



NRCS Black History Month 2012

Celebrating "The First" Black Women

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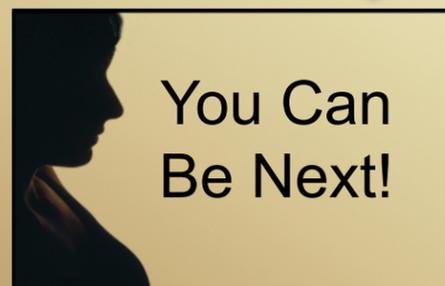


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Martha Marbury (Deceased) 1st Black Female Branch Chief for NHQ Personnel Division

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

Geri Inman (Deceased) 1st Black Female Director of NHQ Administrative Services Division





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Ann English (1)

1st Black Female State Conservationist, SC (*2nd)
1st (Known) Black Female Area Conservationist in the Nation (*)
1st Black Female Area Conservationist and ASTC-Operations, MN
1st Black Female State Agronomist, AR
1st Black Female Soil Conservation Technician and District Conservationist, MO

Michelle Simmons (2)

1st Black Female Area Conservationist in NY

Lillian Woods (3)

1st Black Female State Conservationist (*)
1st Black Female State Conservationist, WV
1st Black Female Soil Conservationist, MN
1st Black Female District Conservationist, MD
1st Black Female Director, Pacific Islands

Keshia Tatem (4)

1st Black Female State Conservationist, AZ (*3rd)
1st Black Female Area Conservationist, PA

Doris Washington (5)

1st Black Female District Conservationist, Assistant State Conservationist (Operations) and Area Resource Conservationist, AR

Caryl Butcher (Retired) (6)

1st Black Female Ethics Officer in NHQ

Katura Wright (7)

1st Black Female Assistant State Conservationist (Programs), VT

Tammy Willis (8)

1st Black Female Assistant State Conservationist (Programs). NY
1st Black Female Area Resource Conservationist, OH

Erica Westbrook (9)

1st Black Female State Resource Conservationist, SC

Kim Bradford (10)

1st Black Female NRCS Sociologist

Lesia Reed (11)

1st Black Female Deputy Chief of Strategic Planning and Accountability

Jacqueline Thibodeaux Horne (12)

Black Female Soil Conservationist Trainee, MN
1st Black Female Soil Conservationist in NV and AZ
1st Black Female to participate in Admin Trainee Program, NE

Eloris Speight (13)

1st Black Female Deputy Chief of Management

Leticia "Tish" Toomer (14)

1st Black Female Economist, NHQ

Maxine Barron (Retired) (15)

1st Black Female Program Analyst, NHQ

Rishell Bowler (16)

1st Black Female District Conservationist, OK

Denise Cooke (17)

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

Demitrice Boozer (18)

1st Black Female State Administrative Officer, IA

Khalia Giles (19)

1st Black Female Technician, AL

Reena Young, (20)

1st Black Female Water Resources Staff Leader, PA

Drenda Williams (21)

1st Black Female Assistant State Conservationist (Operations), MO

Sylvia Rainford (22)

1st Black Public Affairs Specialist (*)
1st Black Female Public Affairs Specialist, PA and MN
1st Black Public Affairs Specialist to handle media for the agency nationwide

Lisa Buckner (23)

1st Black Female RC&D Coordinator, MN

Valerie Pickard (24)

1st Black Female District Conservationist, GA

Rose Webb (25)

1st Black Female State Administrative Officer, AR

Tomika Walker (26)

1st Black Female Area Conservationist, OH

Kamara Holmes (27)

1st Black Female MLRA Office Project Leader and Soil Data Quality Specialist, IN
1st Black Female Soil Scientist, MN

Diane Gray (28)

1st Black Female State Administrative Officer, MI

Jackie Sutton (29)

1st Black Female Senior Executive Service Employee

Dastina Wallace (30)

1st Black Female Public Affairs Specialist in DE and ID

Cara Clark (31)

1st Black Female Visual Information Specialist, IL

Patti Jackson-Kelly (32)

1st Black Female District Conservationist, MN
1st Black Female Area Conservationist, WI

Margaret Styles (33)

1st Black Female Contracting Officer and State Administrative Officer, NE

* Denotes 1st in the Nation