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U.S. Tobacco Cooperative Purchases Mullins Marketing Center

RALEIGH, NC (September 14, 2015) – U.S. Tobacco Cooperative Inc. (USTC), a leading producer and processor of quality flue-cured tobacco, announced the purchase of its Mullins Marketing Center, located at 901 East Front Street in Mullins, South Carolina.

Stuart Thompson, CEO of USTC, confirmed “The purchase of the Marketing Center in Mullins represents an investment and commitment, by our Board of Directors and management, to our growers in South Carolina. By purchasing the building, it allows us to make significant changes in the operations that will benefit our growers. The location was a deciding factor in the purchase as it allows growers in South Carolina a convenient place to sell their tobacco.”

The Mullins Marketing Center’s warehouse is approximately 130,000 square feet. Joey Hardin was promoted to Operations Manager and will oversee the day-to-day operations.

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About U.S. Tobacco Cooperative Inc.

U.S. Tobacco Cooperative (USTC) is a leading producer and processor of the highest quality U.S. flue-cured tobacco. Headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina, the Cooperative contracts with 850+ flue-cured member growers from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. With this diverse grower base, USTC is able to contract and supply a complete range of styles required for both domestic and export markets.

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