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FoodWorks USA Study Tour

Report by Rod Allen President MGA

In early May 2006 I was lucky enough to join a 12 day USA Study Tour along with some fellow Foodworks retailers and Head Office management and a number of suppliers.

The tour started for a few of us in Atlanta where we were given a look at the World of Coca Cola Pavilion and saw the launch of their new 'BLAK' flavour. This was followed by a full day comprehensive look at the new technology we can expect from NCR in the near future including the double-sided printed receipt which will be a cost saver when available. Their Retail Solutions room situated in their Head Office was amazing.

We visited Charlotte, Richmond (home of the South in the Civil War) and Cincinnati before settling in Chicago where we spent a few days at FMI.

We were welcomed at supermarkets that treat their customers like old friends and become customers 'third place' after home & work. They included:

Harry Teeter, Bloom Supermarkets, Ukrops, Wegmans, Dorothy Lane Markets, Publix, Whole Foods and Marsh

These stores ranged in size from 1,500 sq metres up to a massive 13,000 sq metres set on six acres. Each store has its own chemist shop within the store plus a drive-thru service.

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The tour party at NCR