

Press Release



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Harris Teeter Continues to Advance its Sustainable Practices

The company has become a member of the EPA's GreenChill Advanced Refrigeration Partnership.

Charlotte, NC – Harris Teeter is continuing to partner with organizations that allow the company to build upon its commitment to the environment, while still providing its customers with the best shopping experience possible. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA) GreenChill Advanced Refrigeration Partnership does just that.

The EPA launched the GreenChill program to promote the use of advanced supermarket refrigeration technologies, strategies, and practices that reduce emissions of ozone depleting and greenhouse gas refrigerants. Why is it important to reduce emissions of refrigerants? The answer is easy.

- Ozone-depleting refrigerants are also potent greenhouse gases (GHGs), which contribute to climate change when released into the atmosphere.
- Many supermarket refrigeration systems contain refrigerants that deplete the ozone layer.
- Many older refrigeration systems are also energy inefficient, resulting in increased energy demand (further increasing GHG emissions).

In addition to becoming a GreenChill partner, Harris Teeter initiated a variety of sustainable practices during 2007. Shoppers can now choose from plastic, 100% recycled paper or a reusable bag upon check out. Harris Teeter is also bringing more awareness to the recycling centers located in the front of all stores.

Harris Teeter recycles on average 30,000 tons of cardboard and 1.9 million pounds of plastic each year.

By providing shoppers with a convenient location to recycle plastic and paper items, Harris Teeter feels it will continue to increase the amount of recycled items each year.

Harris Teeter is committed to providing its customers with outstanding customer service and a variety of top quality products. The company's sustainable efforts and its new GreenChill partnership are additional ways for Harris Teeter to show it cares about the communities where its associates and shoppers live and work. To learn more about Harris Teeter's sustainable efforts, visit harristeeter.com and click on About Us.

Harris Teeter, Inc. with headquarters in Matthews, NC, is a subsidiary of Ruddick Corporation (NYSE:RDK). Harris Teeter is the 40th largest supermarket in the United States with 2007 sales of \$3.30 billion. The grocery store chain employs over 18,000 associates and has 167 stores in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, Maryland, Delaware, and Florida.