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FAS NAMES CHRISTIAN FOSTER AS DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR OFFICE OF TRADE PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25, 2008—Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Administrator Michael W. Yost today announced the appointment of Christian J. Foster as the Deputy Administrator for the agency’s Office of Trade Programs. In this role, Foster will oversee the agency’s primary market development programs like the Market Access Program, the Foreign Market Development Program (also known as the “cooperator program,”) as well as the export credit guarantee programs.

“Christian Foster has shown initiative in spearheading key strategic programs—such as initiatives to develop regulatory frameworks in emerging markets that are consistent with international standards-setting bodies and coordinating trade and investment missions—that are technical in nature and often in sensitive, non-traditional markets,” said Yost. “I look forward to Christian helping U.S. agriculture maximize the emerging opportunities available in foreign markets. He also has first-hand private sector marketing experience, which makes him uniquely qualified.”

Foster most recently served as the Assistant Deputy Administrator for the Office of Capacity Building and Development, where he oversaw technical assistance, agricultural development, and trade capacity building programs aimed at transforming transition and fragile economies into viable two-way trading markets.

Prior to coming to FAS, Foster worked at the U.S. Agency for International Development, USDA’s Economic Research Service, and in international business development with Bell Atlantic Corporation. He earned a Master of Arts from Georgetown University and a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.

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