

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in the Hastings (NE), Aberdeen (SD), Missouri, Decatur (IL), Grand Forks (ND), McCrea (IA), and South Carolina Areas and Request for Comments on the Hastings, Aberdeen, Missouri, Decatur, Grand Forks, McCrea, and South Carolina Agencies

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The designations of the official agencies listed below will end in October, November, and December 1999. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. GIPSA is also asking for comments on the services provided by these currently designated agencies:

Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc. (Hastings);

Aberdeen Grain Inspection, Inc. (Aberdeen);
Missouri Department of Agriculture (Missouri);
Decatur Grain Inspection, Inc. (Decatur);
Grand Forks Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Grand Forks);
John R. McCrea Agency, Inc. (McCrea);
and
South Carolina Department of Agriculture (South Carolina).

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before April 30, 1999. Comments must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before May 31, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Applications and comments must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3604. Applications and comments may be submitted by FAX on 202-690-2755. If an application is submitted by FAX, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications and comments will be made available for public inspection at this address

located at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, at 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this Action.

Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 7(f) of the Act.

1. Current Designations Being Announced for Renewal

Official agency	Main office	Designation start	Designation end
Hastings	Hastings, NE	11/1/1996	10/31/1999
Aberdeen	Aberdeen, SD	12/1/1996	11/30/1999
Missouri	Jefferson City, MO	12/1/1996	11/30/1999
Decatur	Decatur, IL	01/1/1997	12/31/1999
Grand Forks	Grand Forks, ND	01/1/1997	12/31/1999
McCrea	Clinton, IA	01/1/1997	12/31/1999
South Carolina	North Charleston, SC	01/1/1997	12/31/1999

a. Hastings

Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Nebraska, is assigned to Hastings.

Bounded on the North by the northern Nebraska State line from the western Sioux County line east to the eastern Knox County line;

Bounded on the East by the eastern and southern Knox County lines; the eastern Antelope County line; the northern Madison County line east to U.S. Route 81; U.S. Route 81 south to the southern Madison County line; the southern Madison County line; the eastern Boone, Nance, and Merrick County lines; the Platte River southwest; the eastern Hamilton County line; the northern and eastern Fillmore County lines; the southern Fillmore County line west to U.S. Route 81; U.S. Route 81 south to State Highway 8; State Highway 8 west to the County Road 1 mile west of U.S. Route 81; the County

Road south to southern Nebraska State line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Nebraska State line, from the County Road 1 mile west of U.S. Route 81, west to the western Dundy County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western Dundy, Chase, Perkins, and Keith County lines; the southern and western Garden County lines; the southern Morrill County line west to U.S. Route 385; U.S. Route 385 north to the southern Box Butte County line; the southern and western Sioux County lines north to the northern Nebraska State line.

The following grain elevators, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, are part of this geographic area assignment: Farmers Coop and Big Springs Elevator, both in Big Springs, Deuel County (located inside Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc.'s, area); and Huskers Cooperative Grain Company, Columbus, Platte

County (located inside Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc.'s, area).

b. Aberdeen

Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of North Dakota and South Dakota, is assigned to Aberdeen.

Bounded on the North by U.S. Route 12 east to State Route 22; State Route 22 north to the Burlington-Northern (BN) line; the Burlington-Northern (BN) line east to State Route 21; State Route 21 east to State Route 49; State Route 49 south to the North Dakota-South Dakota State line; the North Dakota-South Dakota State line east to U.S. Route 83; U.S. Route 83 north to State Route 13; State Route 13 east and north to McIntosh County; the northern McIntosh County line east to Dickey County; the northern Dickey County line east to U.S. Route 281; U.S. Route 281 south to the North Dakota-South Dakota State line; the North Dakota-South Dakota State line east;

Bounded on the East by the eastern South Dakota State line (the Big Sioux River) to A54B;

Bounded on the South by A54B west to State Route 11; State Route 11 north to State Route 44 (U.S. 18); State Route 44 west to the Missouri River; the Missouri River south-southeast to the South Dakota State line; the southern South Dakota State line west; and

Bounded on the West by the western South Dakota State line north; the western North Dakota State line north to U.S. Route 12.

c. Missouri

Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Missouri, is assigned to Missouri.

d. Decatur

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Illinois, is assigned to Decatur.

Bounded on the North by the northern and eastern DeWitt County lines; the eastern Macon County line south to Interstate 72; Interstate 72 northeast to the eastern Piatt County line;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Piatt, Moultrie, and Shelby County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Shelby County line; a straight line running along the southern Montgomery County line west to State Route 16 to a point approximately 1 mile northeast of Irving; and

Bounded on the West by a straight line from this point northeast to Stonington on State Route 48; a straight line from Stonington northwest to Elkhart on Interstate 55; a straight line from Elkhart northeast to the west side of Beason on State Route 10; State Route 10 east to DeWitt County; the western DeWitt County line.

Decatur's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Decatur's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc.: Moultrie Grain Association, Cadwell, Moultrie County; Tabor and Company, Weedman Grain Company, and Pacific Grain Company, all in Farmer City, DeWitt County; and Monticello Grain Company, Monticello, Piatt County.

e. Grand Forks

Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of North Dakota, is assigned to Grand Forks.

Bounded on the North by the North Dakota State line;

Bounded on the East by the North Dakota State line south to State Route 200;

Bounded on the South by State Route 200 west-northwest to the western Traill County line; the western Traill County line; the southern Grand Forks and Nelson County lines; the southern Eddy County line west to U.S. Route 281; U.S. Route 281 north to State Route 15; State Route 15 west to U.S. Route 52; U.S. Route 52 northeast to State Route 3; and

Bounded on the West by State Route 3 north to State Route 60; State Route 60 west-northwest to State Route 5; State Route 5 west to State Route 14; State Route 14 north to the North Dakota State line.

Grand Fork's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Grand Fork's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agencies:

1. Grain Inspection, Inc.: Farmers Coop Elevator, Fessenden; Farmers Union Elevator, and Manfred Grain, both in Manfred; all in Wells County; and

2. Minot Grain Inspection, Inc.: Harvey Farmers Elevator, Harvey, Wells County.

f. McCrea

Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Illinois and Iowa, is assigned to McCrea.

Carroll and Whiteside Counties, Illinois.

Clinton and Jackson Counties, Iowa.

2. Opportunity for Designation

Interested persons, including Hastings, Aberdeen, Missouri, Decatur, Grand Forks, McCrea, and South Carolina, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder.

DESIGNATION TERM

Hastings	11/01/1999 to 9/30/2002.
Aberdeen	12/01/1999 to 9/30/2002.
Missouri	12/01/1999 to 9/30/2002.
Decatur	01/01/2000 to 9/30/2002.
Grand Forks	01/01/2000 to 9/30/2002.
McCrea	01/01/2000 to 9/30/2002.
South Carolina	01/01/2000 to 9/30/2002.

Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

3. Request for Comments

GIPSA also is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments on the Hastings, Aberdeen, Missouri, Decatur, Grand Forks, McCrea, and South Carolina official agencies. Commenters are encouraged to submit pertinent data concerning the Hastings, Aberdeen, Missouri, Decatur, Grand Forks, McCrea, and South Carolina official agencies including information concerning the timeliness, cost, quality, and scope of services provided. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address.

Applications, comments, and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.).

Dated: March 11, 1999.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the New York State Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the New York State Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on April 23, 1999, at the United Way of New York, 2nd Floor Conference Room 2A, Two Park Avenue, New York, New York 10016. The Committee will plan for the release of its report, Equal Housing Opportunities in New York: An Evaluation of Section 8 Housing Programs in Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse. The Committee will also discuss plans for a new project.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.