

BARTHEL SELECTED AS GIPSA'S REGIONAL SUPERVISOR FOR DENVER

John D. Barthel has been selected as the Regional Supervisor for Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) Packers and Stockyards Programs (P&SP) Denver regional office beginning August 12, 2002. Barthel formerly served in GIPSA's P&SP Atlanta regional office.

GIPSA Deputy Administrator, JoAnn Waterfield, in announcing Barthel's appointment said that the former Assistant Supervisor comes to the Denver regional office with an extraordinary understanding of the livestock and poultry industries from both a governmental and industry viewpoint. However, she continued Barthel's management experience and training make him exceptionally well-qualified for his new position.

Barthel completed a temporary assignment as Acting Regional Supervisor for the Atlanta regional office during 2001 and has served that office as the Assistant Regional Supervisor since 1999. However, he began his P&SP career as a Marketing Specialist in the Springfield, IL regional office in 1979. In 1983 he transferred to the Atlanta regional office and later became the Supervisory Marketing Specialist for that office. Following the 1998 reorganization Barthel's flexibility and industry knowledge allowed him to cross functional lines to become the Trade Practice Supervisor and later the Resident Agent Supervisor.

Barthel's livestock industry experience includes purebred cattle, commercial cow-calf, swine and sheep production in Kansas and Illinois. He graduated from Kansas State University with a B.S. degree in Animal Husbandry. Barthel completed the Executive Potential Program offered by the USDA Graduate School, Leadership Development Academy in 2001.

Barthel's USDA career accomplishments have been recognized by numerous Certificates of Merit. He was selected for the Administrator's Superior Award for outstanding contributions to the GIPSA mission in 2000. He also received the USDA Point of Light Award for volunteer efforts in youth soccer and a homeless shelter.

Barthel and his wife, Debbie, have been married for 29 years. They have two sons, David and Steve.

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