

GIPSA Official Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 1, 1999) - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announced the following action on designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in specified areas in Arkansas, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas.

- The Lincoln Inspection Service, Inc., Memphis Grain Inspection Service, and Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc., are designated to officially inspect grain through April 30, 2000. GIPSA will grant new designations effective May 1, 2000. Grain Inspection, Inc., Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company, and A. V. Tischer and Son, Inc., are designated to officially inspect grain through June 30, 2000. GIPSA will grant new designations effective July 1, 2000. Any interested party, including the Lincoln, Memphis, Omaha, Grain Inspection, Sioux City, and Tischer agencies, may apply for the new designation. GIPSA also is seeking comments on the services provided by these currently designated agencies. Applications and comments are due by October 30, 1999.
- The California Department of Food and Agriculture is designated to provide official service in the Los Angeles area. California was the sole applicant for the area formerly served by Los Angeles Grain Inspection Service, Inc. California is designated to provide official services effective October 1, 1999, and ending January 31, 2000, concurrent with the end of California's present designation. For official grain inspection and weighing services, contact California at 916-654-0743.

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