

## Dole builds green building in Westlake Village



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LEED is short for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, a program of the U.S. Green Building Council. To receive LEED certification, building projects satisfy prerequisites and earn points to achieve different levels of certification. Gold certification is next to the highest ranking in terms of points earned, with “platinum” being the highest ranking and “certified” being the lowest.

The company recently constructed Westlake Park Place Building C, a 105,000-square-foot, energy-efficient building with a 577 kilowatt solar panel array that provides most of its electricity.



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The building was developed by the Searles Property Group in partnership with the Denver-based real estate investment fund manager Amstar. It was designed by Behr Browsers Architects and constructed by Fullmer Construction.

Among its environmentally-friendly features are non-harmful interior finishes and building materials with recycled content. The construction team recycled 95.6 percent of the construction debris.

The building also has specialized plumbing fixtures that reduce water usage and domestic waste sewer demand.

“Dole Packaged Foods continues to be a leader in environmental stewardship and the new building is a model of sustainability for other companies in the area to follow, said Thousand Oaks Mayor Al Adam in a prepared statement. “Green buildings like theirs are key to driving our community and local economy toward a more sustainable future.”