OFFICIAL GRAIN INSPECTION

Getting the Most of the Grain Grading System
LET'S GET STARTED

NDGI
FGIS

What do they do?

- **SYSTEM**: Provide an official inspection system for grain
- **STANDARDS**: Establish official U.S. standards for grain
- **UNIFORMITY**: Promote uniform application by Official Inspection personnel
- **WEIGHING**: Regulate weighing of grain shipped in interstate or foreign commerce

promote interests of industry and general welfare of people of U.S.
SYSTEM
DESIGNATIONS
BREAKDOWN

AGENCIES

PRIVATE: 33
STATE: 12

INSPECTIONS

OFFICIAL AGENCIES: 5,619,451
FGIS EMPLOYEES: 157, 254
USER FEES

Collected to cover cost of oversight for official agencies.

Adjusted annually to cover no less than 3 months and no more than 6 months

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TOTAL FY 2017
## Handbook

- Bean Inspection Handbook
- Equipment Handbook
- Fumigation Handbook
  - List of Acceptable Tween Deckers
- Grain Inspection Handbook, Book I - Sampling
- Grain Inspection Handbook, Book II - Grading Procedures
- Grain Inspection Handbook, Book III - Inspection Procedures
- Grain Inspection Handbook, Book IV - Forms and Certificates
- Hop Inspection Handbook
- Mechanical Sampling Systems Handbook
PERSONNEL

LICENSING WITHIN FGIS

Written & Practical Exams

Renewal/Suspension

Conflict of Interest
CERTIFICATES

WHAT DO THEY DO FOR INDUSTRY?

Prima Facie

Reinspections/Appeals

Standardized
CHECKS & BALANCES

- FREQUENT MONITORING: Daily monitoring of grades and proteins, weekly on toxins, among many others
- CONSTANT COMMUNICATION: Training, conference calls, emails
- INTERNAL AUDIT: Annual audit with strict format to cover processes to ensure quality
- COMPLIANCE REVIEW: Minimum once per designation, compliance officers conduct audit
INDUSTRY EXPECTATIONS
REGISTRATIONS FOR EXPORT

USGSA requires all persons buying grain for sale in EXPORT markets to register with GIPSA.

Exemptions:
- Only occasionally buys
- Only occasionally sells
- Transport grain for hire
- Buys grain for feeding or processing, not resale.

Obtain Certificate
PROHIBITED ACTS

**FALSIFY**
Official certificates, official mark, knowingly attempt to create, representation, etc.

**IMPROPER INFLUENCE**
May not improperly influence or attempt to influence official personnel

**GRAIN QUALITY**
Dockage and FM recombination or addition of either is prohibited

**DISGUISE**
Contamination of sound and pure grain with nongrain, unfit grain or grain that exceeds FDA Regulations
SAME GRADES FROM A TO Z
THANK YOU
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