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## Second Walmart grocery store planned in Woodland

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. announced plans Wednesday for a second Walmart Neighborhood Market in Woodland, this one at the site of a vacant pharmacy store.

The second grocery-format store, at 215 California Ave., should open this fall and will have about 65 employees, according to a news release.

Wal-Mart (NYSE: WMT) also announced hiring for 75 employees has begun for the first store, at 1264 E. Gibson Road in the Country Faire Mall. Applications for the store are being taken at the same address, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The second store will have many of the same offerings as other neighborhood markets, with an emphasis on grocery items and such in-store services as a pharmacy. Customers also will be able to pick up items ordered through the store's website at both locations.

The size should be similar to the first Woodland store, which is moving into a former 62,000-square-foot Mervyn's at Country Faire Mall. Such stores are typically about 38,000 square feet.

Information on why Wal-Mart chose to put a second grocery store in Woodland, and its other plans for adding such stores in the Sacramento region, were not immediately available.

Wal-Mart also has an existing general merchandise store in Woodland. It was also not immediately clear whether Wal-Mart bought or leased the second grocery store site, though construction at the second site already has begun.

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Wal-Mart plans a second Walmart Neighborhood Market in Woodland. It already has a general merchandise store in town, too. This is a photo of an existing location elsewhere.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/news/2013/04/17/woodland-walmart-neighborhood-market.html>