

## **GIPSA Withdraws Notice of Soybean Standards Review**

Washington, DC (Oct. 21, 2008)- The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today withdrew its advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR), which sought public comment on the effectiveness of the soybean standards. The ANPR was part of GIPSA's review of the United States Standards for Soybeans to assess their effectiveness and responsiveness to current grain industry needs.

On May 1, 2007, GIPSA published an ANPR seeking input on current standards and grading procedures, whether changes in soybean processing practices and technology merited changes in the standards, and whether any other changes were needed to ensure that the standards remain relevant to market needs. In response to a request from the soybean industry, GIPSA extended the comment period an additional 30 days until August 20, 2007.

GIPSA received 17 comments from producers, handlers, international associations and companies, and academia. Comments did not indicate a consensus concerning changes to the standards, so GIPSA will not proceed with rulemaking in this matter.

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