

GIPSA Grain Inspection Advisory Committee to Meet

Washington, DC (April 25, 2000) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's Grain Inspection Advisory Committee will meet on May 16-17, 2000, in Portland, Oregon.

The meeting will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel-Lloyd Center, 1000 N.E. Multnomah, Portland, Oregon, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on May 16, and 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on May 17, 2000. Topics to be addressed include GIPSA's financial status, reauthorization, biotechnology, and research and information technology strategies.

The Grain Inspection Advisory Committee provides advice to the GIPSA administrator on the delivery of grain inspection and weighing services to American agriculture under the U.S. Grain Standards Act.

Public participation will be limited to written statements, unless permission is received from the Committee Chairman to orally address the Committee. Persons, other than members, who wish to address the Committee or submit written statements before or after the meeting, should contact the Administrator, GIPSA, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 3601, Washington, D.C. 20250-3601, telephone (202) 720-0219 or FAX (202) 205-9237. The meeting will be open to the public. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication of program information or related accommodation should contact GIPSA.

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