

GIPSA Official Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, DC (December 1, 2008) - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces the following actions on designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in specified areas in Alabama, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. Entities are designated to inspect and weigh grains based upon a comprehensive selection process.

GIPSA is asking for applicants to provide official services in the Topeka, Kansas; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Minot, North Dakota; and Cincinnati, Ohio areas, and requests comments on the official agencies serving these areas. Applications and comments are due by January 2, 2008.

GIPSA also is requesting comments in support of or objection to the applicants seeking official designation to provide services in the unassigned areas of east Texas. The applicants are Central Illinois Grain Inspection doing business as Lone Star Grain Inspection and Gulf Country Inspection Service, Inc. Comments must be postmarked or electronically dated on or before December 31, 2009.

GIPSA has designated Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (Alabama); Kankakee Grain Inspection, Inc. (Kankakee); Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc. (Springfield); State Grain Inspection, Inc. (State Grain) and Washington Department of Agriculture (Washington) to inspect or inspect and weigh grain effective January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2011. For official grain inspection services, contact Alabama at 251-438-2549, Kankakee at 815-365-2268, Springfield at 217-522-5233, State Grain at 952-808-8566 and Washington at 360-753-1484.

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