

Local Farm Broadcaster Honored At USDA Millennium Celebration

WASHINGTON, May 30, 2000 -- On May 10, Larry Steckline, local farm broadcaster, received national recognition for years of service, accomplishments, and contributions to the farming industry. The award ceremony "Celebrating the American Family Farm" was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) as part of the USDA's Millennium event series, which are exploring American agriculture in the 21st century. The event was held in Kansas City, Mo.

Upon presenting the award, James R. Baker, GIPSA administrator, said, "Larry has dedicated his life to agriculture and his effort is obvious. He was one of 35 Farm Broadcasters invited to the White House by Presidents Carter, Reagan, and Clinton to discuss agricultural issues and has traveled with Secretaries of Agriculture John Block, Clayton Yuetter, Ed Madigan and Dan Glickman on trade conferences around the world. Larry Steckline's long history of accomplishments and contributions to American agriculture can be matched by few others."

At the ceremony, USDA recognized farming in America and honored century farmers and farm families who have made significant contributions to the farming industry in America during the past 100 years.

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