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Woolworths distribution upgrade



Australian retailer Woolworths has started construction on a new fresh produce distribution centre in Melbourne

Woolworths' new A\$135m (US\$91m) Melbourne Fresh Distribution Centre (MFDC) in Truganina will store and deliver fresh products and chilled products to its Victorian stores.

The retailer commenced building work on 1 August and the facility is expected to open in late 2020.

Once at full capacity more than 1.5m cartons a week will move through the facility bringing customers

fresh fruit and vegetables and chilled goods from more than 500 suppliers.

"This development will help us deliver top quality fruit and vegetables to our customers fresher, faster and more efficiently than ever before," said Paul Graham, chief supply chain officer of Woolworths.

"At one-and-a-half times the size of the MCG field, the distribution centre will provide a significant uplift in capacity to support our continued growth in Victoria."

"We're proud to be investing in a supply chain network in Victoria - delivering fresher food to our customers, taking trucks off Melbourne's roads, and creating hundreds of new jobs."