

GIPSA Official Designation Actions

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 16, 1997)--The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has announced the following actions on designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in specified geographic areas in Arkansas, California, Indiana, and Kansas. Designations generally are valid for 3 years.

* Arkansas Grain Inspection Service; Los Angeles Grain Inspection Service, Inc.; and Ohio Valley Grain Inspection Service, Inc., are designated to officially inspect grain through October 31, 1997. GIPSA will grant a new designation effective November 1, 1997. Any interested party, including the Arkansas, Los Angeles, and Ohio Valley agencies, may apply for the new designation. Applications are due by May 30, 1997.

* Kansas State Grain Inspection Department is designated to officially inspect grain through August 31, 1997. Amarillo Grain Exchange, Inc.; Kansas State Grain Inspection Department; Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (a proposed organization formed by the Kansas Grain and Feed Association to function under a trust); and Missouri Department of Agriculture applied for all or part of the Kansas area. GIPSA is seeking comments supporting or opposing the designation of these applicants by May 13, 1997. GIPSA Contact: Jim Williams, telephone 202-720-9804; FAX 202-690-2755.

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