

## **GIPSA OFFICIAL DESIGNATION ACTIVITIES**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (November 22, 2002)-USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announced the following action on designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in specified areas in Alabama, California, Kansas, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Oregon, North Dakota, and Washington.

- GIPSA is asking for applicants to provide official services in the Topeka, Kansas; Minot, North Dakota; and Cincinnati, Ohio areas. GIPSA is asking for applications and comments about the current service providers by January 2, 2003.
- GIPSA is asking for comments on the need for service and applicants for the Pendleton, Oregon, area. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is ceasing their grain inspection operations on November 27, 2002.
- Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Kankakee Grain Inspection, Inc., Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc., and Washington Department of Agriculture are designated to inspect and weigh grain effective January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005. For official grain inspection and weighing services, contact Alabama at 251-415-2531, California at 916-654-0743, Kankakee at 815-365-2268, Springfield at 217-522-5233, and Washington at 360-902-1921.

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