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I started my career with USDA ARS PWA in Corvallis, Oregon in 1995 as Accounting Technician in the Corvallis Location Administrative Office. I moved to the position of RL Secretary/Program Support Assistant for the Forage Seed and Cereal Research Unit in 2000. Prior to joining USDA ARS, I was an accountant for Tri/Valley Growers in Modesto and San Francisco. My husband works for Hewlett-Packard. Our son and his wife live nearby with their two-year old son and our daughter is preparing to start law school in Fall 2012. We enjoy the Corvallis community with walking trails, music, proximity to the mountains, coast and Portland.