■ Office of Information Resources Management

■ *Information Technology Facts and Figures*
- *Over 90 percent of USDA employees have access to a personal computer or a terminal while on the job.*
- *In the first half of 1995, the Telecommunications Service Office Personnel Locator operators handled 36,457 calls.*
- *The USDA headquarters building complex local area network (HQNET) is made up of 23 miles of broadband cable and 9 miles of fiber optic cable; 150 file servers are attached to the headquarters local area network.*
- *On January 31, 1995, the departmental voice mail system had 10,477 subscriber mail boxes. In that month, user voice mail usage (send and receive minutes) went over a million minutes.*
- *The Accessible Technology Program ensures that employees and the general public with disabilities, as well as aging Americans, can provide and receive agricultural information. This program benefits employees nationwide with sight, mobility, speech, and*

hearing impairments. It offers training to managers and supervisors about their responsibilities to employees and the general public with disabilities.

- Through the Market News Program, the Agricultural Marketing Service collects data on the prices and volumes of agricultural products sold nationwide. The Market News Telecommunications System broadcasts approximately 900 of these reports daily.

- AGRICOLA, the National Agricultural Library's bibliographic database, has 3 million computerized citations to worldwide agricultural literature.

- The Extension component of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service has a network of 2,400 sites. These sites serve as local citizen participation centers, giving local citizens access to the National Information Infrastructure.

- The Forest Service has about 865 "mini-computers" and 18,000 terminals. The Forest Service personnel/payroll information arrives from 135 different electronic data collection points.

- The National Agricultural Statistics Service has a database of 3,500,000 names of farms, operators, partnerships, and agribusinesses. Samples are drawn from the database for agricultural surveys.