

60th

Secretary's
Annual
Honor
Awards



Thursday
October 11, 2007
2:00 pm



Message from the Acting Secretary



The Honor Awards Ceremony provides a chance for all of us at USDA to pause for a moment and look both backward and forward—to reflect on what we have accomplished in the past year and what we hope to achieve in the future. Today, agriculture is at a turning point. The markets for our goods are no longer down the street or across the state; instead, our products are served on dinner tables around the globe. Biotechnology is improving the quality, quantity, and nutritional value of our crops. And ethanol and biodiesel are transforming rural America into a source of clean and renewable energy. These developments are good for our farm economy; this year we expect record production levels for a variety of crops, while crop receipts are expected to top \$136 billion and exports are forecast to reach \$79 billion.

But as with any transition, this growth has its challenges. We must adjust our policies so that American agriculture remains competitive in a new high-tech, global environment. Our mission must be to encourage modernization and transformation and not to hinder growth by forcing new developments to conform to an old structure. The policies of the past won't keep American agriculture productive in the future.

The Farm Bill proposals that we unveiled earlier this year reflect this focus on emerging priorities. Creating those proposals involved tremendous effort from staff across USDA, and I thank you for your hard work. I continue to believe that our proposals present a very positive vision for the future of American agriculture and it is because of your dedication that this department was able to condense the thoughts and ideas of so many farmers, ranchers and other stakeholders into a clear vision.

Millions of Americans have come to depend on the highest quality support and service from USDA, and I appreciate all our employees do to maintain that standard. Today, we gather to recognize those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to provide truly exceptional service. Their efforts have produced impressive results that have benefited our department and the people we serve. I hope you'll join me in thanking and congratulating them for their accomplishments.

60TH

Secretary's Honor Awards Ceremony

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Auditorium

Musical Prelude

Presentation of Colors Armed Forces Color Guard

“National Anthem” Donna Carter
Office of Human Capital Management

Pledge of Allegiance The Honorable Boyd K. Rutherford
Assistant Secretary for Administration

**Welcome and Introduction of
the Secretary of Agriculture** Mr. Boyd K. Rutherford
Assistant Secretary for Administration

Secretary's Message The Honorable Chuck Conner
Acting Secretary of Agriculture

Presentation of Awards Acting Secretary Conner

Secretary's Honor Awards

Enhancing International Competitiveness of American Agriculture

Enhancing the Competitiveness and Sustainability of Rural Farm Economies

Supporting Increased Economic Opportunities and Improved Quality of Life in Rural America

Enhancing Protection and Safety of the Nation's Agriculture and Food Supply

Improving the Nation's Nutrition and Health

Protecting and Enhancing the Nation's Natural Resource Base and Environment

Supporting the President's Management Agenda and Civil Rights

Heroism and Emergency Response

William A. Jump Memorial Award

The William A. Jump Memorial Award is presented annually to Federal employees under the age of 37 in recognition of outstanding service in the field of public administration. The award is given in memory of William A. Jump who for many years was the distinguished Budget and Finance Officer of the Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Daniel E. Salmon Award

The Dr. Daniel E. Salmon Award is presented annually to recognize outstanding contributions and notable service in the public's interest by a federally employed veterinarian who has no more than 10 years of service. This award was established in 1985 to honor the first director of the United States Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Industry and is sponsored annually by the National Association of Federal Veterinarians.

President's Volunteer Service Awards and Call to Service Award

The President's Volunteer Service Awards and Call to Service Award are presented to USDA employees who have significantly contributed community volunteer service to meet national or community needs.

Closing Remarks, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Margo McKay

Off-Stage Announcer, Mr. Ron Buckhalt, *Agricultural Research Service*

Audience will be seated promptly at 1:45 p.m.

Please stand during the presentation of colors and remain standing until the colors retire.

Reception for the Award Recipients and their guests immediately following the Secretary's Honor Awards Ceremony located on the Jamie C. Whitter Building Patio



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Honor Awards Recipients



Enhancing International Competitiveness of American Agriculture

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP ACHIEVEMENTS

Audit, Review and Compliance

Branch, Agricultural Marketing Service,
Fredericksburg, Virginia

James L. Riva, Group Leader

*For implementation of the Beef
Export Verification Program to
further Worldwide Marketing of
U.S. Agricultural Products.*



Group Members:

Edith Nicholle Adams, Glenn Brown, Miguel Caceres, Michael Dinkel, Carrie Ellis, Phil Frederick, Martin Friesenhahn, Corey Gilbert, Patricia Heckart, David Hildreth, John Hollifield, Alan Kohles, Gary Mahnke, Julius Moody, John Ridgely, Vickie Robertson, Steve Ross, Samantha Simon, Steven Rick Skinner, Dana K. Stahl, Darrell Wilson, Diana Young

BSE Risk Status Dossier Team, Animal
and Plant Health Inspection Service,
Washington, DC

John Greifer, Group Leader

*For exceptional effort in preparing
the submission that led to
recognition of the United States as a controlled-risk country for bovine spongiform
encephalopathy by the World Organization for Animal Health.*



Group Members:

Elizabeth A. Barrett, Debra E. Beasley, Elizabeth M. Brown, Gary Colgrove,
Michael John David, Lisa A. Ferguson, Brain James McCluskey, Christina J. Myer,
Dorothy A. Roe, Keith A. Zotti

**Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration
Group Members:**

Neal Bataller, Burt Allan Pritchett

Foreign Agricultural Service Group Members:

Wendell James Dennis, David Alan Egelhofer

Food Safety and Inspection Service Group Members:

Chuanfa Guo, Melissa Anne Lowman

Enhancing the Competitiveness and Sustainability of Rural Farm Economics

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP ACHIEVEMENTS



2005 Hurricane Recovery Effort, Farm Service Agency, Alexandria, Louisiana

Willie Cooper, Group Leader

For tireless effort, personal resilience and commitment to administer disaster programs to producers affected by the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Group Members:

Kirk Smith, Sondra Mayberry, Sharlene Daigle, Barbara Leger, Deirdre Lemelle, Ronald Boudreaux, Brenda Champagne, Bertha Guy, Juanita Clements, Theron Graves, Regan Knight, Jeff Dufresne, Darlene Arceneaux, Patrick Babineaux, Susie Saint, Jan East, Mack McCraney, Stacey Milton, Karen Bennet, Larry Thibodeaux, Laura Granger, Diane Guidry, Kim Hebert, May Maze, Cindy Schexnider, Tim Landry, Gerard Labbe, Rose Bordelon, Sonja Winchester, Marilyn Rousseau, Marion Simoneaux, Jeff Dufresne, Cheryl Simon, James Harvey, Thomas McClelland, Robert R. Manuel

**Diversity Outreach Team for the
2007 Census of Agriculture**, National
Agricultural Statistics Service,
Washington, DC

Ray Garibay, Group Leader

*For extraordinary effort and
achievement in improving
representation of small and
disadvantaged farmers and
ranchers in the 2007 Census of
Agriculture.*



Group Members:

Alfonzo Drain, Bill Iwig, Steve Manheimer, Michelle Radice, Peggy Stringer

**Midwestern Regional Office, Business Practices and Resident
Agent Units**, Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards
Administration, Des Moines, Iowa

Bryce Alan Wilke, Group Leader

*For correcting the illicit weighing practices that existed
at twenty-eight livestock markets in the eleven state
Midwestern Region resulting in enhanced competitiveness
and sustainability of rural economics.*



Group Members:

William Arce-Arana, Gayle Barnett, Dewey Blatchford, Arian DeBlicek, Adam
Fast, Jerry Garner, Robert Merritt, Steve Pappaducas, Glenn Plumley, Terry Ryno,
Julie Shamblin

Supporting Increased Economic Opportunities and Improved Quality of Life in Rural America

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP ACHIEVEMENTS



David P. Grahn, Office of the General Counsel, Arlington, Virginia

For leadership and creativity by providing Rural Development with legal guidance, that has enhanced the economic vitality of Rural America.



Multi-Family Housing Prepayment Settlement Team, Rural Development, Washington, DC

Laurence Anderson and Alicia Peden, Group Leaders

For saving taxpayers an estimated \$3-4 billion by establishing an improved settlement regime to resolve claims arising from Congress' retroactive modification of Multi-Family regulations.

Group Members:

George VonPless, Edward Duval, Cynthia Foxworth, Melinda Price



Social-Economic Benefit Analysis System Working Group, Rural Development, Washington, DC and Columbia, Missouri

William F. Hagy, III and Dr. Thomas Johnson, Group Leaders

For outstanding achievement in the development of the Social-Economic Benefit Analysis System, that identified seven quantitative direct and indirect measures of local and regional economic performance of rural projects funded under Rural Development's Business Programs.

Group Members:

Diane Berger, William Smith, Gary Tarr, Enrique Perez, Michael Foore, Mark Sanborn, Bert Roepe, Dr. Dennis Robinson

Enhancing Protection and Safety of the Nation's Agriculture and Food Supply

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP ACHIEVEMENTS



Avian Influenza Working Group, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC

Perfecto R. Santiago, Group Leader

For significant contributions in the development of the Agency's plan to prepare for, respond to, and recover from an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in the United States.

Group Members:

Richard Brown, Edward Confino, Bhabani Dey, Peter Evans, Michael Gabriel, Pam Ogasawara, Laurie Segna, William Shaw, Daniel Smigal, Jeff Tarrant, Dr. Rasika Tripathy, Leonard Uptain, Geraldine Woods, Tara Balsley, Bonnie Buntain

Food Safety Education for At-Risk Audiences Team, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC

Susan Conley, Food Safety and Inspection Service and Stan Hazan, NSF International, Group Leaders

For extraordinary dedication and accomplishment in protecting public health through development, planning, and execution of the Reaching At-Risk Audiences Conference, Immune-Compromised Brochure Series, and the Be Food Safe Campaign.



Group Members:

Roger Baker, Matthew Baun, Rowena Becknel, Carol Blake, Linda Eckrich, Mary Harris, Dr. Kristin Holt, Joan Lindenberger, Maria Miranda, Terri Nintemann, Barbara O'Brien, Keith Payne, Daniel Puzo, Heather H. Quesenberry, Laura Reiser, Robyn Sadagursky

United States Public Health Service Group Member:

Janice Adams-King

NSF Group Members:

Jerry Bowman, Diane Henderson

Office of Communication Group Members:

Kevin Conner, Heather Curlett, Susan Gentilo, Patrick O'Leary



Marvin J. Grubman, Agricultural Research Service, Greenport, New York

For outstanding research of the foot and mouth disease virus resulting in the development of a novel vaccine and biotherapeutic strategy to protect the Nation's livestock industry from this catastrophic disease threat.

Irradiation and Indian Mango Approval Team, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Riverdale, Maryland



Alan S. Green and Paul Gadh, Group Leaders

For facilitating, against all odds, in a timely manner the import of Indian mangoes treated with newly approved environment-friendly irradiation technology while still protecting American agriculture from quarantine pests.

Group Members:

George “Andy” Ball, Alex Belano, Wayne D. Burnett, Bonita Davis, Lottie Erikson, Craig Fedchock, Mary Fleming, Robert L. Griffin, Philip Grove, Robert Guillermo, Shannon R. Hamm, Richard R. Kelly, Nancy Klag, Vedpal S. Malik, Andrew L. Malone, Paul G. McGowan, Charles “Ed” Miller (Retired), Leah C. Millar, Melissa L. O’Dell, Ralph Ross (Retired), Vanessa P. Schreier, Jamie L. Simo, Tom Sutton, Jeanne M. VanDersal, Donna L. West, William D. Wesela, Ian C. Winborne, Scott Wood, Larry Zettler

Agricultural Research Service Group Members:

Guy J. Hallman, Kenneth Vick, Peter A. Follett

Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection Group Member:

Petrina Evans

Melamine Response Team, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC

Terri Nintemann, Group Leader

For exceptional investigative, response, and communication activities in protecting the public health and ensuring the safety of meat from food animals that consumed feed containing melamine and related compounds.



Group Members:

Shannon Ashby, Sara M. Baucher, Mark T. Beutler, Louis Bluhm, Margaret Brown, Michelle Catlin, Ata U. Chaudhry, Steven Cohen, James M. Debres, Gregory J. Derrick, Emilio Esteban, Virginia Felix, Paul J. Flanagan, Michael A. Frisone, William H. Gillingwater, Raquel Hernandez, Michael C. Kain, Patricia Linden, Richard Mackey, Carol Maczka, Cecilia Masaquel, Tamara Mayberry Davis, Jamie V. Mercado, Douglas B. Morton, Hongnhung Nguyen, Dennis C. Peterson, Charles E. Pixley, Mary Porretta, Daniel Skotinicki, William C. Smith, Gary Stronski, Catalina Yee

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Group Member:

Jonathan T. Zack

Agricultural Marketing Service Group Member:

William T. Sessions

Salmonella Sampling Coordination Group, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC

Sean Fitzgerald Altekruse, Group Leader

For extraordinary progress in advancing the critical USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service public health program to reduce human exposure to Salmonella in meat and poultry products.



Group Members:

Don W. Anderson, Nisha O. Antoine, Patricia A. Bennett, Dan Beseris, Jeffrey L. Brown, Amy Chanlongbutra, Nelson R. Clinch, Sharon Costley, Robert J. DeSagun, Denise R. Eblen, Ronald Eckel, Rachel Edelstein, Peter S. Evans, Gail C. Graves, Chaunfa Guo, Laura E. Hulsey, Sharla M. Jennings, Kristopher J. Kennee, Susan A. Knowler, David D. LeBarre, Beth R. Leopold, John W. Linville, Harry M. Marks, Veronica J. Miles, Krishna R. Murthy, Mike D. O'Donnell, Mildred B. Rivera, William K. Shaw, Hany Z. Sidrak, Teresa L. Taylor, Robert L. Umholtz, Lisa M. Volk, Patricia L. White, Gerald W. Zirnstein

Improving the Nation's Nutrition and Health

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP ACHIEVEMENTS

Food and Nutrition Service SNAP Team,
Food and Nutrition Service, Alexandria,
Virginia

Judy F. Wilson and Alice H. White,
Group Leaders

For fostering integrated, cross-program and comprehensive nutrition education approaches in nutrition assistance programs, resulting in the development of State-wide nutrition action plans and enhanced cross-program collaboration.



Group Members:

Jan Adams, Mavia Fletcher, Tamara Gardner, Sheldon Gordon, Joi Hatch, Mary Herrup, Heather Hopwood, Ebony Horry, Shannon Jones, Alice Lockett, Rebecca J. Mandell, Barbara Martin, Marilyn Myers, Stella Nash, Anita Singh, Cherisa Toomer

Loving Your Family...Initiative Team, Food
and Nutrition Service, Alexandria, Virginia

Rebecca S. Mandell and Alice Lockett,
Group Leaders

For development of targeted educational tools to promote healthier eating habits and increase physical activity among low-income families, resulting in innovative materials that minimize cultural, literacy and language barriers.



Group Members:

Donna Johnson-Bailey, Melissa Walker, Alicia White, Judy Wilson

Protecting and Enhancing the Nation's Natural Resource Base and Environment

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP ACHIEVEMENTS

John T. Beyer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Fresno, California

For successfully pioneering agricultural air quality conservation measures in California that offer technical and policy models to USDA conservationists nationwide.



Public Lands Partnership of Delta, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel Counties, Colorado, Forest Service, Delta, Colorado

Mary M. Chapman, Group Leader

For serving as a model of community-based collaboration to improve public management decisions in ways that help enhance and maintain diverse, healthy, and viable economies, environments, and communities in Western Colorado.



The Public Lands Partnership Group Members:

Alan Belt, Ralph Files, Nancy Fishering, Art Goodtimes, Stu Krebs, Jan McCracken, Alan Staehle

U.S. Forest Service, Forest Service, Washington, DC

Abigail Kimbell and Dale Bosworth (retired), Group Leaders

For exemplary leadership and accomplishment in reducing the risk of catastrophic fire to both the wildland and Wildland Urban Interface areas through the U.S. Forest Service Hazardous Fuels Program supporting the President's Healthy Forest Initiative.



Supporting the President's Management Agenda and Civil Rights

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP ACHIEVEMENTS

Centralized Servicing Center's Management Team, Rural Development, St. Louis, Missouri

David Villano, Group Leader

For outstanding leadership in the development, implementation, and management of centralization initiatives for Rural Development Housing Programs, that resulted in a multi-million dollar savings to the United States Government, and provided efficient streamlined processes for assisting rural Americans.



Group Members:

Terrie Barton, Ronald Bolen, Toni Carter, Kenneth Elli, Thomas Herron, Michael Keller, Thomas Morris, Patricia Fiala, Helena Smith

eGrants Implementation Team, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Washington, DC

Anthony Pandolfino, Group Leader

For outstanding achievement in fully implementing an electronic grants program in support of the President's Management Agenda initiative of expanded Electronic Government.



Group Members:

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**National Treasury Offset
Program Work Group**, Food and
Nutrition Service, Alexandria,
Virginia



Lael Lubing, Group Leader

*For outstanding work
with our State partners
leading to the recovery
of almost \$1 billion in delinquent debts for improperly issued benefits in the Food
Stamp Program.*

Group Members:

David Adedeji, Laura Adkins, Aquellah Anderson, Susan Beard, Kathy Best, Trent
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Diana Michel, Cheryl Petty, Mark Porter, Michael Rowe, Charlene Simmons,
John Wiggins

**Peer Review
Coordinating Council**,
Economic Research
Service, Washington, DC



**Michael R. LeBlanc,
Group Leader**

*For improving
the quality
of Economic
Research Service
research manuscripts with the use of a transparent and rigorous review system, and
achieving administrative efficiencies by unifying separate processes for review and
clearance.*

Group Members:

Mary E. Bohman, Thomas A. MacDonald, Keith D. Wiebe

Michael W. Yost, Foreign Agricultural Service, Washington, DC

For exemplary leadership in guiding the Foreign Agriculture Service through a reorganization that streamlined the agency's workforce and refocused its resources, while maintaining its primary mission of market access and expansion.



Heroism and Emergency Response

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP ACHIEVEMENTS

Hurricane Relief Team,
Office of Inspector General,
Chicago, Illinois

Paul T. Keating,
Group Leader

*For outstanding
work in reviewing
the Department of*

*Agriculture Gulf Coast Hurricane Relief programs to reduce risk of fraud, waste, and
abuse and helping to ensure victims receive disaster assistance.*



Group Members:

Rodney G. Anton, Richard L. Bradfield, Robert W. Brown, Syreeta E. Byas,
Jessica L. Dedrick, Greg A. Gall, Stephen A. Graf, Michael Hanz, Mark S. Hight,
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C. Morrison, Tanya L. Moses, Patrick E. Munday, Wanda J. Munkus, Alexis D.
Murphy, Michelle L. Nelson, Aaron P. Oatley, Edgardo Pagan, Laura Pfaadt,
Zebulon H. Pomerence, Jill P. Sayre, Shedrick E. Sublett, Margaret Szczepanski,
Kurt J. Thompson, Matthew T. Wilkins, Dennis W. Zimmerman

Kisatchie Ranger District, Forest Service,
Provençal, Louisiana

Mike Dawson, Group Leader

For rising to the occasion in the midst of a severe rainfall and flood event, by rescuing residents, closing dangerous washout areas, establishing emergency escape routes, and implementing a safety and security plan resulting in no loss of life or personal injury.



Group Members:

Charles Boles, Kelly Boles, Harold Braden, Albert Brazzel, Antoinette Davis, Charles Fontenot, Brittany Haynes, Genese Jenkins, Marlyce Kanseah, Bradley Kohls, Kathy Leggett, Geoff Lehmann, Deborah McCarthy, Peter Michaelson, Nathan Miller, Chris Neugent, Jonathan O’Gorman, Tommy Rochefort

Paul M. McKellips, Farm Service Agency, Washington, DC

For demonstrating bravery and heroism by placing himself in harm’s way to serve his nation and the agricultural community, while detailed to Iraq as a member of the State Department’s Go Team.



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William A. Jump Memorial Award

Nicole Faison

Director of Office of Public Housing Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC

For outstanding commitment and dedication to improving HUD's financial performance, improving income integrity and eliminating fraud and abuse within HUD rental assistance programs.



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Dr. Daniel E. Salmon Award

Dr. Jennifer Gordon Wright, DVM, MPH, Dipl. ACVPM

Veterinary Epidemiologist, LCDR (04), Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia

For outstanding contributions to the fields of vaccine preventable disease and veterinary infection control, and for exceptional enthusiasm towards educating the next generation of veterinary professionals.



Special Memorial Recognition

In memory of Forest Service employees Mark Loutzenhiser, Jess McLean, Jason McKay, Daniel Hoover, and Pablo Cerda, who tragically lost their lives in the line of duty on October 22, 2006 in the Esperanza Fire in California.

In memory of Forest Service Contract Pilot Dennis Luster Davis, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty on July 23, 2007 in the Elk Fire in California.

Family, friends and co-workers sorely miss them.

Acting Secretary Chuck Conner expressed his grief for their loss. “Our dedicated employees are our most valued resource, and the loss of any affects the entire USDA family. On behalf of all of my colleagues, I extend our deepest gratitude and most heartfelt sympathy to the families of these individuals.”

Acting Secretary Conner

President's Volunteer Service Award and Call to Service Award

“In recognition and appreciation of your commitment to strengthening our Nation and for making a difference through volunteer service.”

Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service

Farm Service Agency

Call to Service

Amy Lynn Allen
Stephanie S. Brown
Ann Collins
Claudia W. Crump
Wayne Enger
Bonnie Kisko

Gold

Matt Baumgardner
Clare Messmer

Silver

Roger Dahmer
Erin Hreskowsky

Bronze

Christy S. Collins
Brenda T. Jackson
Andrew Schmidt

Risk Management Agency

Bronze

Scott A. Tincher

Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services

Food and Nutrition Service

Bronze

Julie Brewer
Mary Beth Flowers
Julie Mikkelson

Food Safety

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Call to Service

Franklin Labadie
Joseph R. Tiscia, Jr.

Gold

Franklin Labadie
Joseph R. Tiscia, Jr.

Bronze

Todd A. Bonn

Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service

Call to Service Award

James M. Bostic
Carl J. Carnahan
William O. Coates
Thomas L. Cooper
Bradley D. James
Larry R. Meadows

Gold

Carl J. Carnahan
Bradley D. James
Thomas Wienk

Silver

Erin Foulkes
Kenneth R. Payne

Bronze

Abby Bay
Ramon Cana Alvarez
Ben A. Cockfield
Richard H. Lawson

*Grain Inspection, Packer and Stockyards
Administration*

Call to Service

Chuck Britton

Gold

Barbara McKee

Silver

Donna B. Hardnett

Bronze

Toni Anderson

Office of the Chief Information Officer

Gold

David Pfaffenberger
Ronald W. Anderson

Office of Inspector General

Gold

Jewel L. Moore
Matthew T. Wilkins

Bronze

Jim B. Legg

Departmental Administration

Office of Operations

Silver

Gregory M. Stohlman

Office of Security Services

Bronze

Tiffany Brooks

Natural Resources and Environment

Forest Service

Call to Service

Douglas Daoust
Kathleen A. Jordan
Samuel Rowland Lammie
Sherri Preston-McGuire
James D. Sullens
Jack Walton

Gold

Susan K. Crutcher
Glen S. Kinder IV
Pamela J. Martin

Silver

Robert K. Jack
Brad B. Nelson
Carolina M. Ware

Bronze

Cheryl Caplan
Kenneth G. Day
Connie Reynolds

Research, Education and Economics*Agricultural Research Service***Call to Service**

Gregory Cote
Craig Huntzinger
Joyce Jacks
Evita Lopez-Gourley
Alan Moore

Gold

Keith Bidne
Craig Huntzinger
Joyce Jacks
Kim McMunn
Dan Scholfield

Silver

Patrick Barry
Richard Delorne
David Lee
Gary Miller
Alan Moore
Mary Reynnells
Brian Scheffler
Mark Sullivan

Bronze

Gregory Cote
Teri Ferrin
Phyllis Martin
Matthew Moore
Laurence Parnell
Gordon Selling

*National Agricultural Statistics Service***Call to Service**

Nancy Worthington

Gold

Jean Pate
Susan Reynolds

Silver

Kay Moyer

*Economic Research Service***Call to Service**

Sheila Sankaran

Rural Development**Call to Service**

Allan Brooks
Robin Shoberg
John A. Durand

Gold

John A. Durand
David Glasgow

Silver

Vera Elizabeth Bates
Miriam Haylett
Eric A. Koan
Allen Lambright
Melodye Massey
Philip Winslet

Bronze

Brenda Chewning-Kulick
Bernard C. Linn
Vera Rasmussen

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(Front Row, left to right) Cecilia Matthews, Mary Oxner, John Morris

(Back row, left to right) Fay Hill, Ty Couey, Laura Denice, Tami Smith



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