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LEDBETTER IS INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR AT ISDA'S DIVISION OF ANIMAL INDUSTRIES

(BOISE) Idaho State Department of Agriculture Director Pat Takasugi announced today that he has named Dr. Greg Ledbetter the new Division of Animal Industries interim administrator/state veterinarian of ISDA's Division of Animal Industries.

Dr. Ledbetter starts work on Monday.

The Division of Animal Industries includes nearly 50 employees, who handle everything from animal health issues to oversight of feedlots and dairies. Dr. Ledbetter will oversee the ISDA's staff of animal health experts, and work closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Plant and Animal Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

"Dr. Ledbetter is well known and well-regarded for his leadership in livestock and environmental issues," Takasugi said. "He's also a dairyman, so he knows Idaho's industry, the people and the issues facing them. Dr. Ledbetter will be an asset to the department and Idaho agriculture."

"After 28 years in the private sector, I'm excited about the opportunity to work within state government to serve the livestock industry and the people of Idaho," Dr. Ledbetter said.

Ledbetter was raised on a cattle ranch in California. He received his DVM degree from the University of California at Davis in 1977 and a Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine Degree from UCD in 1979. Ledbetter has lived in Jerome since the early 1980s. He and his wife Jane run a dairy with about 1,200 cows. The couple has three children.