

# Go, TAME!

The Area-wide Management and Evaluation of Melaleuca project, or **TAME Melaleuca**, recently was selected to receive the USDA Agricultural Research Service's 2005 Technology Transfer Award for Superior Effort. Every year this national award recognizes individuals and groups within the USDA-ARS who have performed



outstanding work in transferring technology to users outside of the agency. The TAME project's Technology Transfer Team was recognized for developing and disseminating area-wide suppression technology for the invasive plant *Melaleuca quinquenervia* in South Florida. Team members representing the USDA-ARS, the University of Florida IFAS and the South Florida Water Management District traveled to Washington, DC in February to attend the award ceremonies and receive their plaques. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns was the keynote speaker and USDA-ARS Administrator Edward B. Knipling (far left in picture) presented the awards.

– Cressida Silvers

*Team members in attendance (left to right) were Paul D. Pratt, Francois B. Laroche, Ken T. Gioeli, Michael J. Meisenburg, Ernest S. Delfosse, John C. Scoles, Cressida S. Silvers, and Robert M. Faust. Richard J. Brenner, Assistant Administrator for the ARS Office of Technology Transfer is at far right. Team members unable to attend the awards ceremony were Amy P. Ferriter, Ken A. Langeland, Alan W. Hodges, and Ted D. Center.*



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