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**Michael Jewison Appointed Chair Of USDA's  
Interagency Commodity Estimates Committee (ICEC) For Feed Grains**

USDA Chief Economist Robert Johansson announces the appointment of Michael Jewison to USDA's World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB), serving as chair of the Interagency Commodity Estimates Committee (ICEC) for feed grains. Mr. Jewison has been a commodity analyst with the World Board for the past four years. Before joining the WAOB, Mr. Jewison spent several years at USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) and Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), joining USDA in 2006.

As ICEC Feed Grains Chair, Mr. Jewison will be responsible for overseeing USDA's development of feed grain forecasts for the monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report. He will also review and approve forecasts and analytical reports issued by member agencies to ensure that all USDA forecasts are consistent and objective. His appointment became effective October 31, 2016.

"Michael has been a valued contributor to USDA's interagency review and clearance process for the WASDE and other economic reports," Johansson said. "He combines experience across a number of commodities and China with outstanding analytical and leadership skills."

At ERS, Mr. Jewison worked as a China and feed grain analyst. Prior to joining ERS, he worked with FAS, where he focused on international feed grain supply and demand analysis and China trade policy. A native of Minnesota, he did his undergraduate studies at St. Olaf College, his graduate work at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, and also studied at the Beijing Language and Culture University.

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