

GIPSA OFFICIAL DESIGNATION ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 1, 2003)-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 Minnesota and North Dakota. GIPSA is asking for comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in the areas currently assigned to Grand Forks Grain Inspection Department, Inc., and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Comments are due by May 30, 2003.

The applicants for the Grand Forks area are: Grand Forks Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Grand Forks), Grain Inspection, Inc. (Jamestown), Minot Grain Inspection, Inc. (Minot), North Dakota Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (North Dakota), all currently designated official agencies; and Paul B. Bethke, Terry D. Pladson, and Ryan M. Kuhl proposing to do business as Northern Plains Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Northern Plains). Grand Forks applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Jamestown, Minot, North Dakota, and Northern Plains applied for all or any part of the area currently assigned to Grand Forks.

The applicants for the Minnesota area are: Minnesota Department of Agriculture (Minnesota), North Dakota, D. R. Schaal Agency, Inc. (Schaal), Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company (Sioux City), all currently designated official agencies; Northern Plains, and Kathleen Duea, Kyle Duea, Ben Duea, and Nicole Youel proposing to do business as Southern Minnesota Grain Inspection (Southern Minnesota). Minnesota applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. North Dakota, Schaal, Sioux City, Northern Plains, and Southern Minnesota applied for all or part of the area currently assigned to Minnesota.

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