

Ball Horticultural Acquires Tradewinds Hibiscus Genetics from Aris Horticulture

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Ball Horticultural Company announced the expansion of its tropical portfolio through specific acquisitions of genetics and commercial business from Aris Horticulture Inc., a leading producer and developer of ornamental plants.

Effective Aug. 3, 2026, breeding company Ball FloraPlant, will acquire the complete Tradewinds Hibiscus genetics portfolio, widely recognized as the leading Hibiscus program in North America. This transfer includes all commercial

varieties, breeding stock, future introductions, and the Tradewinds trademark, which will further strengthen Ball FloraPlant's world-class genetics assortment and build innovation in the tropical category.

“Expanding our tropical portfolio helps Ball meet the needs of the evolving market. We welcome these exciting additions to the Ball family,” says Allan Davidson, President of Ball Horticultural Company. “This transition combines industry-leading genetics, production expertise, and customer support to deliver even greater value to our customers and partners.”

In addition, North America's leading horticultural distributor, Ball Seed, will acquire the commercial business responsibilities for Aris' tropical liner, prefinished, and finished programs. This includes Hibiscus, Mandevilla, and Tropical Fern classes, along with select Igloo Mums and Green Leaf Plants Florida perennials (Transferred Products). Aris will continue to produce and finish the Transferred Products but will turn over all direct sales and distribution to Ball Seed. The Transferred Products will also have availability and be sold through Star Roses and Plants.

“Ball has a compelling vision for leveraging Tradewinds and expanding its tropical plants portfolio, and Aris has the production and growing experience to make it happen,” says Scott Schaefer, President & CEO of Aris Horticulture Inc. “This strategic partnership allows each company to focus on core strengths and ensures the continuing supply of the premium products our customers have come to rely on.”