## MSI PURCHASED AN AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY IN STA. ROSA, NUEVA ECIJA



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For the first time since its inception in 1974, MSI has undertaken this year a bold step toward the purchase of an agricultural property as a result of steadily improving operations. This move was initiated by MSI management and Board of Directors in order to further strengthen its operations and broaden the services to its mandated sector – the farmer-cooperatives and organizations.

Last August 28, 2015, LANDBANK, represented by SPAD Head, Atty. Cristina Malab, and MSI, represented by Pres. and CEO Roy Oscillada, sealed the agreement for MSI's purchase of about 2.4 ha. real property situated at Brgy. Maliolio, Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija. The property was acquired for the purpose of establishing a Model Learning Farm for small landholdings. The contract signing was witnessed and attended by selected LANDBANK-SPAD and MSI Representatives, MSI Board of Directors and Treasurer.

The establishment of the Model Learning Farm is mainly for technology transfer. It intends to provide our farmer-cooperatives and organizations access to technology which they can replicate and apply in their own farms with the end goal of improving their production and earning capacity towards self-sufficiency.

At present, MSI management is in its initial stage of improving the facilities in preparation for the pilot testing of agri-related projects that will be installed in the acquired property.