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## **VETERAN'S CARBON HOLDINGS LAUNCHES WORLD'S FIRST SCIENTIFICALLY QUANTIFIED, MEASURED, AND VALIDATED SOIL CARBON CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

*Working in partnership with BCarbon (Baker Institute for Public Policy located at Rice University) and Article 6-adjacent platform DOVU, VCH program quantifies, measures, and verifies carbon outcomes, which enables participating farmers to earn more value per acre than is currently possible with practice-based modelling*

**MINOT, N.D.—February 19, 2026**—Veteran's Carbon Holdings (VCH), the company that collaborates directly with farmers and landowners to purchase the carbon generated by their crops, today announced the launch of the world's first scientifically quantified and 3rd party validated soil carbon certification program. Working in partnership with the BCARBON carbon registry located at Rice University, part of the Baker Institute for Public Policy, and DOVU, an Article 6-adjacent carbon credit digitization and trading platform, the new VCH program pays farmers for actual, measured, and verified carbon storage output. This approach, on track to cover from 1.5 million to 2 million acres in the Red River Valley of North Dakota and western Minnesota in 2026, is expected to deliver higher carbon payments to American farmers than prevailing model-based practices.

*"This is not a modeled GLMP carbon program," explained Stephen Gorton, Scientist and Owner of Veterans Carbon Holdings. "This is proven, measured carbon. Our carbon credits are higher rated quality based on 3<sup>rd</sup> party validations and verification. Our approach creates a global market advantage for American farmers. Farmers should be paid for what they actually deliver. We have devised a process of carbon certification and sale that sends more dollars back to rural America, rewarding stewardship, innovation, and measurable impact."*



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*Most existing carbon programs rely on practice-based modelling (GLMP), which estimates carbon outcomes based on assumed farming practices and generalized data and satellite mapping. These programs typically generate voluntary carbon credits, which are then often sold into oversupplied U.S. markets at discounted prices. This is not optimal for American farmers, who receive less revenue than their actual carbon storage should earn.*

*In contrast, the VCH program uses direct stratified soil sampling methods and protocols to establish real baselines. The process quantifies actual carbon gains stored in agricultural subsoils measuring permeance, applying rigorous scientific and verification protocols to certify measured tons of soil carbon. Every carbon credit generated is third-party verified and validated by BCARBON and tracked transparently using DOVU's blockchain-based infrastructure on Hedera Hashgraph, which creates trust and accountability and reduces financial risk for the carbon exchanges and the buyers and sellers of carbon credits. The project, its supplementary documents, and the interim carbon credit request have been successfully validated against BCarbon's Soil Carbon Protocol v2.0.*

*By partnering with DOVU, an Article 6-adjacent platform built to meet emerging international carbon market standards, VCH positions its high-integrity credits for access to compliance and premium voluntary markets globally. Article 6 of the Paris Agreement establishes frameworks for international carbon cooperation, and DOVU's infrastructure is designed to align with these standards, enabling seamless integration with future compliance mechanisms while maintaining the transparency and traceability required by institutional buyers.*

*The net effect is to command a premium that allows American farmers to earn significantly more value per acre for the environmental benefits they already create. Carbon is stored in U.S. soil at rates of up to 9 tons per acre. Selling on DOVU per ton, this translates into a potentially significant source of revenue for farmers.*

*“DOVU’s infrastructure is pivotal to our global scalability. By working together, VCH satisfies the demands of European and Asian Buyers for higher integrity credits, quantified, verified outcomes, and transparent auditable data,” said Katie Lorenz, President of Veteran’s Carbon Holdings. “But more importantly, it enables us to send the lion’s share of revenue back into rural American communities - where it belongs.” VCH announced earlier it will distribute \$1.1 billion in direct payments to U.S. farmers and landowners over the next nine years.*



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According to Stuart Eeg, a farmer in Greenbush, MN, who is the first grower to have carbon credits issued in the U.S., "This is about finally creating a system where the value built in our soil goes back to the people who care for it every day. For generations, small and family-owned farms like mine have fed this country, fuelled its economy, and stewarded the land, often without being compensated for the environmental benefits we create season after season. We've always known that healthy soils, strong root systems, and responsible land management matter. We've just never been paid for it."

Eeg continued, saying, "That's what makes this program different. The financial impact is real. This program returns 55% of all revenue directly back to farmers. That's not theoretical value, that's income. Income that helps with rising input costs, equipment upgrades, land payments, and succession planning. Income that stays in rural communities and supports the small businesses, schools, and services that keep these rural communities alive."

For more information, visit <http://www.veteranscarbonholdings.com>, <https://bcarbon.org/project-developers>, or <https://dovu.earth>

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