USGSA REAUTHORIZATION:

# Protecting Exports, Promoting Efficiency



The marketing standards and inspection of a dozen different grains and oilseeds is directed by the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA) and largely funded by industry. The law will be reauthorized in 2026, giving policymakers a chance to modernize and improve efficiency of the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS).

**100%**

OF ALL EXPORTS MUST BE OFFICIALLY INSPECTED AND WEIGHED

**135**

FGIS EMPLOYEES INSPECT ALL EXPORTS, 25% LESS THAN NEEDED TO BE FULLY STAFFED

**1914**

YEAR USGSA WAS INITIALLY ENACTED

## NGFA POSITION

NGFA supports the reauthorization and improvement of USGSA—as included in the The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026—before key provisions of the law expire on Dec. 11, potentially disrupting the country's grain inspection and weighing program to the detriment of farmers, handlers, and exporters.

The industry helps generate 1.16 million jobs and $401.7 billion in economic impact.

## NGFA REQUESTS

- Embrace grain grading technology to aid staff, reduce cost, and speed inspection.
- Add transparency to user fee calculations to ensure funding sufficiency and predictability.
- Speed new member approval to the FGIS Grain Inspection Advisory Committee.
- Limit the user fee cap paid by industry to just USGSA-related expenses.
- Prevent inspection delays during service disruptions at port locations.

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