

## **Dyer Gin and Grain Company Pays \$10,000 Penalty to Settle USDA Charges**

Washington, DC (February 6, 2001) - Dyer Gin and Grain Company, Dyer, Tennessee, agreed to pay a \$10,000 civil monetary penalty to settle an enforcement action brought by USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

GIPSA acting administrator David R. Shipman said that the firm was charged with manipulating grain samples submitted for official inspection, causing the issuance of false official grain inspection certificates. This is a violation of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA).

The complaint filed against Dyer Gin and Grain Company was the result of an investigation conducted by GIPSA under the authority of the USGSA.

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

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