

Celia R. Gould

Director - Idaho State Department of Agriculture - Biography -

Celia Gould was appointed Director of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter and assumed her post on January 2, 2007.

In addition to serving as the ISDA Director, Celia is an owner/operator of a third generation farm and ranching operation, GlennDale Ranches of Buhl, Idaho. The family-run operation produces commodities including wheat, corn, hay, Black Angus and Angus-Wagyu cattle. Celia and her husband, Bruce Newcomb, also have a beef operation in the Declo area.

Director Gould is a graduate of Buhl High School and has her BA in Political Science from Boise State University. Currently, Celia is working on her Masters degree in Public Administration.

Celia served sixteen years as a state legislator representing the western half of Twin Falls County. During her tenure, Celia served on the Agricultural Affairs, Education, and Revenue and Taxation committees as well as Chairman of the Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee. Some highlights from Celia's political career include legislation establishing the Department of Juvenile Corrections and Drug Courts.

Director Gould is a member of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, the Boise State University College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs Advisory Board as well as the Boise State University Alumni Board.

Bruce and Celia have five children and eight grandchildren.