

## **GIPSA Designates Wisconsin Department of Agriculture to Officially Inspect Grain**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 1, 2001) – USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) today renewed the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection's designation to inspect and weigh grain in Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Grain and Warehouse Commission was created by state law in 1905. With the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway system in 1959, exporting grain became the primary function in the port cities. In 1978, GIPSA delegated Wisconsin's grain program to provide export inspection and designated it for domestic inspections. The Grain program now serves export markets in Superior and Milwaukee; maintains domestic market service points in Clinton, Darien, and Ripon; and provides inspections at barge facilities on the Mississippi River in Wisconsin. Wisconsin provided 41,197 official inspections and 34,516 official weights in fiscal year 2000.

Wisconsin's new designation to inspect and weigh grain is effective December 1, 2001, through September 30, 2004, under the authority of the United States Grain Standards Act. For official grain inspection and weighing services, contact Wisconsin at 715-392-7851, or e-mail: [William.Granlund@datcp.state.wi.us](mailto:William.Granlund@datcp.state.wi.us).

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