



# THE OFFICIAL GRAIN INSPECTION SYSTEM

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# Definitions

GIPSA “**Designates**” States and private organizations to provide domestic grain inspection and weighing services.

**Designations are for up to 5 years**

GIPSA “**Delegates**” qualified States to provide export vessel grain inspection and weighing in export port areas.

**Reviewed every 5 years**



# The Official Inspection System


- 37 Private Agencies
- 12 State Agencies
  - 5 State Agencies Designated for Export Ship Inspection
- Inspections Performed 2014 Fiscal Year
  - Official Agencies      4,523,162      98 %
  - GIPSA Employees      118,500      2 %
- Volume of Grain Inspected
  - Official Agencies      215.3 MMT      72 %
  - GIPSA Employees      82.6 MMT      28%



Over 2,000 Official Agency Licensed Personnel



# Designation Process

- Inspection Agencies Apply to GIPSA for Specific Geographic Areas Announced in the Federal Register
    - The Public is Provided Opportunity to Comment
  - If More Than One Party Applies, GIPSA Issues a Second Federal Register Soliciting Additional Public Comments
  - GIPSA Selects the One Applicant Best Able to Provide Service
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# Official Agency Requirements

- Adequate Facilities and Qualified Personnel
- Provide Periodic Rotation of Personnel to Preserve Official Service Integrity
- Meet Training Requirements and Personnel Standards
- Conduct Training and Provide Supervision of Personnel
- Charge Official Inspection Fees That are Not Discriminatory or Unreasonable
- State Agencies Will Not Use Any Moneys Collected from Fees for Any Purpose Other Than the Maintenance of the Official Inspection Operation
- Agency Persons Must Not Have Conflict of Interest
- Maintain Complete and Accurate Records of its Organization, Staffing, Official Activities, and Fiscal Operations, and Other Required Records
- State Agencies Employ Personnel on Basis of Job Qualifications Rather Than Political Affiliations
- Comply With All Provisions of the USGSA, Regulations and Instructions
- Meet Other Criteria Established in Regulations Issued Under the USGSA



# System Integrity

- Official Agencies Can Only Provide Service In Their Designated Area
  - Limited Exceptions
- “All” Employees Must be Free of Conflicts of Interest
- Fees Must be Reasonable and Uniform to All
- Employees Must be Rotated Among Facilities
- Records Must be Kept on All Activities for GIPSA Review



# System Accuracy and Consistency

- Standardized Equipment and Personnel Tied to GIPSA'S Central Reference Laboratory
- All Inspectors and Technicians are Trained and Licensed Through GIPSA
- Results Subject to Monitoring on a Daily Basis
- Recognized as the Authoritative Inspection by the National Grain and Feed Association Trading Rules


# Flexibility to Meet Your Needs

- Official Commercial Inspections
    - At Your Request
      - Modified Sampling and Inspection Procedures
      - Certain Equipment to be Used
      - File Samples May or May Not be Maintained
      - Certificates May or May Not be Issued
- 28 % of Inspections Performed are Official Commercial  
1,277,728 Inspections to Meet Customer Needs
- Fees Can be Negotiated Under Contract Agreements as Long as They are Available to All Customers





# Official and Unofficial

- Only Official Agencies and GIPSA can Provide Service Under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA)
  - Warehouse Inspections Do Not Provide the Quality and Integrity of USGSA Inspections
  - Unofficial Inspection Companies Are Not Required to Follow Any USDA Requirements
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# USGSA vs. Warehouse Act

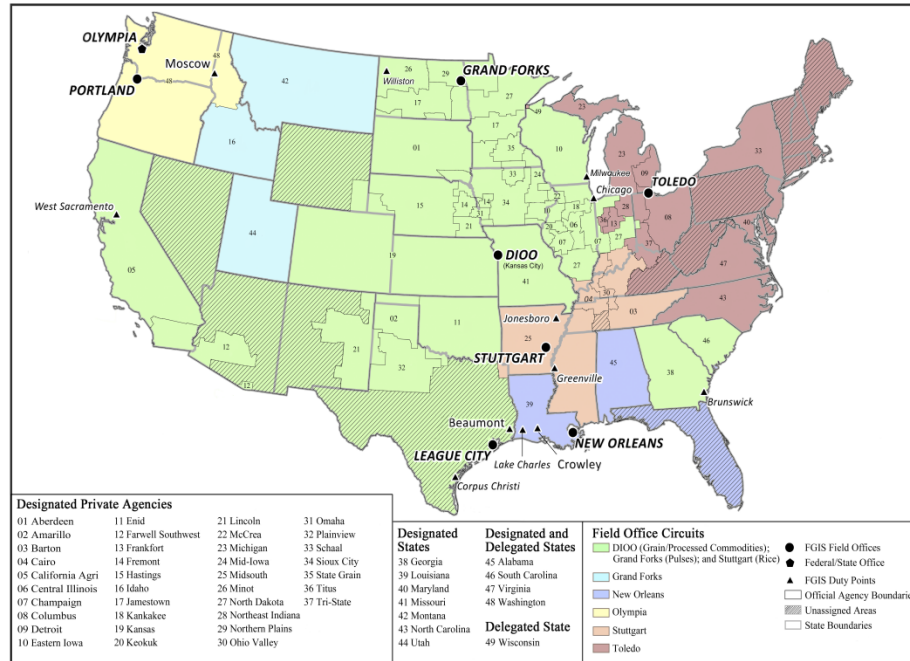
USGSA	Warehouse Act
<b>Designed to Facilitate Grain Marketing</b>	<b>Designed to Facilitate Warehousing</b>
Provide for Establishment of Official Grain Standards, and Official Inspection System System	Provide System to Protect Customers from Losses Due to Shortages or Deterioration
Assure Certificates Provide Prima Fascia Evidence in Court of Grain Quality for Basis of domestic and International Trade	Assure Integrity of Warehouse Receipts as Documents of Title to be Used as Collateral for Loans
Extensive Monitoring of Inspectors and Equipment	No Monitoring of Inspectors and Equipment
Mandatory Use of Specific Equipment and Procedures Approved by GIPSA	Recommend use of Equipment and procedures Used by GIPSA
Inspector License Must be Renewed Every 5 Years, Provided the Person Meets All Competency Requirements	Inspector license valid as long as the Warehouse's License is in effect

# Which Agencies are Official

Official Agencies can be found on GIPSA's Website

[www.gipsa.usda.gov](http://www.gipsa.usda.gov)

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