



## **Industry Lunch - February 20, 2024**

**Speakers: Mr. Philip Garcia, Grain Inspection Program Manager, WSDA  
Mr. David Weible, Pacific Northwest Field Office Manager, USDA-AMS-FGIS**

### **Mr. Philip Garcia, Grain Inspection Program Manager, WSDA**

Mr. Philip Garcia graduated from The Evergreen State College with a degree in Political Science and has been with the Department of Agriculture since 2007. He started as a non-perm Sampler out of the Tacoma office and worked his way through the ranks into Management. During his career, he has worked at all of the export facilities in Washington state being exposed to the various operations within the PNW market. Currently, he is the Grain Inspection Program Manager with WSDA, also he is on the board of trustees for the American Association of Grain Inspection and Weighing Agencies and the Co-Chair for the innovation committee, he sits on the USDA Advisory committee for FGIS and has just been appointed to the Grades and Weights committee for the National Grain and Feed Association.

### **Mr. David Weible, Pacific Northwest Field Office Manager, USDA-AMS-FGIS**

Mr. Weible's territory primarily includes oversight of the state of Washington's program, Idaho, Oregon, and Federal employees in the Portland Oregon area. Mr. Weible has been working in the industry for 12 years, he started as an inspector in training with the State of Washington in Kalama, and has since moved on and joined the federal work force in Portland a few years later where he worked as an inspector, eventually being promoted to Shift Supervisor, Quality Assurance Specialist for the PNW, Assistant Field Office Manager, and most recently as the Manager.

### **Mr. Ron Wright, Supervisory Agricultural Commodity Grader, Pacific Northwest Field Office, USDA-AMS-FGIS**

After working over 20 years in the private sector in Hawaii, Mr. Wright has spent the last three years with FGIS in Portland learning, getting his license and working as first as a technician, an agricultural commodities grader and now as a shift supervisor. During that time, he has worked with the FGIS field offices to learn different commodities and to better understand how other elevators run their export operations in different regions of the country.