

GIPSA Official Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4, 2007 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announced designation of entities to officially inspect and weigh grain in specified areas in Arizona, California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota and Texas. The entities were designated to inspect and weigh grains based upon a comprehensive selection process.

GIPSA is asking for applicants to provide official services in Casa Grande, Arizona; Bloomington, Illinois; Iowa Falls, Iowa; Owensboro, Kentucky; Fargo, North Dakota; Grand Forks, North Dakota and Plainview, Texas. GIPSA is asking for applications and comments about the current service providers by Oct. 4, 2007.

GIPSA has designated the following entities to inspect grain effective October 1, 2007 through Sept. 30, 2010:

- Amarillo Grain Exchange, Inc. - 806-372-8511
- Cairo Grain Inspection Agency, Inc. - 618-734-0689
- Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry - 337-948-0230
- North Carolina Department of Agriculture - 919-733-4491
- D. R. Schaal Agency, Inc - 641-444-3122

The Amarillo Grain Exchange, Inc. has asked GIPSA to amend their designation to exclude nineteen counties in north central Texas. GIPSA is asking for applicants to provide official services in that region. Applications are due by Oct. 4, 2007.

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