

U.S. Soybean Standards to Change on September 1

WASHINGTON, June 27, 2007 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is reminding market participants that several changes to the U.S. Standards for Soybeans will become effective on September 1. Specifically, soybean test weight will become a non-grade determining, informational factor rather than a grade-determining factor. In addition, soybean test weight will be reported to the nearest tenth of a pound, instead of in whole and half pounds with a fraction of a half pound disregarded.

As an informational factor, test weight analysis will remain a grading service and be reported on official certificates, unless the applicant for service requests otherwise.

The changes to the U.S. Standards for soybeans were announced in the September 6, 2006, Federal Register (Volume 71, No. 172).

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