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**North Dakota Stockmen's Association selects
Misek for brand inspection post**

Bismarck, N.D. ~ The North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) Brand Board has selected North Dakota rancher and long-time brand inspector Stan Misek of Granville, N.D., as the state's chief brand inspector.

As chief, Misek will oversee the state's brand inspection program, which employs nearly 200 local brand inspectors, 25 full-time and 12 part-time inspectors and two fieldmen throughout North Dakota. Annually, the team inspects approximately 1.4 million head of cattle, horses and mules for ownership.

Misek brings to the post more than a quarter-century of brand inspection experience. He most recently worked as a brand inspector at Northern Livestock in Minot, N.D., and as inspector-in-charge at the Turtle Lake Scale in Turtle Lake, N.D. Misek also assists with inspection at the Bismarck and Mandan markets in the winter.

"We are excited to welcome Stan to this new role," said NDSA Brand Board Chairman Steve Brooks of Bowman. "He has been a loyal employee of the association since 1983, and we are confident in his leadership, problem-solving and people skills."

Misek's first day as chief brand inspector is Aug. 2. He is the eighth person to serve in the post since 1951.

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For 81 years, the North Dakota Stockmen's Association has worked to unite, protect, promote, educate and serve the beef industry.

A photo of Misek is available upon request.