

GIPSA Announces Quality Management Training

WASHINGTON, September 15, 2004 -- USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, in collaboration with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, will offer a training session called "Creating and Documenting a Quality Management System. Any interested party who is currently operating a grain, feed, seed, or associated agribusiness and using a quality management system, or who is developing a quality management system for review by USDA may participate in the training.

The training will cover ISO 9001:2000 and ISO Guide 65 quality systems, USDA's Process Verified Programs, and the Quality System Assessment Program.

A 2-day training session will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2004 and Thursday, October 7, 2004 near the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport at a location yet to be determined. An additional training session is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2004 and Thursday, November 18, 2004 at the GIPSA Technical Center, located near the Kansas City, Missouri, airport. Space for each session is limited and participation is on a first-come, first-served basis.

To participate in the training sessions, contact Beth Hayden at telephone 202-205-4007, or via email to Beth.E.Hayden@usda.gov

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