



## Soy-Based Products Help Earn Ft. Bragg White House Recognition



Fort Bragg's success with soy biobased products as part of their greening strategy earned the North Carolina Army base the 2008 White House Closing the Circle Award. The United Soybean Board (USB) and the soybean checkoff help to lay the foundation for increased use of soy products in government and private industry by investing in research and performance testing as well as educational outreach.

Liz Garner, a sales account manager for LC Industries, Fort Bragg's supply store, expanded the soy biobased products they are using by introducing a soy foam degreaser at the base's motor pool.

"Fort Bragg is committed to not only buy more products, but to ensure that our personnel know that these biobased products are just as effective as other products," says Garner. "We are definitely proud of our green efforts and soybeans have been an integral part in helping to be more environmentally friendly."

Garner says they promote at least 11 soy-based products available to Fort Bragg and that a lot of the biobased products work at least as well as conventional products. The soy-based degreaser proved to be extremely effective in removing grease from military vehicles and heavy duty lawn mowers. Garner performs demonstrations of the effectiveness of biobased products to increase their use, as well.

"As more people come in contact with the soy-based products and I do more demonstrations and give more samples, sales of soy-based products should continue to increase down the road," says Garner.

Other winners of the Closing the Circle Award that use soy-based products include the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps., U.S. Army; U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Energy.

"The Closing the Circle Award is a tremendous honor and it speaks volumes that soy-based products played such a large role for the recipients," says Todd Allen, USB New Uses committee chair and a soybean farmer from West Memphis, Ark.

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