

## **GIPSA GRAIN INSPECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET**

Washington, DC (October 15, 2002) -- The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's Grain Inspection Advisory Committee will meet on October 23-24, 2002, in New Orleans, La.

The meeting will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 23, and 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., on October 24, 2002, at the Iberville Suites, 910 Iberville Street, New Orleans.

Topics to be discussed include GIPSA's financial status, the artificial neural networking pilot program, the process verification proposal, future inspection equipment alternatives, wheat end-use functionality research, FGIS' Central Monitoring Laboratory, recent and planned inspection procedural changes, 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 orally address the Committee. 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 Terri Henry, telephone (202) 720-0219 or FAX (202) 205-9237.

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