

CN Seeds Ltd

Based in Pymoor near Ely, CN Seeds Ltd is a family business that supply specialist herb and baby-leaf seeds to the horticultural industry worldwide.

As herbs and baby-leaf salads have increased in popularity, CN Seeds have developed their business to meet this demand for new varieties, by investing heavily in research and development. This includes the construction of glasshouses for plant breeding, a laboratory, and employing both scientists and specialist plant breeders.

CN Seeds applied for a grant from the Eastern Agri-Tech Growth Initiative to further enhance their R&D programmes through enhancing the technical infrastructure within their propagation glasshouse and purchasing additional specialist laboratory equipment.

Vision

To successfully pilot an innovative and highly efficient system for plant breeding, starting with a new variety of Wild Rocket that would be resistant to plant diseases, such as mildew. The new system will also make significant savings in both time and resources, by being more accurate and consistent.

The Results

Since being approved by the Agri-Tech Delivery Board, CN Seeds have been awarded a Research and Development Grant of £39,468 to purchase the equipment needed for the project.

Mark Hodgkinson from CN Seeds Ltd, said: "The funding has enabled CN Seeds to pilot a new breeding programme which, if successful, will help the company to overcome one of its biggest challenges in relation to developing new products; the length of time it takes to develop a new variety. The desired outcome will be to make significant savings in both time and resources through being more accurate and consistent."



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