

GIPSA Proposes Fee Increase for Commodity and Rice Inspection Services

WASHINGTON, November 3, 2000 -- The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today proposed a 3.7 percent increase in fees for all hourly rates and certain unit rates for inspection services performed under the Agricultural Marketing Act (AMA) of 1946 in the commodity and rice inspection programs.

According to GIPSA administrator James R. Baker, these increases are needed to cover increased operational costs resulting from the mandated January 2001 Federal pay increase. Comments on the proposal must be submitted on or before January 2, 2001, to Sharon Vassiliades, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 1647-S, Washington, D.C. 20250-3604, via fax to (202) 690-2755, or e-mailed to comments@gipsadc.usda.gov.

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