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KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

USDA Announces Sign-Up for Livestock
Assistance Program Beginning August 6.
On August 5, 2003, Agriculture Secretary
Ann M. Veneman announced sign-up for
the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP)
beginning August 6. For more information, visit
<http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2003/08/0275.htm>.

USDA Announces 2003 Crop Sugar Program
Parameters.
On August 13, 2003, the U.S. Department of Agriculture
(USDA) announced major details for the operation of the
2003 crop year sugar program. For more information, visit
<http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2003/08/0285.htm>.

USDA Launches New Trade Adjustment Assistance
Program.
On August 20, 2003, Agriculture Secretary Ann M.
Veneman announced that USDA's new Trade
Adjustment Assistance for Farmers (TAA) program.
For more information, visit
<http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2003/08/0291.htm>.

Veneman Announces Addition of Environmentally
Sensitive Land to Conservation Reserve Program.
On August 25, 2003, Agriculture Secretary Ann M.
Veneman announced that USDA will accept 2 million
acres of the nation's most environmentally sensitive
land into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).
For more information, visit
<http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2003/08/0294.htm>.

USDA Awards Grants to Assist Socially Disadvantaged
Farmers and Ranchers.
On September 03, 2003, Agriculture Secretary Ann M.
Veneman announced that USDA is awarding 34 competitive

grants totaling more than \$6.4 million to strengthen efforts aimed at serving minority and disadvantaged farmers. For more information, visit <http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2003/09/0302.htm>.

USDA Expands Pilot Internet Payment System.
On September 03, 2003, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced that USDA is expanding its pilot e-LDP program to 50 counties, with every state having one participating county. For more information, visit <http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2003/09/0301.htm>.

USDA Reallocates Nearly \$60 Million of Farm Bill Funds for Conservation on Private Working Lands.
On September 12, 2003, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced the reallocation of nearly \$58.6 million to be used for conservation technical and financial assistance. For more information, visit <http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2003/09/0314.htm>.

USDA Releases \$55.7 Million to Restore and Protect Wetlands.
On September 12, 2003, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced the availability of \$55.7 million for the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), to help protect wildlife, habitats and ecosystem health. For more information, visit <http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2003/09/0315.htm>.

Veneman Names Members of Beginning Farmers Advisory Committee.
On September 22, 2003, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced the appointment of 20 members to the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers and announced a pilot program to help beginning farmers and ranchers purchase land. For more information, visit <http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2003/09/0327.htm>.

GRANTS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Agrability Funding Opportunity.
CSREES is requesting applications for a national project under its Assistive Technology Program for Farmers with Disabilities (AgrAbility). For more information, visit <http://www/agrabilityproject.org>.

UPCOMING

October 12-15, 2003 - San Francisco, CA
GIN2003: Innovating for Sustainability.
Contact: Greening of Industry at 781-646-4596.

October 15-18, 2003 - Charleston, SC
2003 Annual Meeting of the National
Association of Farmers' Market Nutrition
Programs.

For more information, visit
<http://www.nafmap.org>.

October 16, 2003 - Petersburg, VA
16th Annual Aquaculture Field Day.
Contact: Dr. Brian Nerrie at 804-524-5903
or via e-mail at: bnerrie@vsu.edu.

October 16, 2003 - Frankfort, KY
Kentucky State University "Third
Thursday Thing" Sustainable Agriculture
Workshop.
Contact: Marion Simon at 502-597-6437.

October 21, 2003 - Weatherford, OK
Women In Agriculture & Small Business
Workshop "Sowing the Seeds of Success".
For more information, visit
<http://www.greatplainsrcd.org>.

October 31 - November 2, 2003 - Columbia, MO
National Small Farm Trade Show &
Conference.
For more information, visit
<http://wwwsmallfarmtoday.com> or call
1-800-633-2535.

November 5-8, 2003 - Alberta, Canada
Agri-Trade Farm Equipment Expo.
For more information, visit
<http://www.agri-trade.com> or call
403-347-4491.

November 7-9, 2003 - Moscow, ID
"Cultivating the Harvest II: Inland
Northwest Small Acreage Farming
Conference and Trade Show".
Contact: Jennifer Farley at 208-883-3462
or via e-mail at: jennifer@ruralroots.org.

December 4-5, 2003 - Wilmington, DE
5th Annual Future of our Food and Farms
Summit.
For more information, visit
<http://www.foodfarm.org>.

December 7-9, 2003 - Tuskegee, AL
The Professional Agricultural Worker's
Conference Overview.
Contact: Ntam Baharanyi at 334-727-8454 or

Robert Zabawa at 334-727-8114.

December 15-16, 2003 - Petersburg, VA
Small Farm Family Conference.
Contact: Andy Hankins at 804-524-5962.

January 22-25, 2003 - Gainesville, FL
The Practical Tools and Solutions for
Sustaining Family Farms Conference.
Contact: Toni McLaughlin at 225-654-2017 or
via e-mail at: ssawgconf@bellsouth.net.

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