

Vilsack Names Grain Inspection Advisory Committee Members and Alternates

WASHINGTON, June 1, 2009 - Agriculture Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack today announced the appointment of six members and four alternate members to serve on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection Advisory Committee. The appointees will serve 3-year terms.

"I am pleased that these individuals have agreed to serve on the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee," said Vilsack. "They bring a great deal of knowledge and experience to this board."

The new members are: **Tammy L. Basel**, vice president, Women Involved in Farm Economics, Union Center, SD; **Theresa S. Cogswell**, consultant/president, BakerCogs, Inc., Olathe, KS; **Jerry D. Cope**, commodity manager, South Dakota Wheat Growers; Aberdeen, SD; **Thomas C. Dahl**, vice-president, Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company, Sioux City, IA; **Warren J. Duffy**, vice-president, ADM Grain, Ama, LA; and **Mark E. Hodges**, executive director, Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Oklahoma City, OK.

The new alternate members are: **Paul A. Coppin**, general manager, Reynolds United Co-op, Reynolds, ND; **Godfrey R. Friedt**, director of elevator operations, Omaha, NE; **Brian L. King**, manager, Ritter Grain Service, Marked Tree, AR; and **Gene E. McEntee**, senior management, Colusa Elevator, Co., Nauvoo, IL .

The Grain Inspection Advisory Committee is comprised of 15 members and 15 alternate members appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture who represent all facets of the grain industry. The Committee meets twice annually to advise USDA on the establishment of programs and services under the U.S. Grain Standards Act.

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