



NRCS Black History Month 2012 Celebrating "The First"



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Martha Marbury (Deceased) 1st Black Female Branch Chief for Personal Division

Juanita Grasty (Deceased) 1st black female to work in the National office prior to the passage of the Civil Rights Act.

Gerri Inman (Deceased) Director of Administrative Assistance





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Ann English (1)

1st (Known) Black Female Area Conservationist in the Nation (*),
1st Black Female Area Conservationist and ASTC-Operations in
Minnesota, 1st Black Female State Conservationist in South
Carolina and 2nd in the Nation, 1st Black Female State Agronomist
in Arkansas, 1st Black Female Soil Conservation Technician and
District Conservationist in Missouri

Michelle Simmons (2)

1st Black Female Area Conservationist in New York

Lillian Woods (3)

1st Black Female State Conservationist in the Nation (*)
1st Black Female State Conservationist in West Virginia
1st Black Female Soil Conservationist in Minnesota
1st Black Female District Conservationist in Maryland
1st Black Female Director of Guam

Keshia Tatem (4)

1st Black Female Area Conservationist in Pennsylvania, 1st Black
Female State Conservationist in Arizona and 3rd in the Nation

Doris Washington (5)

1st Black Female District Conservationist in Arkansas
1st Black Female Assistant State Conservationist (Operations) in
Arkansas, 1st Black Female Area Resource Conservationist in
Arkansas

Caryl Butcher (Retired) (6)

1st Black Female Ethics Officer in NHQ

Katura Wright (7)

1st Black Female Assistant State Conservationist (Programs) in
Vermont

Tammy Willis (8)

1st Black Female Assist State Conservationist (Programs) in New
York, 1st Black Female Area Resource Conservationist in Ohio

Erica Westbrook (9)

1st Black Female State Resource Conservationist in SC
1st Black Female Area Conservationist in Arkansas

Kim Bradford (10)

1st Black Female NRCS Sociologist

Lesia Reed (11)

1st Black Female Deputy Chief of Strategic Planning and
Accountability

Jacque Thibodeaux Horne (12)

1st Black Female Soil Conservationist Trainee in Minnesota
1st Black Female Soil Conservationist in Nevada and Arizona

Eloris Speight (13)

1st Black Female Deputy Chief of Management

Leticia "Tish" Toomer (14)

1st black Female Economist in NHQ

Maxine Barron (Retired) (15)

1st Black Female NHQ Program Analyst

Rishell Bowler (16)

1st Black Female District Conservationist in Oklahoma

Denise Cooke (17)

1st Black Female Director, Human Resources Strategy and
Accountability, NHQ

Demitrice Boozer (18)

1st Black Female State Administrative Officer in Iowa

Khalia Giles (19)

1st Black Female Technician in Alabama

Reena Young, (20)

1st Black Female Water Resources Staff Leader in Pennsylvania

Drenda Williams (21)

1st Black Female Assistant State Conservationist (Operations)
in Missouri

Sylvia Rainford (22)

1st Black Public Affairs Specialist in the nation (*), 1st Black Public
Affairs Specialist in Pennsylvania and Minnesota, 1st Black Public
Affairs Specialist in the nation to handle media for the agency
nationwide.

Lisa Buckner (23)

1st Black Female RC&D Coordinator in Minnesota

Valerie Pickard (24)

1st Black Female District Conservationist in Georgia

Rose Webb (25)

1st Black Female State Administrative Officer in Arkansas

Tomika Walker (26)

1st Black Female Area Conservationist in Ohio

Kamara Holmes (27)

1st Black Female MLRA Office Leader (Project Leader) in Indiana
1st Black Female Soil Data Quality Specialist in Indiana
1st Black Female Soil Scientist in Minnesota

Diane Gray (28)

1st Black Female State Administrative Officer in Michigan

Jackie Sutton (29)

1st Black Female Senior Executive Service Employee

Dastina Wallace (30)

1st Black Female Public Affairs Specialist in Delaware and Idaho

Cara Clark (31)

1st Black Female Visual Information Specialist in Illinois

Patti Jackson-Kelly (32)

1st Black Female District Conservationist in Minnesota
1st Black Female Area Conservationist in Wisconsin

Margaret Styles (33)

1st Black Female Contracting Officer in Nebraska
1st Black Female State Administrative Officer in Nebraska

* Denotes 1st in the Nation