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## **Syngenta to acquire Lantmännen's winter wheat and winter oilseed rape businesses in Germany and Poland**

- **Access to germplasm, seeds pipeline and commercial varieties**
- **Deal will support development of hybrid cereals worldwide**
- **R&D collaboration focused on wheat**

Syngenta announced today an agreement to acquire the German and Polish winter wheat and winter oilseed rape (WOSR) breeding and business operations of Lantmännen, the Swedish food, energy and agriculture group.

Syngenta will gain access to high-quality germplasm, a seeds pipeline and commercial varieties which complement the company's portfolio in two of Europe's most important crops. Lantmännen employees in Germany and Poland will also join Syngenta.

The deal will support the continued development of hybrid cereals to growers worldwide. In WOSR, Syngenta will strengthen its breeding program, enabling the development of highly competitive hybrids with yield stability and winter hardiness as well as broader disease resistance.

As part of the transaction, Syngenta and Lantmännen will also enter into an R&D collaboration in wheat, and Lantmännen will distribute Syngenta cereals and WOSR seeds in Sweden.

Syngenta Chief Operating Officer, John Atkin, said: "This acquisition reinforces our position in the important cereals and WOSR markets of Germany and Poland, and immediately enables us to market Lantmännen seed for these crops in both countries. We will also incorporate their high-quality genetics into our international breeding programs to develop seeds that offer significant productivity benefits to growers."

Lantmännen Head of the Agriculture Sector, Johan Andersson, said: "Through this deal Lantmännen will get the opportunity to commercialize Syngenta cereals and oilseed rape seeds in our home market. We will continue the breeding activities in Sweden and Holland in winter and spring wheat, spring barley, oats, triticale, spring oilseed rape, forage crops, willow and potatoes. Lantmännen will also continue to market seeds of these crops in Sweden as well as the international markets."

Financial details were not disclosed. The transaction is subject to approval by the German competition authority and is expected to close in July 2014.

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Lantmännen is one of the largest groups in agriculture, machinery, energy and food in the Nordic region. Our brands include AXA, Kungsörnen, GoGreen, Hatting, Schulstad and Gooh. We are owned by 32 000 Swedish farmers, have about 8 500 employees, are represented in 22 countries, and have a turnover of 33 SEK billion. Our company is firmly rooted in the knowledge and values that have existed among our owners for generations. We conduct research, development and operations throughout the chain, enabling us to take responsibility from field to fork. For more information, visit: [www.lantmannen.com](http://www.lantmannen.com)

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