

agencies. Table 3, below, identifies the editions of the **Federal Register** in which AMS provided notice of the designation opportunities for the listed geographic areas and requested comments on the listed official agencies.

TABLE 3—FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES ANNOUNCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GEOGRAPHIC AREAS AND REQUESTING COMMENTS

Official agency	Geographic area	Federal Register
Idaho Grain Inspection Service, Inc .....	Pocatello, Idaho .....	88 FR 19051 (03/30/2023).
Ohio Valley Grain Inspection, Inc .....	Evansville, Indiana .....	88 FR 19051 (03/30/2023).
California Agri Inspection Company, Ltd .....	West Sacramento, California .....	88 FR 19051 (03/30/2023).
Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services .....	Richmond, Virginia .....	88 FR 19051 (03/30/2023).
Michigan Grain Inspection Services, Inc .....	Marshall, Michigan .....	88 FR 78283 (11/15/2023).
Midsouth Grain Inspection Service <sup>3</sup> .....	Southeast Texas Area .....	89 FR 58327 (07/18/2024); 89 FR 75526 (09/16/2024).
Plainview Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc <sup>4</sup> .....	Lower Northwest Texas Area .....	89 FR 58327 (07/18/2024); 88 FR 78283 (11/15/2023).

<sup>3</sup> There are two **Federal Register** citations in this row of Table 3 because AMS announced the designation opportunity in Southeast Texas in a different edition of the **Federal Register** (89 FR 58327) than the edition in which the agency requested comments on services provided by Midsouth Grain Inspection Service (89 FR 75526).

<sup>4</sup> There are two **Federal Register** citations in this row of Table 3 because AMS announced the designation opportunity in Lower Northwest Texas in a different edition of the **Federal Register** (89 FR 58327) than the edition in which the agency requested comments on services provided by Plainview Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (88 FR 78283).

AMS reviewed and considered performance feedback and data that it collected on the designated agencies (e.g., grading accuracy, equipment testing, equipment monitoring, and adherence to testing protocols for mycotoxins and falling number values) and conducted onsite compliance reviews. As part of these reviews, AMS evaluated: (1) the agencies' past compliance and supervision audit results; (2) quality program performance; (3) stability, quality, and consistency of service; (4) cooperation with FGIS; (5) adequacy of resources; (6) timely service and issuance of certificates; and (7) cost of inspection services. If instances of noncompliance were found, agencies were required to correct the issues before their performance review was finalized.

The official agencies listed in Tables 2 and 3 were the only applicants for designation in those geographic areas, with the exception of the Southeast Texas area. In the July 18, 2024 **Federal Register** (89 FR 58327), AMS requested comments about the need for USGSA inspection and weighing services in the Southeast Texas area as well as applications for designation to provide official services in that area. AMS received designation applications from Midsouth Grain Inspection Service (Midsouth) and Grain Inspection Services of Texas (GIST). In the September 16, 2024, edition of the **Federal Register**, AMS requested comments on both applicants. Midsouth is currently a designated official agency in good standing with AMS and the industry, with over 45 years of experience as an official agency. GIST is currently a designated official agency in good standing with AMS and the

industry with less than one year of experience as an official agency.

In analyzing applications for the Southeast Texas area, AMS evaluated applicants by considering the designation criteria in Section 79(f) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)), the recent audit report for Midsouth detailing the applicant's performance of the designation criteria, customers' experience with the official service provider, public comments received related to the designation opportunity notice (89 FR 75526), current service agreements, and details provided in the application. Applications generally include information on an applicant's business plan to service the area, active licenses and service availability, fees, overall service costs, and proximity to customers and facilities. Midsouth meets the designation criteria established under the USGSA and is operating with comparable costs for most service requests. GIST is a new entity with less than one year of experience as an official agency. After considering all of the available information concerning both agencies, AMS determined that the Southeast Texas area should be awarded to Midsouth at this time.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by September 28, 2020. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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#### Agricultural Marketing Service

*Title:* USDA Farmers Market Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 0581–0229.

*Summary of Collection:* The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) directs and authorizes the Secretary to conduct, assist, and foster research, investigation, and experimentation to determine the best methods of processing, preparation for market packaging, handling, transporting, distributing, and marketing agricultural products. It is the mission of AMS to experiment with direct marketing techniques and to educate consumers on the benefits of the use of such agricultural products. The USDA Farmers Market falls well within these guidelines.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information collected on the Application allows AMS the means to review and select participants for the annual market season. Applicants can apply online at [www.ManageMyMarket.com](http://www.ManageMyMarket.com). The type of information requested on the website for the application includes: (1) Certification the applicant is the owner or representative of the farm or business; (2) applicant contact information including name(s), address, phone number, and email address; (3) farm or business location; (4) types of products grown or to be sold; (5) business practices and direct sourcing relationships with local farmers, ranchers and growers; (6) weekly sales data; (7) insurance coverage; and (8) all applicable food safety documents. Vendors selected to the market provide a signed copy of the Participant Agreement, which states that the vendor has read, understands and agrees to adhere to all applicable rules and guidelines as outlined in the USDA Farmers Market Rules, Procedures, and Operating Guidelines. Sales Data is collected from vendors weekly. This information is useful in letting AMS know how well the market and vendors are doing overall.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Farms; Individuals.

*Number of Respondents:* 68.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 201.

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#### Agricultural Marketing Service

*Title:* USDA Web Based Supply Chain Management System (WBSCM).

*OMB Control Number:* 0581–0273.

*Summary of Collection:* Section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, as amended

(sec. 32, Public Law 74–320; 7 U.S.C. 612c); sections 6(a) and (e), 13, and 17 of the National School Lunch Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 1751, 1761, and 1766) in addition to several other acts authorize the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Procurement Branches to prepare and issue announcements for the purchase and sale of perishable agricultural commodities. AMS purchases agricultural commodities for the Section 32 and 6a & e National School Lunch Program/Child & Adult Care Food Program; Nutrition Service Incentive Program; Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations; Commodity Supplemental Food Program; The Emergency Food Assistance Program and Disaster Feeding in addition to providing support for commodity markets with surplus inventory.

*Need and Use of the Information:* AMS issues solicitation for offers in order to solicit bids for commodities and transportation costs for delivery to domestic and international nutrition assistance programs. Vendors respond by making electronic offers using the secure Web Based Supply Chain Management System (WBSCM) <https://portal.wbscm.usda.gov>. Vendors must be registered to submit bids electronically through WBSCM via the internet. The information will change in response to the needs of the feeding programs and each solicitation. It is necessary to collect the information recorded on the offer screens to determine who the successful bidder is under solicitations to purchase products and services.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for profit; Farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Monthly; Quarterly.

*Total Burden Hours:* 50,399.

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