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Grain Warehouse Operators Letter

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To: Warehouse Operators and Grain Inspector-Graders Licensed under the United States Warehouse Act (USWA) or Approved under Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement (UGRSA)

Subject: Educational Grain Grading and Inspection Multimedia Compact Disks

Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to make warehouse operators and grain inspector-graders aware of new educational grain grading Multimedia Compact Disks (CD) available to the U.S. grain industry free of charge, upon request from the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

Background

The USWA requires inspection and grading of all grain deliveries into or out of licensed warehouses and the UGRSA also requires grading of all CCC interest grain upon delivery. Because of these requirements it is important that warehouse operators or their employees, who perform grain inspection and grading, are properly trained to inspect and grade grain.

Grain Grading and Testing Multimedia CD's

The following educational Multimedia CD's are currently available to anyone in the grain industry free of charge from GIPSA. The available titles currently are:

- Overview of Grain Grading v1.0
- Wheat Grading Tutorial v2.0
- Rough Rice Inspection v1.0
- Corn Grading Tutorial v1.1
- Soybean Grading Tutorial v1.1
- Testing Corn for Starlink v2.1

These CD's do not replace hands-on-training by qualified official inspectors, but are useful and valuable tools for initial or refresher training of warehouse personnel on proper grain grading procedures and testing techniques. Warehouse operators and grain inspector-graders are encouraged to obtain from GIPSA their free copies of all applicable Multimedia CDs.

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Requesting GIPSA's Educational Multimedia CDs

Information on the CD titles available can be obtained from GIPSA's web-page <<http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/reference-library/brochures/education.htm>>. Individual grain warehouse operators and grain inspector-graders can obtain single copies of GIPSA educational materials applicable to their warehouse operation by sending a request by e-mail to request@gipsakc.usda.gov. Warehouse operators with multiple facilities are encouraged to contact Roger Friedrich (fried@gipsakc.usda.gov) at GIPSA's Technical Services Division (816-891-0402) for information on obtaining educational materials in bulk quantities for redistribution to individual facilities/graders rather than having each facility send a separate request. The request must include the following information (1) Title(s) of item(s) desired; (2) Your name; (3) Company; (4) Your street address; (5) City, state and zip code; and (6) Your phone number.

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