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Milk made without cows: TurtleTree launches its lab in Woodland, the heart of America's food and agriculture capital

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WOODLAND, CA (July 8, 2021) - TurtleTree, a leading biotech company using mammalian cells to produce sustainable milk, has expanded its presence in the United States with the opening of a new office at The Lab @ AgStart in Woodland, California. The company started in Singapore and has won numerous awards, including a \$1 million prize from the Temasek Foundation.

Fengru Lin, co-founder and CEO of TurtleTree, says "Innovation for impact is in our DNA. We want to transform the food system through our clean milk products. Therefore, it's natural that we chose to be in Woodland, in the heart of the Greater Sacramento region and minutes away from UC Davis, given the area's global recognition for agriculture and cutting-edge expertise on milk."

TurtleTree uses cell-based technologies to create better-for-you nutrition blends and ingredients from milk. These key nutrients are known to have tremendous functional and physiological benefits not just for the development of infants, but also for the well-being of adults. It also has applications in performance fitness and specialized nutrition. TurtleTree is unlocking access to the natural ingredients found in milk using a host of new technologies, making its benefits available for all.

TurtleTree will be housed at The Lab @ AgStart, a brand-new facility in Downtown Woodland that is Northern California's only facility with both BioSafety Level 1 wet lab benches and a certified commercial kitchen. John Selep, president of the AgTech Innovation Alliance nonprofit that supports AgStart, says, "We are proud to play a role in TurtleTree establishing their presence here. All of the startups at AgStart benefit from the Greater Sacramento region's thriving innovation ecosystem, connections to other ag and food leaders, and proximity to cutting-edge research."

AgStart is a startup incubator with a mission to accelerate food, ag, and health innovation. The company has helped hundreds of startups by providing mentoring, networking and connections. The Lab @ AgStart and its Yocha Dehe Lab and Raley's

Food Lab are the result of multiple local partners recognizing the region's strategic need for additional lab space to host innovators like TurtleTree.

The City of Woodland, a close AgStart partner and a sponsor of the new facility, is home to over 180 food and agricultural companies and celebrates its sesquicentennial this year. "Woodland has a rich agricultural heritage and one of the finest concentrations of food and ag businesses in the world," says Woodland Mayor Tom Stallard. "The Lab @ AgStart represents our continued commitment to growing the next generation of innovative bio and food tech companies right here in Woodland over the next 150 years."

UC Davis, the nation's top research institution in high-value agriculture and veterinary sciences, is a short drive south of the new AgStart facility. Dr. Denneal Jamison-McClung, director of the UC Davis Biotechnology Program and co-founder of the UC Davis Cultivated Meat Consortium, says, "We are seeing lots of food tech and biotech startups moving to the area. Here they have access to capital from Silicon Valley, a wide variety of industry partners, and some of the world's top research talent in food and ag."

TurtleTree has a far-reaching vision to transform performance nutrition, food systems, and cellular agriculture. As the company develops its global network of sustainable food production, TurtleTree is also looking to support the local community and cultivate young talents.

Max Rye, co-founder and chief strategist at TurtleTree, says "I grew up in Woodland, three blocks away from the new AgStart facility, and went to school at UC Davis. It's great to be home again and to help grow our local community while creating global impact."

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For more about the UC Davis Biotechnology Program, please [visit their website](#).

For general photos of The Lab facility, please [click here](#).