

# Grain Inspection Advisory Committee

May 13-14, 2008

## Summary of Meeting MINNEAPOLIS MARRIOTT CITY CENTER – MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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## **WELCOME**

Jerry Gibson, Chairperson, opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 28-29, 2007**

The Committee approved the minutes of the November 28-29, 2007, meeting as presented.

### **REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAY 13-14, 2008, MEETING AGENDA**

The Committee accepted the agenda after voting on and approving two changes. The first change moved the election of the vice-chair to the fall meeting when there would be full membership in attendance. The second change added discussion about the U.S. Standards for Sorghum to the agenda during the second day.

## **MEETING ATTENDEES**

### **Committee Members**

Chester Boruff, Chief Executive Officer, Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies  
William Crockett, Superintendent, Mound Bayou Public Schools  
William Dumoulin, Producer, Illinois  
Mark Fulmer, Agency Manager, Lincoln Inspection Service  
Nicholas Friant, Grain Handling Coordinator, Cargill  
Jerry Gibson, Regional Manager, Bunge North America  
John Hewitt, Hewitt Ranch  
Edgar Hicks, Grain Marketing Advisory, Hurley/FC Stone LLC

### **Alternate Members**

Warren Duffy, Vice-President of Export Operations, Archer Daniels Midland  
Thomas Fousek, Grain Merchant & Manager of Terminal Operations, Bartlett Grain, L.P.

### **GIPSA**

James E. Link, Administrator, (GIPSA)  
John Giler, Acting Deputy Administrator, Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), GIPSA  
John Sharpe, Director, Technical Services Division (TSD), FGIS, GIPSA  
Pat Donohue-Galvin, Director, Budget and Planning Staff (BPS), GIPSA  
Patrick McCluskey, Market and Program Analysis Staff, FGIS, GIPSA  
John Pitchford, Director, Office of International Affairs, FGIS, GIPSA  
Terri Henry, Management Support Staff, GIPSA  
Susan Fall, Field Operations and Support Staff, FMD, FGIS, GIPSA  
Ron Hill, Union Representative

## Other Attendees

David Ayers, Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection

Kevin Schnieder, Lincoln Grain Inspection

Randy Deike, Washington State Department of Agriculture

Tom Dahl, Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company

Anthony Goodeman, InterContinental Grain Inspection, Toledo, Ohio

Roger Hipwell, Minneapolis Grain Exchange

## ADMINISTRATOR'S WELCOME & RESOLUTIONS FROM NOVEMBER 2007 MEETING

James E. Link, Administrator, GIPSA, welcomed the Committee and attendees. He gave a recap of the resolutions from the November 2007, Grain Inspection Advisory Committee meeting held in Denver. Mr. Link reported the following:

- **Resolutions 1 and 2** - Inspector training programs will be discussed by John Sharpe at this meeting.
- **Resolutions 3 and 9** – These resolutions called for GIPSA to continue the Farm Gate Assessments and offered specific recommendations about the soybean study and identifying weed seeds in assessment samples. Pat McCluskey will address the assessments at this meeting.
- **Resolution 4** - The contracting pilot program will be discussed by John Giler at this meeting.
- **Resolution 5** – The resolution called for conducting future customer surveys. Results of the most recent survey, which was conducted in 2007, are on GIPSA's website. GIPSA plans to conduct the next survey in FY 2010, and biannually after that. GIPSA is seeking Office of Management and Budget approval to administer future surveys electronically, which will streamline the process for us and our customers.
- **Resolutions 6** – GIPSA will continue working with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to ensure the agencies' Memorandum of Understanding is meeting the needs of industry, and that there is a free flow of information and documentation between the two agencies. GIPSA and APHIS technical staff continue to work closely to ensure GIPSA's sampling, inspection, and documentation that provides APHIS with the information they need to issue phytosanitary certification. The FGISonline aspect of certification will be discussed by Karen Guagliardo at this meeting.
- **Resolution 7** – In response to the recommendation that GIPSA continue making itself available to help the ethanol industry develop necessary analytical tools, Mr. Link reported that GIPSA completed its advance notice of proposed rulemaking and found that respondents clearly agreed that GIPSA should play a very limited role in standardizing the testing of ethanol inputs and outputs. GIPSA plans to publish a Notice in the Federal Register in upcoming months indicating that GIPSA will: (1) not initiate any rulemaking related to the issues presented in the ANPR; (2) continue to

monitor the evolution and needs of the ethanol market; and (3) address concerns expressed regarding our certified rapid methods currently available for mycotoxin testing.

- **Resolution 8** – In response to the recommendation that GIPSA continue to explore ways to measure wheat functionality and develop, alone or in partnership with a 3rd party, rapid and repeatable test(s) for determining wheat functionality; this will be discussed by John Sharpe at this meeting.

Mr. Link closed by thanking the attendees for taking part in the Committee meeting.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pat Donohue-Galvin, Director, Budget and Planning Staff, GIPSA, provided an overview of the Agency's budget, which is comprised of both user-fee and appropriated fee programs.

Ms. Donohue-Galvin reported on the user-fee programs which includes the:

- Inspection and Weighing Program
- Supervision of Official Agencies Program
- Rice Inspection Program
- Commodities Inspection Program

Through April 2008, the Inspection and Weighing (I&W) program is currently running a 1.7M surplus. We estimate the program may realize a \$4M gain by the end of the fiscal year which includes \$400K in prior year account adjustments. This will bring the total account reserve to \$7.6M by the end of FY 2008 which is very close to our goal of maintaining a 3-month operating reserve or \$8M for the I&W program.

Through April 2008, the Supervision of Official Agencies program is currently running a \$300K surplus. We estimate the program may realize a total gain of \$500K by the end of the fiscal year. This will bring the total account reserve to \$2.5M which represents substantially more than the 3-month operating reserve. The Agency proposed and discussed with members in later discussions that a portion of the Supervision of Official Agencies account could be directed toward a training program operated from the new Kansas City for official agency personnel.

Through April 2008, the Rice Inspection program is currently running in the black with a slight surplus of \$200K. We estimate the program may realize a total gain of \$700K by the end of the fiscal year which includes \$100K in prior year account adjustments. This will bring the total account reserve to \$100K by the end of FY 2008 which restores the account -- which started the fiscal year in the red (-\$622K) -- to a positive position. While this is good news, the account will remain substantially below the 3-month target of \$1M for the Rice Inspection program. If future business demands remain in line with FY 2008 levels, we should be able to rebuild the program's financial reserve in a few years.

Through April 2008, the Commodity Inspection program is currently running a deficit of \$200K. We estimate the program will realize a total loss of \$200K by the end of the fiscal year which includes positive offsets of \$100K for prior year adjustments. The account has been running deficits for a number of years but it has a more than adequate reserve. The fee structure is currently under review and adjustments may be forthcoming next fiscal year.

The overview for the Appropriated Programs consisted of the year-to-date and end-of-year financial report as well as the FY 2009 Appropriation outlook.

In FY 2008, the Agency received a total of \$17.6 million for grain regulatory programs – Compliance, Methods Development, and Standardization. This funding level is even with the FY 2007 appropriated level. No proposed increases – including those for mandatory federal pay raises -- were provided in the FY 2008 appropriation which actually was just a year-long continuing resolution.

Through April 2008, the Agency has obligated \$9.4M -- or 53 percent -- of its available appropriated funds. We expect to obligate close to 100 percent of appropriated funds by the end of the fiscal year. We plan to obligate two large ticket items this summer – 1) for the new leased building in Kansas City, Missouri, which supports our centralized lab initiative; and 2) for the final phase of our electronic applications modernization initiative.

We have been advised by the Department and OMB that passage of a FY 2009 appropriation bill is unlikely until after the new Administration is onboard. We should expect to operate under another continuing resolution – level funding – at least through March 2009.

## **CENTRALIZATION OF OVERSIGHT**

John Sharpe, Director, Technical Services Division (TSD), FGIS, GIPSA, briefed the Committee on the centralization of GIPSA's oversight programs, as well as GIPSA's response to Resolutions 1 and 2 from the November 2007, meeting regarding our inspector training programs.

Mr. Sharpe first discussed the timeline for the construction of the GIPSA National Grain Center in Kansas City, Missouri, from its planning stage in FY 2003 to the projected occupancy date in FY 2009 for the new addition. The National Grain Center will be composed of an addition to the current Technical Center in Kansas City and renovation of the existing building. Completion of the National Grain Center will allow GIPSA to consolidate and centralize oversight of the official inspection program.

### **The National Grain Center will:**

- Increase available space for GIPSA in the Kansas City area;
- Increase training and meeting space;
- Aggregate personnel that are now in multiple area facilities;
- Collocate staff from GIPSA's Compliance Division, Field Management Division, Information Technology Staff, and Market and Program Analysis Staff into a single location; and
- Provide the necessary space for GIPSA to oversee all inspection activity nationwide.

The Technical Center recently began analyzing supervision samples and equipment checktesting for all equipment for 15 of GIPSA's 55 official agencies and representing 38 percent of all inspections.

GIPSA plans to start bringing the remaining official agencies into the central oversight program once the FGISonline Quality Assurance and Control program is completed sometime in 2009.

### **FGISonline**

Karen Guagliardo, FGISonline Program Manager, FGIS, GIPSA, provided an update on FGISonline, a portfolio of online business applications that is changing the way FGIS does business, and bringing official inspection and weighing to the desktop; as well as GIPSA's response to Resolution 6 from the November 2007, meeting regarding the FGISonline aspect of certification.

These online business services are improving internal business operations, and better serving the customers of the official grain inspection and weighing service by providing integrated information technology programs and tools to deliver official services and data.

To date, the following FGISonline applications are in use:

#### **Foundation systems internal to GIPSA.**

- e-Authorization
- Issue Tracking
- Code Variable Maintenance
- Agricultural Product Standards
- Organization and Personnel

#### **Online applications being used by GIPSA and our customers.**

- Customer Information Management
- Delegation, Designation, and Exporter Registration
- Certificates
- Inspection Data Warehouse

The following applications are in development:

- Inspection, Testing, and Weighing
- Equipment Check Testing
- Licensing
- Quality Assurance and Control

Visit GIPSA's website, [www.gipsa.usda.gov](http://www.gipsa.usda.gov), and click on FGISonline to learn more about the project and the specific applications.

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND OUTREACH ISSUES

John Pitchford, Director, Office of International Affairs, FGIS, GIPSA, discussed a variety of international trade and outreach issues.

### **StarLink Corn**

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a White Paper that concluded that StarLink corn has disappeared and that no further testing is necessary.
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) rescinded its 2001 guidance to test inbound corn for the presence of StarLink at dry mills.

### **LLRice 601 Update**

- The European Union (EU) accepted GIPSA's protocol of sampling, sealing, testing, and reporting for LLRice.
- An EU team will tour the United States to audit U.S. implementation of the new protocol from June 4-12, 2008. GIPSA will participate on this tour.
- The Russian market is now open to U.S. rice.
- There is a new Memorandum of Understanding between the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), and GIPSA that establishes the groundwork for future collaboration on market issues such as the LLRice situation.

### **"Event 32"**

- In January 2008, an unapproved biotech event was reported in corn but found to have no food or feed safety or environmental concerns. The protein produced by this plant is identical to other, approved types.
- There was an extremely low level in 3 Herculex seed lines.
- It was planted in '06 – '07, so the 2008 corn crop is not affected.
- GIPSA verified the analytical method, so testing could be conducted for markets requiring it, but GIPSA has not provided testing services.

### **Mexico Outreach**

- Several Mexican wheat millers have complained about protein levels being a few tenths of a percent different than what they specified in the contract. These mills use Kjeldhal to test for wheat protein.
- We suggested that the mills join GIPSA's wheat protein collaborative study. TSD sent seven protein sample sets to Mexican mills. Two mills are now participating. One mill's results were pretty close to TSD results, the other one was not. We have invited those mills to continue their participation in the next wheat protein collaborative.

- One of Mexico's largest feed manufacturers is complaining to U.S Grains Council/ Mexico (USGC) about the quality of corn and sorghum they received from the United States, particularly broken kernels and damage. An FGIS inspector will go to their training seminar in June to speak on FGIS export inspection procedures. While in Mexico our inspector will provide one-on-one corn and sorghum training at four different importer labs.
- Our overall strategy with Mexico is to continue consultation and information sharing between our two Governments, in conjunction with official agencies and our industries.

### **Asia Collateral Duty Assignment**

- GIPSA's collateral duty officer in Asia, currently stationed in Kuala Lumpur, has visited seven countries and made three trips to China to foster trade by building relationships with area grain industry and government representatives.
- During the next rotation, a GIPSA representative will be stationed in Hong Kong. His itinerary includes planned visits to six countries, conducting grading seminars and a compliance investigation; and working with Korea to address new pesticide requirements.

- **Wheat to Iraq**

In calendar year 2007, GIPSA contributed to the shipment of 1.6 mmt of U.S. wheat to Iraq.

- In the first quarter of calendar year 2008, we facilitated the shipment of 757,000 mt of wheat.
- GIPSA currently is training Iraqi Grain Board inspectors.

### **U.S. – China Soybean Study**

- Our officer in Asia, in 2006, met with China's State Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) to discuss an alleged pesticide residue complaint. Chinese authorities claimed the beans were treated. The beans were tested by TSD, and the red coloring was from pokeberry juice, not a fungicide treatment for seed beans. In 2007, AQSIQ reported finding treated soybeans in two other soybean shipments. To address these concerns and build positive relationships with our Chinese counterparts, we have proposed conducting a study on a single shipment of U.S. soybeans from loading to destination in China.
- The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) has spoken with AQSIQ about this project, and the proposal has now evolved to include FAS, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), North American Export Grain Association (NAEGA) and the American Soybean Association International Marketing (ASAIM). GIPSA is drafting a project protocol for the study which will likely include a visit to production areas, a barge loading facility, and TSD. We anticipate the project will commence in October 2008.

## **Ethiopia Commodity Exchange**

- GIPSA has helped Ethiopia set up central grain inspection lab, and provided sampling and inspection training.
- GIPSA also worked with Ethiopia to clarify their grain and commodity standards.

## **Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**

- There will be a Meeting of the Parties (MOP-4) in May 2008.
- Liability and redress will be the focus of this session. They will also consider standardization of sampling and testing methodologies.

## **WHEAT FUNCTIONALITY INITIATIVES**

John Sharpe, Director, Technical Services Division, FGIS, GIPSA, provided an update on GIPSA's wheat functionality initiatives, as well as GIPSA's response to Resolution 8 from the November 2007, meeting which recommended that GIPSA continue to explore ways to measure wheat functionality and develop, alone or in partnership with a third party, rapid and repeatable test(s) for determining wheat functionality.

Mr. Sharpe said that GIPSA is working to standardize the various Farinograph models in the marketplace. C.W. Brabender, a manufacturer of Farinograph equipment, is actively supporting GIPSA in this endeavor.

Mr. Sharpe also reported that GIPSA is continuing to collaborate with Cornell University to develop a prototype rapid Viscoelastic Tester.

## **FARM GATE ASSESSMENTS**

Patrick McCluskey, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, Market and Program Analysis Staff, FGIS, GIPSA, discussed the Farm Gate Quality Assessments, as well as GIPSA's response to Resolutions 3 and 9 from the November 2007, meeting that called for GIPSA to continue the Farm Gate Assessments and offer specific recommendations about the soybean study and identifying weed seeds in assessment samples.

GIPSA captures great deal of data on the quality of grain that moves from elevator to export. The assessments will provide data that allows for verification of the quality of inbound grain delivered into the system. This data will also allow GIPSA to better determine needed changes to the standards.

### **The assessments are designed to:**

- Provide a baseline of grading quality data;
- Capture inspection data for grain that producers bring to market;
- Capture statistically representative quality data at the beginning of the supply chain; and
- Use a statistically derived experimental design using National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) production data.

## **Sorghum**

The assessment on sorghum began in 2006

- 2006 – 1036 samples gathered from 11 states
- 2007 – 1069 samples gathered from 17 states
- 2008 – GIPSA will discontinue sample collection in States where production does not go to market.

## **Soybeans**

The assessment on soybeans began in 2007

- 2007 -- 1112 samples gathered from 27 states
- The Agricultural Marketing Service analyzed 250 subset samples for weed seeds.  
Wheat: Weed Seeds
- Weed seeds can be a phytosanitary barrier.
- Some non-Federal entities are involved in annual U.S. wheat sample collections to assess weed seeds.
- APHIS can only recognize Federal sample collection entities.
- Results could not be used for discussion purposes with other countries.
- APHIS is not interested in collaboration on weed seed analysis.

## **Corn**

- GIPSA is not undertaking a corn assessment in light of a lack of interest on the part of the current market participants.

The full Farm Gate Quality Report can be found on [GIPSA's website](#).

## **INSPECTOR TRAINING**

John Sharpe, Director, Technical Services Division, FGIS, GIPSA, briefed the Committee on GIPSA's inspector training program, as well as GIPSA's response to Resolutions 1 and 2 from the November 2007 meeting regarding our inspector training programs.

GIPSA's inspector training program has been of keen interest, especially in light of GIPSA and official agency attrition; limited resources; and a need to better educate the industry about the official inspection process.

GIPSA maintains training and informational material on its public website including:

1. The U.S. Grain Standards Act and regulations thereunder;
2. Sampling; and
3. Basic inspection procedures.

GIPSA is pursuing initiatives to:

- Increase its digital learning library;
- Increase training space to accommodate expanded inspector training;
- Make personnel available to proctor tests at Agency locations; and
- Cooperate with the Grain Elevators and Processors Society (GEAPS) and Kansas State University (KSU) to provide a basic grain inspection course via the GEAPS-KSU Distance Learning program

### **EXPORT SERVICES CONTRACTS PILOT UPDATE**

John Giler, Director, Field Management Division, FGIS, GIPSA, briefed the Committee on GIPSA's export services contracts, as well as GIPSA's response to Resolution 4 from the November 2007, meeting regarding the contracting pilot program.

He reminded the Committee that the pilots were initiated to explore the use of contractors at export in response to discussions during the reauthorization of the United States Grain Standards Act in 2005. Congress sent the message that contracting provisions were already included in the Act and GIPSA should explore the use of contractors within the official system under that existing authority. In 2006, GIPSA initiated the pilot project and began to establish contract service providers in Milwaukee, California, and South Texas. In January 2007, GIPSA also implemented contract service providers in the Toledo Field Office circuit. GIPSA has also instituted contract service providers at 12 export facilities.

The pilot project was designed to learn and better understand the use of contractors at export ports. Specifically, GIPSA is interested in assessing if there are qualified private companies interested in providing export grain services, how best to select and use private companies at export, how best to oversee the performance of private companies at export, and whether the use of contractors will improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of official export inspections.

Mr. Giler presented a summary of the export activity for the contractors then updated the Committee on recent pilot activities. He indicated that GIPSA posted a Request for Information (RFI) in April 2007, to identify potential contract companies. The RFIs covered New Orleans, League City, and Portland, and solicited information from potential contractors about their interest in providing full services at export and labor assistance. The request focused primarily on how the companies would obtain and maintain qualified staff to support the services required of a contractor. The RFI closed on May 7, 2008. Additionally, Mr. Giler reported the pilot project is collecting information on direct service costs to the grain industry, including hours worked, unit charges for tests, travel expenses, and the cost of direct oversight. In addition, GIPSA hired an independent contractor to analyze potential administrative cost savings (local and national) from reducing Federal staff due to contracting. He indicated the cost analysis project is scheduled for completion by July 2008.

In closing, Mr. Giler indicated GIPSA will continue the pilot projects through the 2008 shipping season in the Great Lakes, that GIPSA will continue to measure the service costs for vessels, and that GIPSA will evaluate the program support cost savings associated with using contractors.

Mr. Giler also reminded the Committee that service integrity is an essential component of official inspection and weighing services at export.

## COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Jerry Gibson presented a letter for the record. The letter, dated May 8, 2008, was addressed to James E. Link from the National Grain and Feed Association, (NGFA), the National American Export Grain Association (NAEGA), and the Grain Elevator and Processing Society (GEAPS) requesting that the revised United States Standard for Sorghum be added to the agenda. In the letter, the signators object to the June 1, 2008, effective date of the revisions to the standards for sorghum. The letter reads,

*May 8, 2008  
Mr. James E. Link  
Administrator  
GIPSA, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
STOP 3601, Washington, DC 20250-3601  
Fax: (202) 690-2173*

*Dear Mr. Link:*

*The National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA), National American Export Grain Association (NAEGA) and the Grain Elevator and Processing Society (GEAPS) request that the revised United States Standard for Sorghum be added to the agenda and further discussed at the upcoming USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) Grain Inspection Advisory Committee meeting on May 13-14, 2008, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.*

*The NGFA, established in 1896, is the U.S.-based nonprofit trade association that consists of approximately 900 grain, feed, processing and grain-related firms comprising more than 6,000 facilities that handle more than 70 percent of U.S. grains and oilseeds. With about 350-member companies with feed manufacturing operations at commercial Fed mills and integrated livestock- and poultry-feeding operations, the NGFA is the nation's largest trade association representing feed manufacturing interests. Affiliated with the NGFA are 35 state and regional grain and feed associations. The NGFA also has strategic alliances with Pet Food Institute, GEAPS, and NAEGA.*

*The North American Export Grain Association (NAEGA), a not for profit trade association, established in 1912, consists of private and publicly owned companies and farmer owned cooperatives that are involved in and provide services to the bulk grain and oilseed exporting industry. NAEGA's mission is to promote and sustain the development of commercial export of grain and oilseed trade from the United States.*

*NAEGA acts to accomplish this mission from its office in Washington D.C., and in markets throughout the world.*

*GEAPS is a not-for-profit professional association dedicated to advancing leadership, innovation and excellence in grain handling and processing industry operations. There are currently some 2,500 GEAPS members in 17 countries. The majority of members is employed in North America and is responsible for the operation of more than 10,000 grain handling facilities worldwide. The GEAPS organization comprises 31 local chapters in North America - 28 in the United States and three in Canada.*

*Recently GIPSA reminded interested parties that revisions to the United States Standards for Sorghum will become effective on June 1, 2008.*

*Contrary to past, recognized, commercially practical and accepted practice this change is planned to be made effective during a crop marketing year rather than at the end of the crop marketing year. Crop marketing years as recognized and long established by USDA, for Com, Sorghum, Soybeans and Sunflower begin on September 1. Implementing revisions to standards for annual crops at the end of rather than sometime during a crop marketing year facilitates the common practice of contracting for grain and oilseeds. The timing of the current implementation of revisions (June 1 rather than September 1) promises to be unnecessarily disruptive to some commercial transactions. Such precedent is not in the interest of producers or marketing of U.S. grains and oilseeds*

*We urge you to reconsider the implementation date for the sorghum grade revisions, and as we had thought was well established and standard practice, make future revisions to any crop standards effective for the beginning of the crop marketing year. We urge you to include a discussion on when, is the least disruptive, to implement revisions to the Standards at the upcoming GIPSA Advisory Committee meeting.*

*Sincerely,  
Kendell Keith  
President, National Grain and Feed Association*

*Gary Martin  
President and CEO  
North American Export Grain Association*

*David Krejci  
Executive Vice President  
Grain Elevator and Processing Society*

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Following discussions, the Committee resolved the following:

1. The Grain Inspection Advisory Committee recommends that GIPSA continue to develop new methods of training agency and GIPSA personnel and to develop a proposed funding mechanism from user-fee based programs.
2. The Grain Inspection Advisory Committee recommends that GIPSA solicit industry and commodity organizations to provide support for Appropriated funding that will be used to advance the wheat functionality project, with the end goal of developing rapid and repeatable test(s) for determining wheat functionality.

### **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

The election of the Vice-Chairperson will be held at the fall meeting when the full membership would be in attendance.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled for early December 2008, in Kansas City, Missouri.