

USDA Undersecretary of Agriculture Visits in Soy Programs in China

USDA Undersecretary of Agriculture-Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services James Miller visited China with a busy schedule of meetings with Chinese authorities. However, he took time from his busy schedule to make two soybean visits, demonstrating USDA's strong interest in the soybean industry and ASA-IM market development activities that have made soybeans the largest U.S. ag export to China. In Shanghai, Undersecretary Miller visited the Dong Cheng Crushing Plant, where he, Minister-Counselor for Agriculture Bill Westman and Ag Trade Office Director Wayne Batwin saw U.S. soybeans being converted into cooking oil for local consumption and meal for nearby feed mills. They were briefed by Aqua Program Manager Jim Zhang and Livestock Technical Director Dr. M.Y. Huang on their market segments and discussed soybean quality issues with the Dong Cheng management team.



USDA Undersecretary of Agriculture James Miller with Technician Zhou Enhua and Aqua Program Mgr. Jim Zhang. The 7 lb. black carp grew from about 2.2 lb. in early May

Prior to leaving China, Undersecretary Miller and Mr. Westman, escorted by Country Director Phil Laney, visited the National Fisheries Extension Center breeding farm and training center in the Beijing suburbs to observe progress of an aquaculture feeding demonstration conducted by NEC and ASA-IM. The object of this trial is to show that soy protein concentrate can be used to replace fish meal in fish feeds. Black carp are carnivorous fish and the results

of this trial proving they can thrive on all plant-protein diets will be important in developing new markets for soy feed ingredients.

