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## GT in Brief

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### Vita Farms, ForemostCo Inc. Partner on New TC Lab

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Vita Farms, ForemostCo Inc.'s partner in Guatemala, has just announced the opening of Vita Labs, a new tissue culture lab to "create consistent quality and availability to better serve our customers' evolving needs," said the press release.

The new lab is an 8,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility with the capacity to produce 15 million young plants annually when the space is fully utilized. Additional expansion is planned over the next three to five years to further increase its capacity. Vita Labs' key focus will be on ornamental plants, with over 110 varieties currently in-house.

"Vita Farms ships more than 200 million cuttings a year to the United States, Canada and Europe; our goal is to always have the best quality product on the market," said Luis Pacheco, General Manager of Vita Farms. "There is no doubt that the current market demands we continue to improve and develop our production capabilities. Vita Labs will certainly help us do just that by producing high quality, uniform planting material that can be multiplied on a year-round basis under disease-free conditions."

Vita Farms is a 50-acre nursery near Villa Canales, Guatemala, with 105 greenhouses and counting. In 2017, they purchased an additional 185 acres. The farm is managed by Luis Pacheco. **GT**