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KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Veneman Presents Special Report to Ministers

Attending Science and Technology Conference.
On June 23, 2003, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman released a special report on science and technology at the Ministerial Conference and Expo on Agricultural Science and Technology held in Sacramento, California. For more information, see <http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2003/06/0225.htm>.

USDA Announces Increased Eligibility for 2003 Non-Fat Dry Milk Livestock Feed Assistance.
On June 13, 2003, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is expanding eligibility for 2003 non-fat dry milk livestock feed assistance, originally announced in April. For more information, see <http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2003/06/0205.htm>.

Veneman Announces New Incentives for Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Carbon Storage.
On June 6, 2003, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced that for the first time, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will give consideration to management practices that store carbon and reduce greenhouse gases in implementing forest and agriculture conservation programs. For more information, see <http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2003/06/0194.htm>.

COMMUNICATION NETWORK

The "Agriculture Fact Book 2001-2002".
The new fact book, released March 27, includes general information and statistical data about American Food consumption, the agricultural sector, and rural America. The book also describes USDA's wide-ranging programs and services. The "Agriculture Fact Book 2001-2002" can be accessed at <http://www.usda.gov/factbook>.

University of California Annual Report 2000-2001.
University of California, has released its Annual Report 2000-2001 on its Small Farm Program. To request a copy of this report please contact Desmond Jolly at 503-752-7774 or via e-mail at: dajolly@ucdavis.edu.

Cornell Small Farm Program.
News from Cornell's Small Farm Program, press releases and photos. For more information, see <http://www.smallfarm.cornell.edu>.

MEETINGS & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

USDA Farmers Market Opened Eighth

Season June 6.

Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia farmers will display and sell their seasonal products at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers Market which opened June 6, and will be open each Friday through Oct 31 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. For more information, see <http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2003/06/0188.htm>.

GRANTS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Vacancy Announcement.

Foreign Agricultural Services are seeking an International Program Specialist, GS-0301-11/12. Deadline line for applications is July 22, 2003. Contact Dawn Ferguson at 202-418-8958 or <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 6, 2003 - Washington, DC
AES/CES "Quality of Life" Day Fair 2003.
Contact: Yvonne Brockenberry at 202-274-7100
or Shirley Whittington at 202-274-7115.

July 15, 2003 - Nashville, TN
Small Farm Expo.
Contact: Bridgette Bush at 615-963-1842
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Roy Bullock at 615-963-5449 or via e-mail at:
fbullock@tnstate.edu.

August 12, 2003 - Geneva, NY
2nd Annual New York Organic Crops and
Soil Field Day.
Contact: Maxine Welcome at 607-255-5439.

November 5-7, 2003 - Columbia, MO
North Central Region Small Farm Task Force
Workshop.
Contact: Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant at
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