



Executive Biography



James A. Israel

**President,
John Deere Financial**

James A. Israel is President of John Deere Financial, a position he has held since January 2006. Israel leads one of the largest providers of financial services to agricultural and construction customers in the United States with more than 2.6 million accounts and a managed portfolio of over \$25 billion.

In addition to providing retail, wholesale and lease financing to help facilitate the sale of John Deere agricultural, construction, forestry, and turf equipment, John Deere Financial also offers revolving credit and crop insurance.

Israel joined Deere & Company in 1979 on the audit staff and over the next 11 years held a variety of management positions within the Agricultural Equipment Division, John Deere Financial, and the Construction & Forestry Equipment Division.

Israel then returned to John Deere Financial and was promoted to the positions of Vice President, Business Development & Planning in 1993, Vice President International Lending in 1996, Senior Vice President International Lending in 1997, Senior Vice President Commercial Lending in 1998, and Senior Vice President Worldwide Equipment Financing in 2000. In 2003 Israel transferred to the Worldwide Agricultural Equipment Division, moving to Mannheim, Germany, as Vice President, Marketing and Product Support, Europe, Africa and Middle East.

A native of Highland Park, Illinois, Israel holds an undergraduate degree in finance and an MBA from the University of Iowa.

Israel is a member of the board of trustees for Central College in Pella, Iowa, and the Des Moines Art Center in Des Moines, Iowa. He is a member of the board of directors for The Greater Des Moines Partnership, the United Way of Central Iowa in Des Moines, Iowa, and the Financial Services Roundtable in Washington, D.C.