



# 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.**

**Geri 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-Operators 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 NHIQ

### 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 (16)

1st Black Female NRCS Specialist

### Leslie Reed (11)

1st Black Female Deputy Chief of Strategic Planning and  
Accountability

### Jacques Thibodeaux Home (12)

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

### Elvyn Spaulding (13)

1st Black Female Deputy Chief of Management

### Leticia "Fish" Toombs (14)

1st Black Female Economist in NHIQ

### Maxine Barrow (Retired) (15)

1st Black Female NHIQ Program Analyst

### Rachell Bowler (1)

1st Black Female District Conservationist in Oklahoma

### Denise Cooke (17)

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

### 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

### Destina Wallace (38)

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