

## **Fullerton Farmers Elevator Pays \$10,500 Penalty to Settle USDA Charges**

Washington, DC (May 23, 2000) -- Fullerton Farmers Elevator, Fullerton, North Dakota, agreed to pay a \$10,500 civil monetary penalty to settle an enforcement action brought by USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

GIPSA administrator James R. Baker said that the firm was charged with causing the issuance of false official grain inspection certificates by deceptively handling grain presented for official inspection. This is a violation of the United States Grain Standards Act.

The complaint filed against Fullerton Farmers Elevator was the result of an investigation conducted by GIPSA under the authority of the U.S. Grain Standards Act.

The U.S. Grain Standards Act provides for the establishment of U.S. grain standards, and for the official inspection and weighing of grain shipped in domestic and international commerce.

#

GIPSA Release #28-00  
Dana Stewart (202) 720-5091 [dstewart@gipsadc.usda.gov](mailto:dstewart@gipsadc.usda.gov)