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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity To Comment on the Applicants for the Hastings (NE) and Missouri Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas assigned to Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc. (Hastings) and the Missouri Department of Agriculture (Missouri).

DATES: Comments must be postmarked, or sent by telecopier (FAX) by June 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted in writing to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3604. Telecopier (FAX) users may send comments to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above address at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 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.

In the April 1, 1999, **Federal Register** (64 FR 15724), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the Hastings and Missouri areas to submit an application for designation. There were two applicants for the

Hastings area: Hastings and Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Kansas). Hastings applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Kansas, a designated official grain inspection agency operating in Kansas, Colorado, and Wyoming, applied for designation to provide official services in the western portion of the Hastings area: Bounded on the North by the Nebraska-South Dakota State line east to the mountain-central time zone line;

Bounded on the East by the mountain-central time zone line south to the Nebraska-Kansas State line;

Bounded on the South by the Nebraska-Kansas State line west to the Nebraska-Colorado State line; and

Bounded on the West by the Nebraska-Colorado and Nebraska-Wyoming State lines north to the Nebraska-South Dakota State line.

There were three applicants for the Missouri area: Missouri, Kansas, and North Dakota Grain Inspection Services, Inc. (North Dakota). Missouri applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Kansas applied for designation to provide official services in the western portion of the Missouri area: Bounded on the North by the Missouri-Iowa State line east to Highway 65;

Bounded on the East by Highway 65 south to the Missouri-Arkansas State line;

Bounded on the South by the Missouri-Arkansas State line west to the Missouri-Kansas State line; and

Bounded on the West by the Missouri-Kansas State line north to the Missouri-Iowa State line.

North Dakota, a designated official grain inspection agency operating in Illinois as Illinois Official Grain Inspection, applied for the eastern portion of the Missouri area: Bounded on the North by the Missouri-Iowa State line from Highway 65 east to the Missouri-Illinois State line;

Bounded on the East by the Missouri-Illinois State line south to the Missouri-Kentucky State line, the Missouri-Kentucky State line south to the Missouri-Tennessee State line, the Missouri-Tennessee State line south to the Missouri-Arkansas State line;

Bounded on the South by the Missouri-Arkansas State line west to Highway 65; and

Bounded on the West by Highway 65 north to the Missouri-Iowa State line.

GIPSA is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments concerning the applicants. Commenters are encouraged to submit reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of the applicants. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address. Comments and other available information will be considered in making a final decision. GIPSA will publish notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**, and GIPSA will send the applicants written notification of the decision.

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

Dated: May 17, 1999.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designations for the Georgia, Schneider (IN), Central Iowa (IA), Montana, Mid-Iowa (IA), and Oregon Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act):

Georgia Department of Agriculture (Georgia);

Schneider Inspection Service, Inc. (Schneider);

Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Central Iowa);

Montana Department of Agriculture (Montana);

Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc. (Mid-Iowa); and

Oregon Department of Agriculture (Oregon).

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 1, 1999, for Georgia and Schneider, September 1, 1999, for Central Iowa and Montana,

and October 19, 1999, for Mid-Iowa and Oregon.

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: 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 Department Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and

Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the January 4, 1999, **Federal Register** (64 FR 73), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Georgia, Schneider, Central Iowa, Montana, Mid-Iowa, and Oregon to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by February 2, 1999. Georgia, Schneider, Central Iowa, Montana, Mid-Iowa, and Oregon, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Georgia, Schneider, Central Iowa, Montana, Mid-Iowa, and Oregon were the only applicants, GIPSA did not ask for 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 Georgia, Schneider, Central Iowa, Montana, Mid-Iowa, and Oregon are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied.

The following organizations are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in January 4, 1999, **Federal Register**.

Official agency	Designation start	Designation end	Telephone
Georgia	08/01/1999	06/30/2002	912-386-3130
Schneider	08/01/1999	06/30/2002	219-992-2306
Central Iowa	09/01/1999	06/30/2002	515-266-1101
Montana	09/01/1999	06/30/2002	406-452-9561
Mid-Iowa	10/01/1999	06/30/2002	319-363-0239
Oregon	10/01/1999	06/30/2002	541-276-0939

Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed above.

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

Dated: May 17, 1999.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Extend and Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection, the Vegetable Survey Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 5, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4117 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Vegetable Survey Program.

OMB Number: 0535-0037.

Expiration Date of Approval:

December 31, 1999.

Type of Request: Intent to extend and revise a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. The Vegetable Survey Program obtains basic agricultural statistics for fresh market and processing vegetables in major producing States. The fresh market estimating program consists of 25 selected crops and the processing program consists of 10 principal crops. Vegetable statistics are used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help administer programs and by growers, processors, and marketers in making production and marketing decisions. These data are collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to avoid strict confidentiality to

non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 9 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farms and businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,700 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Larry Gambrell, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

Comments Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (3) 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 may be sent to: Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room