



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Agribusiness Roundtable

**Jerry Levitt**

**State Plant Health Director**

**Jerry Levitt** has been with Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) for over thirty years. After earning his Bachelor's and Master's in Plant Pathology from the University of Arizona, he briefly held a job in Yuma with then the Arizona State Commission of Agriculture and Horticulture before accepting a position with APHIS/PPQ. He worked in the Seattle area for nearly twenty years. For the past fourteen thirteen years, Jerry has been the State Plant Health Director (SPHD) of Arizona and assumed SPHD responsibility for New Mexico about a year and half ago. As State Plant Health Director, he is now responsible for the Phytosanitary Certification Program, Foreign Soil Laboratories, Foreign Pest and Research Containment Facilities, Biotechnology Inspections, various Foreign and Domestic Agriculture Pest Surveys, Biocontrol Programs, and various Cooperative Agreement Programs. In addition, Jerry has established a good working relationship with Arizona Department of Agriculture, New Mexico Department of Agriculture and many of the different stakeholders throughout Arizona and New Mexico.