## AFIF's Executive Vice President Awarded Commissioners Award for Exceptional Service

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) awarded Christine, AFIF's Executive Vice President, along with the other participants of the "Florida Liaison Agriculture Group" with the Commissioners Award for Exceptional Service for the work done in 2008. This is a very distinguished award and is not normally presented to non CBP people.

The group met for over 4 months mapping out the importing process and then analyzing all aspects of the process to determine if there could be improvements. There were about 20 recommendations that were presented to CBP and USDA regarding proposed changes that could improve the importing process. CBP and USDA are currently working with the recommendations to determine if they can implement them.

Congratulations to Christine and the whole group for a great job!!

The members of the Florida Liaison Agriculture Group were:

Christine Boldt, AFIF

Bunny Schreiber, Miami Dade International Airport

Thomas Neumann, Tampa Cargo

Jeff Bruff, Rock Garden Herbs

Claudia Laucerica, Arrow Cargo

Roy Pelaez, JA Flower Service

Patricia Compres, Customized Brokers

Ulises Lam, Dole Fresh Flowers

Luis Carrasco, Prime Airports Services/LAN Cargo

Jesus Porras, MIA Perishables Center

Kevin Harriger, DHS

Michael Wright, CBP

Linda Cullen, CBP