

GIPSA Official Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 1, 1999)--USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has announced the following action on designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in specified geographic areas in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and South Carolina.

- Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc., is designated to inspect grain effective June 1, 1999, through March 31, 2002. For official grain inspection and weighing services, contact Central Illinois at 309-827-7121.
- The designation of Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc., ends October 31, 1999; the designations of Aberdeen Grain Inspection, Inc., and Missouri Department of Agriculture end November 30, 1999; the designations of Decatur Grain Inspection, Inc., Grand Forks Grain Inspection Department, Inc., John R. McCrea Agency, Inc., and South Carolina Department of Agriculture end December 31, 1999. GIPSA will grant new designations to officially inspect grain at the end of these designations. Any interested party, including the agencies listed above, may apply for the new designation. Applications are due by April 30, 1999. GIPSA is also asking for comments on the services provided by these currently designated agencies. Comments are due by May 31, 1999.

For further information on this designation action, contact Jim Williams at 202-720-9804 or FAX 202-690-2755.

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