

GIPSA Grain Inspection Advisory Committee to Meet

Washington, DC (April 26, 2001) -- The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's Grain Inspection Advisory Committee will meet on May 8, 2001 in Kansas City, Missouri.

The meeting will take place from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Hilton Kansas City Airport, 8801 NW 112th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Topics to be discussed include GIPSA's financial status, biotechnology, component end-use testing, information technology initiatives, the status of the official commodity program, and other related issues concerning the delivery of grain inspection and weighing services to American agriculture.

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 address the Committee orally. 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 accommodations should contact Marianne Plaus, telephone (202) 690-3460 or FAX (202) 205-9237.

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