

GIPSA Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 5, 2007) - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces the following actions related to designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in specified areas in California, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, and Texas.

- GIPSA is seeking applicants to provide official services in Georgia, Cedar Rapids (Iowa), and Montana. GIPSA is seeking new applicants, as well as applications from and comments from the public about providers currently providing service in those areas by January 2, 2008. The current providers are the Georgia Department of Agriculture (Georgia); Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc., (Cedar Rapids); and the Montana Department of Agriculture (Montana).
- In response to inquiries and requests for official services in the currently unassigned states of Maryland, New Jersey, and New York, GIPSA is seeking applicants to provide official services in all or part of these states. Interested parties must submit an application for designation by January 2, 2008. GIPSA will designate one or more organizations to provide official services.
- GIPSA is asking for public comments on the entities who have applied to become official service providers in the north central Texas geographic area and the south central California area. Enid Grain Inspection Co., Inc. applied for designation to provide official services in Clay, Wichita, and Wilbarger Counties, Texas. Plainview Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. applied for designation in Cottle, Hardeman, King, Knox, Baylor, Archer, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Foard, and Callahan counties in Texas. California Agri Inspection Company, Ltd. applied for designation in Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Inyo, San Luis Obispo, Kern, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Bernardino counties, California. All comments are due by January 2, 2008.
- GIPSA has, through an established, competitive selection process, designated Columbus Grain Inspection, Inc., Farwell Grain Inspection, Inc., and Northeast Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc. to inspect or inspect and weigh grain effective January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2010. For official grain inspection services, contact Columbus at 740-474-3519, Farwell at 806-481-9052, and Northeast Indiana at 337-948-0230.

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