

# Notices

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

#### Designation for the Aberdeen, South Dakota; Hastings, Nebraska; and Missouri Areas

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of designation.

**SUMMARY:** AMS is announcing the designations of Aberdeen Grain Inspection, Inc. (Aberdeen); Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc. (Hastings); and the Missouri Department of Agriculture (Missouri) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards

Act (USGSA), as amended. The realignment of offices within the U.S. Department of Agriculture authorized by the Secretary's Memorandum dated November 14, 2017, eliminates the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyard Administration (GIPSA) as a standalone agency. The grain inspection activities formerly part of GIPSA are now organized under the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS).

**DATES:** October 1, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Jacob Thein, Compliance Officer, USDA, AMS, FGIS, QACD, 10383 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jacob Thein, 816-866-2223, *Jacob.D.Thein@usda.gov* or *FGIS.QACD@usda.gov*. Read applications: All applications and comments are available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the May 22, 2017, and May 30, 2017, **Federal Register** (82 FR 23174) and (82 FR 24671-24673), GIPSA requested

applications for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas presently serviced by Aberdeen, Hastings, and Missouri. Applications for Missouri were due by June 21, 2017. Applications for Aberdeen and Hastings were due by June 29, 2017.

Because the current official agencies, Aberdeen, Hastings, and Missouri were the only applicants for designation to provide official services in these areas, GIPSA did not seek additional comments.

GIPSA evaluated the designation criteria in section 7(f) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that Aberdeen, Hastings, and Missouri are qualified to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the **Federal Register** on May 22 and May 30, 2017. These designations to provide official services in the specified areas of Aberdeen, Hastings, and Missouri became effective October 1, 2017, and expire September 30, 2022.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting these agencies at the following telephone number:

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start	Designation end
Aberdeen .....	Aberdeen, SD, 605-225-8432 .....	10/1/2017	9/30/2022
Hastings .....	Hastings, NE, 402-462-4254 .....	10/1/2017	9/30/2022
Missouri .....	Jefferson City, MO, 573-751-5515 .....	10/1/2017	9/30/2022

Section 7(f) of the USGSA authorizes the Secretary to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services (7 U.S.C. 79(f)).

**Bruce Summers,**

*Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Research Service

#### Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Oregon State University of Corvallis, Oregon, an exclusive license to the variety of blackberry described in U.S. Plant Patent Application Serial No. 15/731,505, "BLACKBERRY PLANT NAMED 'GALAXY,'" filed on June 20, 2017.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 16, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brian T. Nakanishi of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Government's patent rights in this plant variety are assigned to the

United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

**Mojdeh Bahar,**

*Assistant Administrator.*

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