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FGIS Program Handbook

FOREWORD

The Bean Inspection Handbook sets forth the policies and procedures for sampling, inspecting, and certificating dry beans in accordance with the regulations under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946. These regulations establish the basic guidelines for inspecting beans and authorize the issuance of such additional guidelines as may be necessary for the interpretation and application of the United States Standards for Beans. Direct quotations from the United States Standards for Beans are shown in this handbook in italics.

The information contained in this handbook is applicable to official bean inspection services performed by the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), a program under the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), and designated State cooperators. Persons interested in obtaining official services may call or write any FGIS field office or cooperator.

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