

GIPSA's Grain Inspection Advisory Committee to Meet

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6, 2007 -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) Grain Inspection Advisory Committee will meet Nov. 28-29, 2007 in Denver, Colo. The Advisory Committee provides advice to the GIPSA Administrator with respect to the implementation of the U.S. Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.). The Committee meeting will take place from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Nov. 28, 2007 and 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Nov. 29, 2007 at the Westin Tabor Center, 1672 Lawrence St., Denver, CO 80202.

The agenda will include discussions about the agency's financial status; organizational and technological enhancements that are improving service delivery; the pilot study to contract for export service provision and supplemental labor; improvements in the issuance of phytosanitary certification; the Agency's work in assessing wheat functionality; GIPSA's role in the ethanol market and the relevance of the official standards for soybeans and other products.

Public participation will be limited to written statements, unless permission is received from the Committee Chair to orally address the Committee. Requests to address the Committee at the meeting or written comments may be sent to: Administrator, GIPSA, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., STOP 3601, Washington, DC 20250-3601. Requests and comments may also be faxed to (202) 690-2173. The meeting will be open to the public.

For a copy of the agenda or persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication of program information or related accommodations contact Terri Henry who can be reached at (202) 205-8281, by e-mail at Terri.L.Henry@usda.gov or via fax at (202) 690-2173.

Additional information about the Advisory Committee is available on the GIPSA Web site. Go to archive.gipsa.usda.gov and under the section "I Want To", click on "Learn about the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee."

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