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media release

## Hartung Brothers, Inc. to acquire Syngenta operations in Hawaii

- Closing expected in second quarter
- All employees offered employment
- Syngenta to contract current Hawaii seed production from Hartung

**KEKAHA, Hawaii, USA, May 11, 2017** – Syngenta and Hartung Brothers, Inc. announce they have entered into a purchase agreement under which Hartung will acquire existing Syngenta operations in Hawaii on Oahu and Kauai. All employees will be offered employment by Hartung when the acquisition closes, which is expected to occur in the second quarter this year. Financial details of the agreement will not be disclosed.

As part of the agreement, Syngenta will contract current Hawaii-based seed production activities from Hartung. The purchase ensures ongoing crop innovation will continue to be part of Hawaii agriculture, which plays an important role in food production for the U.S. and around the world.

Ed Attema, Syngenta head of Global Seed Operations, Production & Supply, said, “We are extremely pleased to have this agreement with Hartung Brothers for our Hawaii sites. The goal has been to have our employee talent base and facilities maintained and to contract work with the new owner, and that will be achieved.”

“Our company is very much a family business rooted in the work ethic instilled in us by our parents Lorna and Galen Hartung,” said Dan Hartung, President, Hartung Brothers, Inc. “We are excited about the opportunities this acquisition will bring our current customers. It will also allow us to expand our customer base with new capabilities. We are very impressed with the current Hawaii management team and employees. Their dedication, knowledge and pride shows in all they do.”

On August 29, 2016, Syngenta Seeds, LLC announced its business operation would change in Hawaii by selling its two operations in the State, on Oahu and Kauai. The purpose was to pursue a different operating model by contracting current Hawaii-based seed production activities with the new owner. Syngenta remains committed to the unique benefits of

developing agricultural innovation in Hawaii – experienced people, stable weather and good soil. Syngenta will continue to be part of the important role Hawaii plays in agriculture and food production for the U.S. and around the world.

### **Hawaii operations facts**

- Operations – approximately 4,000 acres for inbred and hybrid seed production at sites on Oahu and Kauai
- Workforce – more than 100 full-time employees and a number of contract employees throughout the year
- History – Syngenta or its predecessor companies have had operations in Hawaii since the late 1960s

### **About Hartung Brothers, Inc.**

Hartung Brothers, Inc (HBI), established in 1975, is a family owned agribusiness based in Madison, WI. HBI operates seed facilities in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa. The focus of the seed business is to provide customers with outstanding quality seed and services. Vegetable production operations span 6 states and SW Ontario, and currently include green beans, cucumbers for pickling and carrots. HBI is dedicated to our customers and employees, building lasting relationships. As a strategic supplier to Syngenta, HBI has provided seed corn production, processing and distribution services for Syngenta and legacy Syngenta companies on the mainland U.S since the 1980's. To learn more about HBI visit [www.hartungbrothers.com](http://www.hartungbrothers.com).

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