



**Dr. Michael Austin**  
**Head of Global Agronomy**



Michael Austin joined Agrinos as Head of Global Agronomy in 2015. He leads the global agronomy team within the Research and Development organization at Agrinos, emphasizing scientific research for the company's existing and new product lines.

Dr. Austin and the Global Agronomy team oversee the development of R&D field and greenhouse trials and the collection, interpretation and analysis of agronomic data to support product development, intellectual property and regulatory filings. Under his leadership the Global Agronomy team also supports and reviews commercial trial activities around the world through the Agrinos Global R&D agronomists for the Americas, Europe/Middle East and Asia.

Prior to joining Agrinos, Dr. Austin was employed with Syngenta Seeds as the head of North American Continuous Nurseries in Hawaii and Puerto Rico, with DuPont Pioneer Hi-Bred as research scientist and agronomist, and with the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (HARC) as diversified crops scientist. In addition, he spent five years working in Lesotho, Africa. Dr. Austin holds a Master of Science in Agronomy from the University of Florida and a Doctor of Philosophy in Plant Breeding from the University of Hawaii.