

DuPont Achieves Major Milestone to Expand Probiotics Capacity

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The fermentation unit is fully operational and will serve as a crucial resource in propagating bacteria and enabling high potency, stability and efficacy of probiotics. Quality is extremely important in probiotic production, and the fermentation unit will also optimize DuPont's production capability, enabling the company to increase the pace of delivery to customers and the market.

"Completing the construction on our new fermentation unit marks a major milestone in delivering essential innovations for our customers and achieving our ambitious probiotics growth plans," said Matthias Heinzl, President, DuPont Nutrition & Health. "Today, we are witnessing a significant rise in demand for probiotics as consumers make health and wellness a daily priority. We are proud to continue to deliver on our commitment to invest in this fast-growing segment, which can also enable sustainable growth for our customers around the world."

In addition to this announcement, DuPont also completed a probiotics capacity expansion at its Madison, Wisconsin, facility in late 2018. The investment was used to upgrade equipment and increase the pace of new product development and significantly improved delivery times on pilot material for clinical trials and customer evaluations.

DuPont is a world leader in probiotics, offering the widest range of clinically documented strains with its DuPont Danisco portfolio to support digestive health, immune health, women's health and more. Specifically, its HOWARU products were recognized with a series of outstanding innovation awards in 2018 from various industry organizations. The company is also leveraging its probiotics platform for the development of human milk oligosaccharides (HMOs) as part of a larger microbiome investment strategy.