

**2003 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS OF RANK
SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE**

DISTINGUISHED EXECUTIVES:

Antoinette A. Betschart, Agricultural Research Service, Albany, California

For outstanding leadership to the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service as the Area Director of the eight-state Pacific West area.

George A. Braley, Food and Nutrition Service, Alexandria, Virginia

For sustained, outstanding leadership and effective management as the senior career official at the Food and Nutrition Service.

MERITORIOUS EXECUTIVES:

Dale N. Bosworth, Forest Service, Washington, DC

For outstanding leadership as Chief Forester and the former Regional Forester in two Regions.

Alberta C. Frost, Food and Nutrition Service, Alexandria, Virginia

For outstanding leadership and sustained accomplishments in the administration of the nation's domestic food assistance programs administered by the Food and Nutrition Service.

Philip N. Fulton, Economic Research Service, Washington, DC

For exemplary leadership and outstanding management of statistical programs within the Department of Transportation, the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Agriculture.

Patricia E. Healy, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Washington, DC

For outstanding leadership as Deputy Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Agriculture.

Adrianna D. Hewings, Agricultural Research Service, Peoria, Illinois

For exemplary leadership and outstanding management of Agricultural Research Service (ARS) initiatives and research programs of the Department of Agriculture's ARS Midwest area.

Robert T. Jacobs, Forest Service, Atlanta, Georgia

For continued exemplary performance as a field line officer and excelling in two different Forest Service regions.

James Michael Kelly, Office of the General Counsel, Washington, DC

For sustained accomplishments in the performance of duties as Associate and Deputy General Counsel for the Department of Agriculture.

Richard D. Long, Office of Inspector General, Washington, DC

For sustained extraordinary accomplishments as audit manager within the Department of Agriculture.

Gary A. Margheim, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington, DC

For exceptional leadership and dedication in accomplishing the mission and goals of the agency, Department of Agriculture and the Administration.

Thomas J. Mills, Forest Service, Washington, DC

For many years of consistently superb managerial performance and for outstanding leadership in civil rights, which resulted in a 28 percent decrease in formal complaints.

Robert A. Riemenschneider, Foreign Agricultural Service, Washington, DC

For sustained exemplary leadership and vision in advancing the international trade interests and expanding export opportunities for America's grain producers, processors and marketers.

William C. Smith, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC

For sustained exemplary performance, skillful leadership, continuous development and implementation of major food safety initiatives.

Joseph T. Spence, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland

For outstanding leadership as Director of the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center that is now the largest and most comprehensive federally funded human nutrition research center.

Blaine D. Stockton, Jr., Rural Utilities Service, Washington, DC

For outstanding leadership as Assistant Administrator for the Electric Program and the key role in issues affecting the mission of the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development.

John Surina, Departmental Administration, Washington, DC

For extraordinary performance over many years at several federal agencies and as a key leader in reshaping the Department to protect America's food and agriculture system.

Steven N. Tanner, Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyard Administration, Kansas City, Missouri

For exemplary leadership and outstanding management of the Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyard Administration's technical center, the agency's research and development hub.

Timothy B. Witt, Risk Management Agency, Kansas City, Missouri

For outstanding contributions to the technical goals of the Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency.

MERITORIOUS SENIOR PROFESSIONALS:

Rufus L. Chaney, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland

For a highly productive career in the Agricultural Research Service including the public protections and new technologies for soil remediation developed in a research program.

Jitender P. Dubey, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland

For outstanding scientific contributions which include the control and biology of three major parasitic diseases of livestock and humans caused by single celled parasites.

Milton Ericksen, Economic Research Service, Washington, DC

For sustained leadership that has creatively produced results of great value to the Department of Agriculture and its constituency.

George Inglett, Agricultural Research Service, Peoria, Illinois

For exemplary driving force in providing research discoveries leading to safe, affordable and nutritious food products that benefit health.

James H. Tumlinson, Agricultural Research Service, Gainesville, Florida

For exemplary leadership of highly productive research programs that impacted the direction of agricultural research worldwide.