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Idaho Wheat Commission

Genesee Joe Anderson Appointed to Idaho Wheat Commission

(BOISE) - - Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter recently announced his appointment of "Genesee" Joe Anderson, to the Idaho Wheat Commission (IWC). Joe will represent the wheat producers of district one, which includes Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, Latah, and Shoshone counties.

Anderson has been operating the family farm with his brother Jay since 1983. The Anderson brothers farm about 4400 acres owned and rented land in Latah and Nez Perce counties. They raise winter wheat, spring wheat and barley, pulse and oilseed crops.

Anderson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Ag Econ, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Ag Mechanization from the University of Idaho. Joe has two grown daughters and three granddaughters.

Commissioner Anderson has been involved in a number of leadership positions. He just completed a 5-year term as a member of the Idaho Grain Producers Association executive board, he is a member of the Latah County Grain Growers, a 1994 graduate of Leadership Idaho Agriculture, a graduate of the Wheat Industry Leaders of Tomorrow program. He has also served on the Genesee Union warehouse board from 1994-1999 and was an associate supervisor on the Latah Soil and Water Conservation District.

Idaho Wheat Commission Chairman Ned Moon congratulated Anderson on his appointment. "Joe has been an industry leader and a team player for decades. His involvement with Idaho's wheat industry and his knowledge of the issues will allow him to hit the ground running. We're extremely fortunate to have Joe as an Idaho Wheat Commissioner."

As Anderson steps into his new role as an Idaho Wheat Commissioner, he will focus his attention on working to keep the wheat industry viable by providing an environment where growers can access new technology on their farms. "The technological landscape is changing quickly," said Anderson. "Technology in farming is wide ranging from drones to double haploid breeding. I want to ensure that policies and funding are in place

for Idaho wheat growers to have access to all the advances in technologies they need to reduce their input costs to increasing yields to help keep them competitive.”

When not working on the farm, Anderson enjoys motorcycling, skiing, hiking, exploring new places in Idaho and traveling to new places.

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