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Gary is a native of Kansas. He was raised on a farm in Washington County (Near the rural town of Mahaska).

Gary is a graduate in Agriculture Economics from Kansas State University and Master's degree in Public Financial Management from American University in Washington D.C.

Gary is the Director of Business and Community Programs for USDA Rural Development in Kansas. Prior to Director, he was the Acting Regional Director for the North Central Region of the Rural Development Administration (RDA).

Gary has worked at various levels within USDA Rural Development

- he began his career with FmHA/RD at El Dorado, KS.
- has worked in the RD State offices of both Kansas and Colorado,
- worked several years in the National Office of RD in Washington D.C.

In 2001 he was recognized and awarded an Exceptional Service Award for Community Programs by the USDA Rural Development for his dedication and contribution to rural community development.

In 2004 he was honored by the Ks Rural Water Assn the "Friend of Rural Water of the Year 2004" Award

In 2005 was presented "Outstanding Contribution Award" for Implementation of Section 9006 Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program by USDA Rural Development.

Gary and his wife Gayle have one daughter, Heather.