

GIPSA Official Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 1, 2004) - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces the following actions on designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in specified areas in Arizona, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, Ohio, and Texas.

- GIPSA is asking for applicants to provide official services in the Georgia, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Lake Village, Indiana, and Montana areas. GIPSA is asking for applications and comments about the current service providers by January 3, 2005.
- GIPSA is requesting comments on the applicants to provide official services in the Minnesota geographic areas. Minnesota Department of Agriculture applied for their currently assigned area. Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company, a currently designated official agency, applied for all or part of the following Minnesota Counties: Brown, Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Watonwan, and Yellow Medicine. Southern Minnesota Grain Inspection, an unofficial inspection company applied for all or part of the area currently assigned to Minnesota, and specified all or part of the following Minnesota Counties: Blue Earth, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Martin, Murray, Nobles, and Watonwan. Comments are due by January 3, 2005.
- Columbus Grain Inspection, Inc. (Columbus); Farwell Grain Inspection, Inc. (Farwell); and Northeast Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc. (Northeast Indiana) are designated to inspect grain effective January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2007. For official grain inspection services, contact Columbus at 740-474-3519, Farwell at 806-481-9052, and Northeast Indiana at 260-639-6390.

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