

# GERMANY

## NATIONAL JURY MOTIVATION

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The Gut Groß Voigtshagen farm is characterized by a great affinity for optimization through modern, digitally supported technologies in fertilization and crop protection. The use of biomass maps is a good example of how nutrients can be used in an even more targeted manner and thus also saved. The positive effects on the reduction of nutrient discharges from the farm are complemented by the generously laid out watercourse margins of 20 meters along the watercourses and field troughs. The farm manager Axel Böttcher registers very precisely the developments of the climate, the precipitation and the pest pressure on the crops and tries to incorporate these observations into his farm management via technical and digital innovations. For a farm that operates in an absolutely favorable location and has consistently high-yielding land, Axel Böttcher and his team create a number of positive environmental effects that the jury would like to honor with the award. The farm strives to integrate the neighboring communities and engages in open dialogue with interested parties.

The jury would like to honor the owner of Gut Groß Voigtshagen, Maximilian Graf von Nesselrode, and the farm manager, Axel Böttcher with his family, and the employees for this commitment and encourage them on their way in the right direction, i.e. towards more environmental protection.

### Jury members:

- **Herwart Böhm**, Dr., Thünen Institute of Organic Farming
- **Reinhold Stauß**, Dr., retired, former State Agency for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Areas of the German Federal State Schleswig-Holstein
- **Susanne Werner**, Dr., Bauernverband Schleswig-Holstein e.V. - Farmers' Association