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Sakata Completes Phase I of its Woodland Innovation Center

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Sakata Seed America announced phase one completion of the Sakata Seed America Woodland Innovation Center, a new research and production facility in Woodland, California.

Since announcing plans March 1, 2016, the Woodland Innovation Center has been under construction to create a culmination of infrastructure and land that enables Sakata to consolidate and expand R&D and production practices on a single, state-of-the-art campus, flexible for future expansion.

The Woodland Innovation Center is an \$18.5M investment comprised of 219 acres in Yolo county. Sixteen of the acres house four main buildings designed by local principal Stantec Architecture architect, Matthew Shigihara. The four main buildings include the Head House; a shop for research and development that allows for washing and drying of breeder seed; multiple greenhouses for trialing important Sakata crops; the Farm Shop, used for production maintenance and equipment, drying of seed and other farm-related activities; the Washery building for washing, fluming and drying all types of wet seed attached to the Warehouse; a 25,000 sq. ft. space housing the latest technology in seed processing equipment and an LEED-certified office building. **GT**