



**“Greening the New Year” Event a Success;
Second Event to be Held February 7**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, 2008 – The USDA Headquarters Green Team, the BioPreferred Program, and the Sustainable Operations Council hosted an exhibition on “Greening the New Year” in the South Building Cafeteria on Thursday, January 31. A similar event will be held outside the Whitten Building Cafeteria on Thursday, February 7.

“‘Greening the New Year’ seeks to educate USDA personnel in steps they can take to live and work in a more environmentally sustainable way,” said Assistant Secretary Boyd Rutherford.

Dr. Pat Millner of the Agricultural Research Service in Beltsville demonstrated how the compostable food service products from the cafeteria are being returned as “earth friendly” soil amendments. Dr. Millner displayed compost made from USDA cafeteria waste that is being used to grow vegetables.



In addition, employees enjoyed Ron Buckhalt’s BioPreferred Products information table.



Employees sampled new organic snacks (Albert's Organics) that will be introduced in the USDA cafeteria starting in February.



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