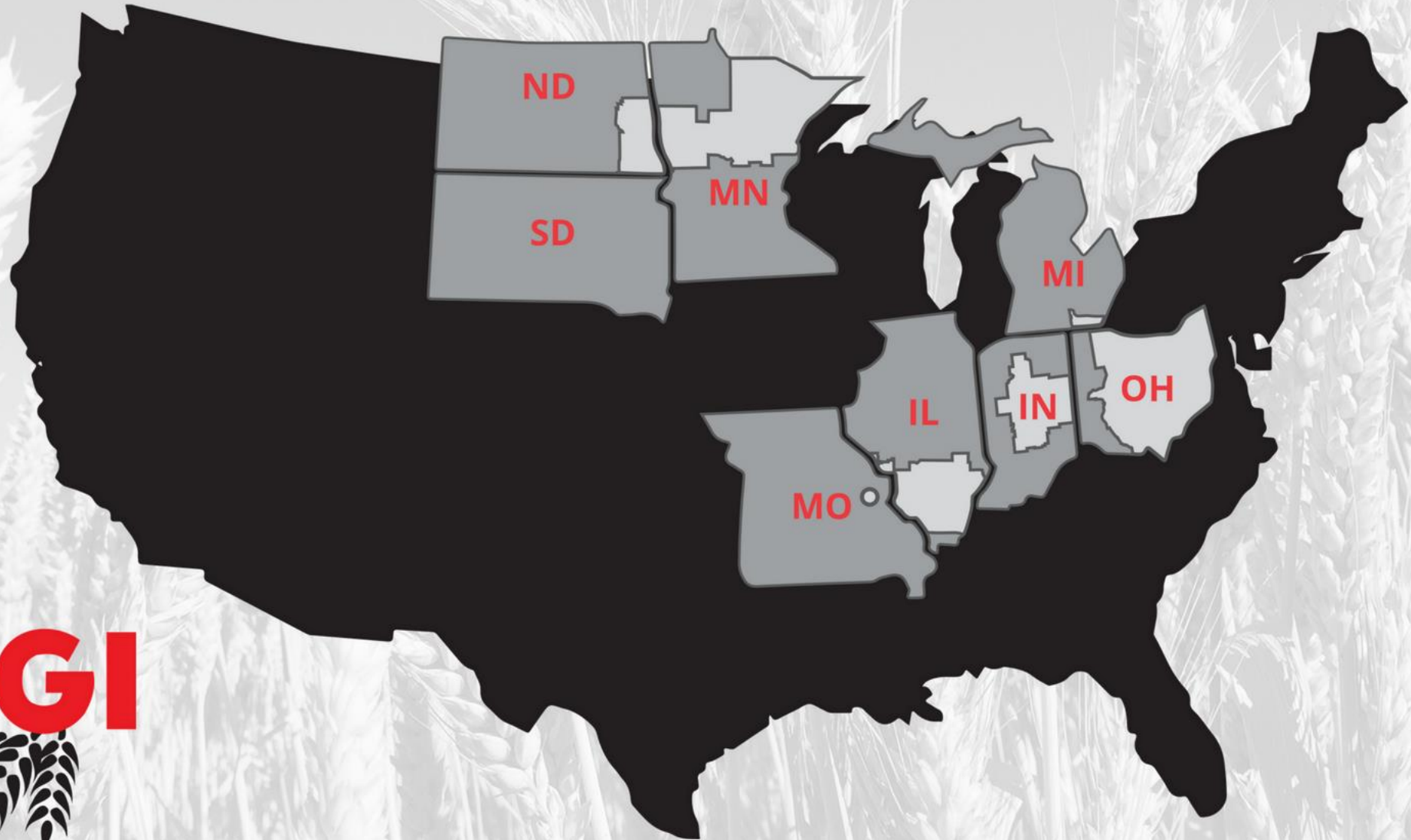


The background of the entire image is a dense, close-up shot of white corn kernels. The kernels are piled together, creating a textured, repetitive pattern of light and shadow. The lighting is somewhat soft, highlighting the rounded shapes and slight imperfections of the corn.

OFFICIAL GRAIN INSPECTION

Getting the Most of the
Grain Grading System

LET'S GET STARTED



NDGI



FGIS

What do they do?
promote interests of industry and
general welfare of people of U.S

SYSTEM

Provide an official inspection
system for grain

STANDARDS

Establish official U.S. standards for
grain

UNIFORMITY

Promote uniform application by
Official Inspection personnel

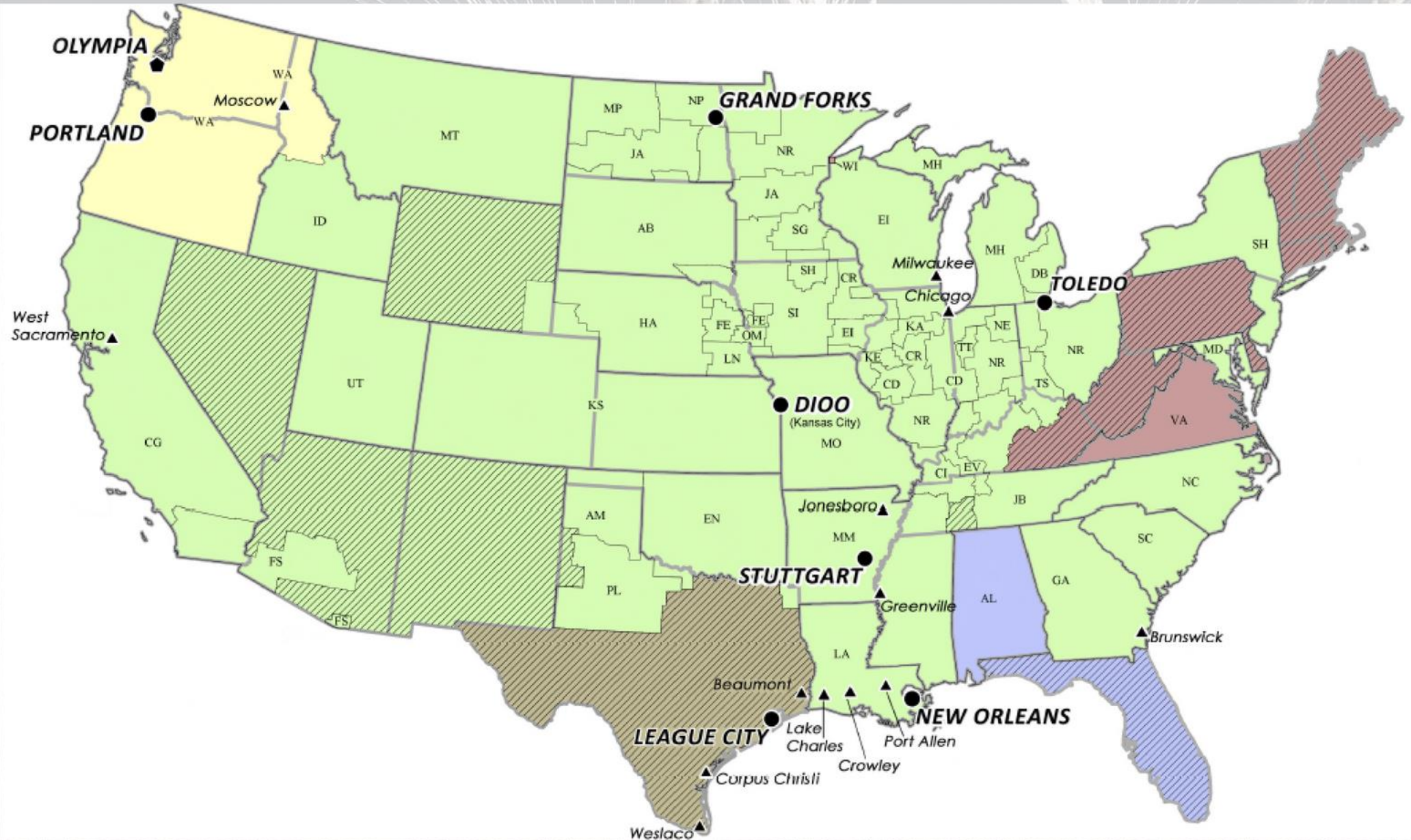
WEIGHING

Regulate weighing of grain shipped
in interstate or foreign commerce



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

FGIS User Fee Accounts¹

U.S. Grain Standards Act

Inspection & Weighing

Official Agencies

Agricultural Marketing Act

Rice

Commodities

TOTAL FY 2017



Marketing and
Regulatory
Programs

Agricultural
Marketing
Service

Federal Grain
Inspection
Service

Washington, D.C.

July 2013

Grain Inspection Handbook

Book II

Grain Grading Procedu

STANDARDS

HANDBOOKS, ACTS & REGS

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



UNIFORMITY

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



WEIGHING



INDUSTRY EXPECTATIONS

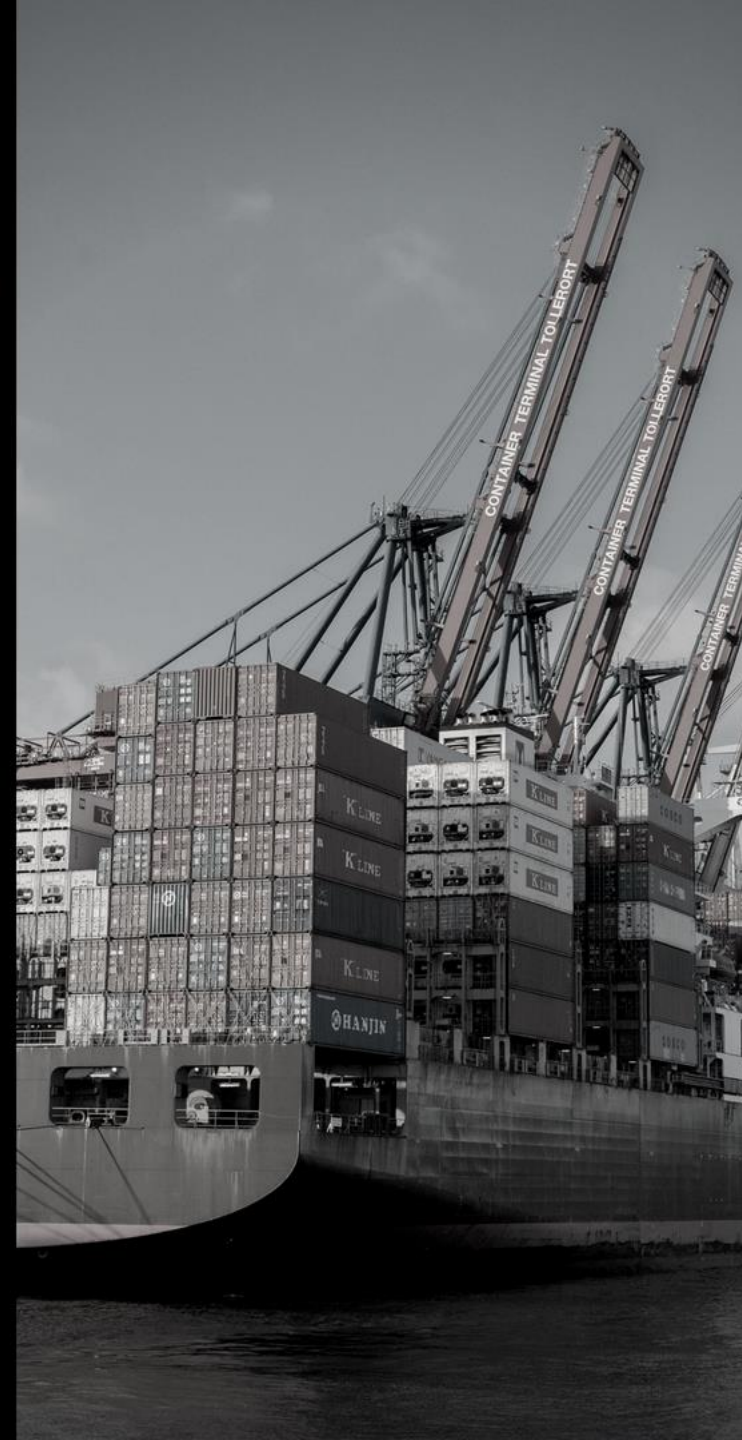
REGISTRATIONS FOR EXPORT

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

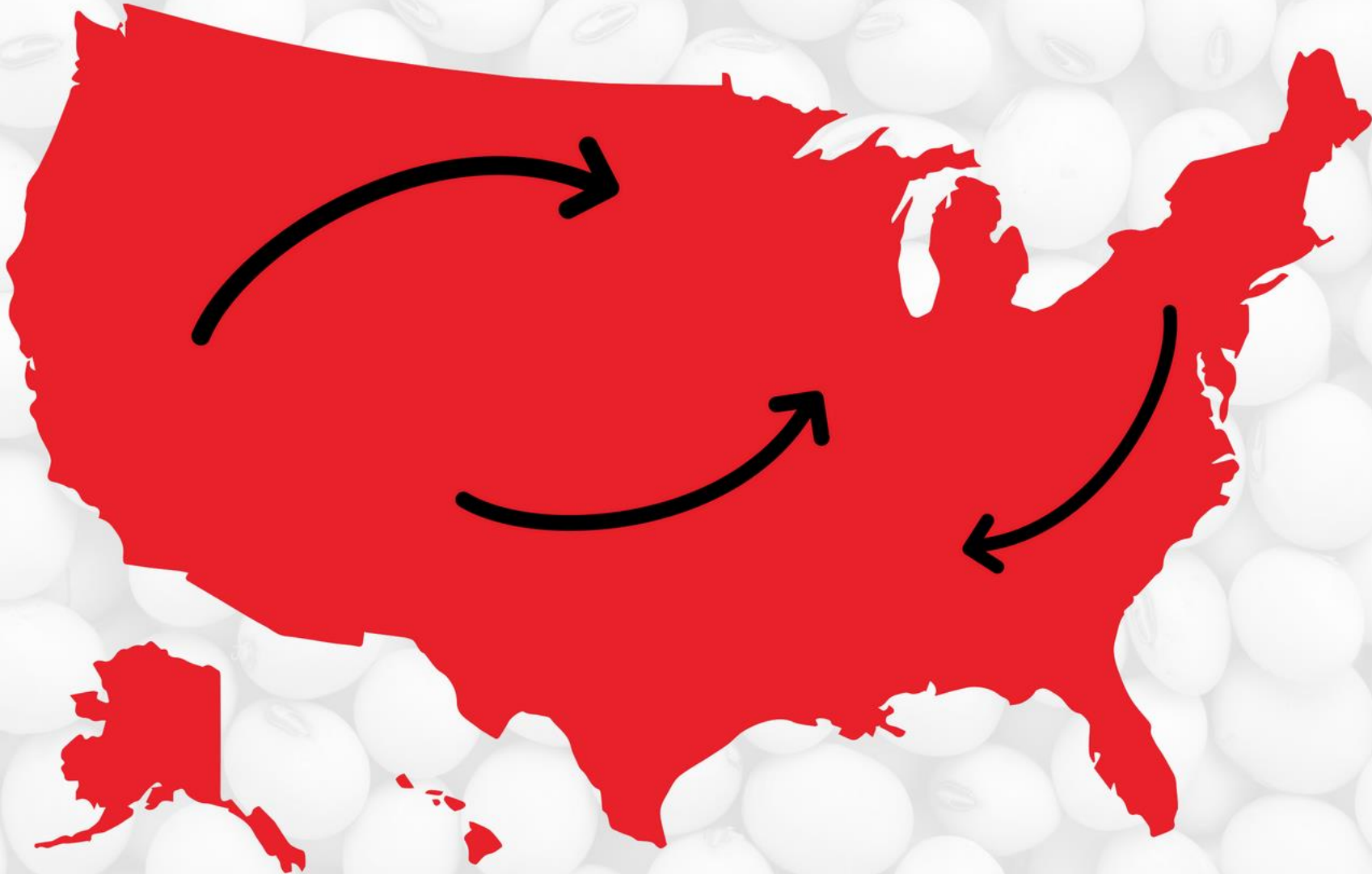
GRAIN QUALITY

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



The image features a close-up of wheat stalks, with the entire scene overlaid in a semi-transparent red color. A solid black rectangular box is positioned in the center, containing the text "THANK YOU" in white, bold, uppercase letters.

THANK YOU



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