that the ripple effect of their investment would go a long way in supporting wealth creation in the region.

"The Acholisub-region has come a long way and I believe will soon overtake places like Kampala in terms of modernization because of commercialized

farming," he said.

He added: "In the past, there were only two combined harvesters in the entire region. Today, I see three in this farm alone. This is what we have always advocated for; commercial farming and value addition."

AmatheonAgri Limited started its Ugandan operations in 2013 and is currently developing rain fed cropping operations in Nwoya and Kween districts. In Nwoya, AmatheonAgri is growing mainly Rice, Maize, sunflower, and soya beans.

Commenting on their operations in Uganda, Jon Mc Lea, Managing Director at AmatheonAgri said that the company's long-term objective is the vertical integration of arable land into Uganda's value chain, which will add to the country's growing economy.

"We are currently training 900 small holder farmers from whom we intend to buy their products during the next harvest. We are also looking at expanding our out grower catchment area to other parts of the district," said.

**(By Our Reporter)**