

## **GIPSA To Revise Wheat Standards**

Washington, DC (February 18, 2005) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration is revising the United States Standards for Wheat.

Specifically, GIPSA is amending the definition of contrasting classes in Hard Red Winter wheat and Hard Red Spring wheat so that Hard White wheat is not a contrasting class but is considered wheat of other classes. GIPSA also is adding to the standards the sample size used to determine sample grade factors. The changes become effective May 1, 2006.

"These actions," said GIPSA deputy administrator David Shipman, "are necessary to ensure market-relevant standards and grades, and to facilitate the marketing of grain."

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