

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****[02-01-S]****Designation for the Aberdeen (SD), Decatur (IL), Grand Forks (ND), Hastings (NE), McCrea (IA), Missouri, and South Carolina Areas****AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act): Aberdeen Grain Inspection, Inc. (Aberdeen); Decatur Grain Inspection, Inc. (Decatur); Grand Forks Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Grand Forks); Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc. (Hastings); John R. McCrea Agency, Inc. (McCrea); Missouri Department of Agriculture (Missouri);

South Carolina Department of Agriculture (South Carolina);

EFFECTIVE DATES: October 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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.

In the March 1, 2002, **Federal Register** (67 FR 9434), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to the official agencies named above to submit an application for designation.

Applications were due by April 1, 2002. Aberdeen, Decatur, Grand Forks, Hastings, McCrea, Missouri, and South

Carolina were the sole applicants for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them, so GIPSA did not ask for additional comments on them.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act and, according to section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Aberdeen, Decatur, Grand Forks, Hastings, McCrea, Missouri, and South Carolina are able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the March 1, 2002, **Federal Register**, for which they applied. Effective October 1, 2002, and ending September 30, 2005, Aberdeen, Decatur, Hastings, McCrea, Missouri, and South Carolina are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective October 1, 2002, and ending September 30, 2003, Grand Forks is designated for one year only to provide official services in the geographic area for which they applied. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start—end
Aberdeen	Aberdeen, SD; 605-225-8432	10/01/2002-09/30/2005
	Additional Service Location: Marion, SD	
Decatur	Decatur, IL; 217-429-2466	10/01/2002-09/30/2005
Grand Forks	Grand Forks, ND; 701-772-0151	10/01/2002-09/30/2003
	Additional Service Locations: Devils Lake, Gladstone, ND	
Hastings	Hastings, NE; 402-462-4254	10/01/2002-09/30/2005
	Additional Service Location: Grand Island, NE	
McCrea	Clinton, IA; 563-242-2073	10/01/2002-09/30/2005
Missouri	Jefferson City, MO; 573-751-5515	10/01/2002-09/30/2005
	Additional Service Locations: Kansas City, Laddonia, Marshall, New Madrid, St. Joseph, MO.	
South Carolina	Columbia, SC; 803-734-2200	10/01/2002-09/30/2005
	Additional Service Location: North Charleston, SC	

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

Dated: August 13, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****[02-03-A]**

Opportunity for Designation in the Jamestown (ND), Lincoln (NE), Memphis (TN), Omaha (NE), Sioux City (IA), and Tischer (IA) Areas, and Request for Comments on the Official Agencies Serving These Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The designations of the official agencies listed below will end in March 2003. Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (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:

Grain Inspection, Inc. (Jamestown), Lincoln Inspection Service, Inc. (Lincoln), Memphis Grain Inspection Service (Memphis), Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Omaha), Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company (Sioux City), and A. V. Tischer and Son, Inc. (Tischer).

DATES: Applications and comments must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before October 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications and comments to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S,