

## **GIPSA Launches Web-Based Wheat Quality Discussion Forum**

WASHINGTON, May 17, 2004 - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) today announced the launch of a Web site to help develop rapid tests of wheat end-use quality. GIPSA, the industry, and academia will use this Web site as the discussion forum to foster development of these tests.

"International and domestic customers of U.S. wheat want tests that predict end-use quality characteristics," said GIPSA Administrator Donna Reifschneider. "This forum will make wheat end-use functionality testing a reality by drawing upon the ideas and expertise from a diverse group of scientists."

This site includes information about the wheat research initiatives and programs of GIPSA, academia and the industry. The Wheat Gallery is accessible via the GIPSA Web site at [http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/wheat\\_gallery/index.htm](http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/wheat_gallery/index.htm).

For information about the Wheat Gallery contact Patrick McCluskey, GIPSA Field Management Division, at (202) 720-4684.

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