

Secretary Johanns Names Grain Inspection Advisory Committee Members and Alternates

WASHINGTON, April 27, 2007 - Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns today announced the appointment of five members and seven alternate members to serve on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection Advisory Committee. The appointees will serve three year terms.

The new members are: Chester Boruff, chief executive officer, Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies, Moline, Ill.; William L. Dumoulin, farmer/owner, Dumoulin Farms, Hampshire, Ill.; Nicholas R. Friant, grain handling coordinator, Cargill, Wayzata, Minn.; Jerry Gibson, regional manager, Bunge North America, Destrehan, La.; and Edgar Hicks, grain marketing advisor, Hurley/FC Stone LCC, Omaha, Neb.

The new alternate members are: Rudy Arrendondo, president/CEO, National Latino Farmers & Ranchers Trade Association, Washington, D.C.; Warren J. Duffy, Jr., vice-president, export operations, ADM, Ama, La.; Thomas L. Fousek, grain merchant/ manager, Bartlett Grain, L.P.; Kansas City, Mo.; Dan W. Gross, president, East Indiana Grain Inspection Inc., Muncie, Ind.; Arvid Lee Hawk, president, Global Agricultural Consultants, LLC, Eden Prairie, Minn.; Donnie R. Love, plant superintendent, ADM, Ama, La.; and Brian K. Sorenson, technical directors, Northern Crops Institute, Fargo, N.D.

The Grain Inspection Advisory Committee is comprised of 15 members and 15 alternate members appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture who represent all facets of the grain industry. The Committee meets twice annually to advise USDA on the establishment of programs and services under the U.S. Grain Standards Act.

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