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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–FGIS–25–0254]

Designation Opportunities for United States Grain Standards Act

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA) designations for seven official agencies, Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc. (Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection), Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection), Enid Grain Inspection Company, Inc. (Enid Grain Inspection), Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Fremont Grain Inspection), Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc.

(Omaha Grain Inspection), will end on the dates listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is requesting designation applications from private entities or state governmental agencies that would like to provide official inspection and weighing services for the areas presently served by these seven agencies. In addition to this request for applications, AMS seeks comments on the quality of services provided by the official agencies mentioned above.

**DATES:** Applications and comments must be received between September 1, 2025, and September 30, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit applications and comments concerning this Notice using the following methods:

To apply for USGSA designation: New applicants (not currently designated) seeking designation, currently designated applicants seeking to apply for designation in a new geographic area, or designated applicants intending to re-apply for their existing designated geographic area can find detailed instructions at [https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FGISApplyingforDesignation\\_NewApplicants.pdf](https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FGISApplyingforDesignation_NewApplicants.pdf). Applicants must have a *Login.gov* account, a MyFGIS number, and access to FGISonline Delegations/Designations and Export Registrations (DDR) prior to applying.

Applicants are encouraged to begin the application process early to allow time for system authentication.

To submit comments regarding currently designated official agencies: Go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Instructions for submitting and reading comments are detailed on the website. All comments must be submitted through the Federal e-rulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov> and reference the document number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the identity of the individuals or entities submitting comments will be made public on the internet at the address provided above.

To view the applications submitted, please contact [FGISQACD@usda.gov](mailto:FGISQACD@usda.gov). All comments will be available for public viewing online at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Candace Hildreth, Quality Assurance and Compliance Division, telephone 202–720–0203; email: [Candace.A.Hildreth@usda.gov](mailto:Candace.A.Hildreth@usda.gov) or [FGISQACD@usda.gov](mailto:FGISQACD@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The designations of the official agencies listed below will end on the prescribed dates:

| Official agency  | Headquarters location and telephone    | Designation end | Applications/comments open period |
|--|--|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc.    | Urbana, IL, 217–344–9306 .....         | 3/31/2026       | 09/01/2025–09/30/2025             |
| Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. | Davenport, IA, 815–761–9468 .....      | 3/31/2026       | 09/01/2025–09/30/2025             |
| Enid Grain Inspection Company, Inc .....                 | Enid, OK, 580–233–1121 .....           | 3/31/2026       | 09/01/2025–09/30/2025             |
| Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc .....           | Fremont, NE, 402–721–1270 .....        | 6/30/2026       | 09/01/2025–09/30/2025             |
| Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.        | Baton Rouge, LA, 318–339–7642 .....    | 9/30/2026       | 09/01/2025–09/30/2025             |
| Maryland Department of Agriculture .....                 | Annapolis, MD, 410–841–5769 .....      | 6/30/2026       | 09/01/2025–09/30/2025             |
| Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc .....                | Council Bluffs, IA, 712–256–2590 ..... | 3/31/2026       | 09/01/2025–09/30/2025             |

Sec. 7(f) of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA) authorizes the Secretary to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services (7 U.S.C. 79(f)). A designated agency may provide official inspection

service and/or Class X or Class Y weighing services at locations other than export port locations. Under sec. 7(g) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies may be awarded for no longer than five years, unless terminated by the Secretary, and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in sec. 7(f) of the USGSA.

See also 7 CFR 800.196 for further information and guidance. The following areas are open for designation.

Areas Open for Designation

Area 11

Pursuant to section 79(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the

following geographic area, in the States of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan.

*Description: In Illinois (central section):* Cass, Christian (the area west of CR22, south of CR 2600 N, west of CR 1500 E, south of CR 2500 N, west of N 1600 East Rd., south of E 2100 North Rd., west of IL-48 and N 1600 East Rd., north of CR 900 N, west of CR 1250 E/ N 1250 East Rd., north of E 300 North Rd., and west of CR 1100 E), Greene, Logan (the area south of IL-10, west of 2000th Ave., north of CR 1500N, west of 1800th Ave., north of CR 1400 N, west of 1600th Ave., north of CR 1200 N, west of CR 1325 E, north of CR 1100 N, west of 1175th Ave., north of 950th St./ CR 12, west of CR 937 E, south of 825th St., west of CR 950 E, north of CR 10/ 700th St., northwest of N Gillett St, and west of CR 600 E; and the area south and west of CR 11), Macoupin, Menard, Montgomery (west of CR 6, north of IL-16), Morgan, Pike (south and east of US-54 and IL-107, south of IL-104) Sangamon (the area west of Burrus Rd., south of McLaughlin Rd., west of Buffalo Hart Rd., south of Sherman Rd./ CR 6½, west of Cornland Rd., south of Old Rte. 36, west of Lanesville Rd./CR 34, south of Mechanicsburg Illiopolis Rd./CR 33, west of CR 20¼ E/Mt. Auburn Rd./CR 57), Schuyler, and Scott Counties.

*In Illinois (eastern section):* Champaign, Clark, Coles, Crawford (north and east of IL-33), Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee (east of US-57 and US-45/US-52), Lawrence (east of IL-33 and north of US-50), Livingston (west of CR 10, south of IL-116, and west of IL-47), McLean (east of CR 13 north of IL-165, east of CR-15 between IL-165 and US-136), and east of CR 11 south of US-136), Piatt (north of US-72), Vermillion, and Will (east of US-57) Counties.

*In Indiana:* Benton, Clay, Elkhart, Fountain (west of US-41), Greene, Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Newton, Owen, Parke, Porter, Pulaski, Putnam, St. Joseph, Starke, Sullivan, Vigo, Warren, and White Counties.

*In Michigan:* Berrien, Cass, and St. Joseph Counties.

#### Area 15

Pursuant to section 79(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

*Description: In Illinois:* Northern Area: Boone, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, Lake, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties. Midwestern Area: Bureau (west of IL-40), Henderson, Henry, Knox, Mercer Rock Island, and Warren Counties.

*In Iowa:* Northern Area: Delaware and Dubuque Counties. Southern Area: Cedar (south of I-80, east of IA-38, and south of IA-130), Des Moines, Henry, Iowa (south of I-80), Jefferson, Johnson (south of I-80), Keokuk, Louisa, Muscatine, Scott, Wapello, and Washington Counties.

*In Wisconsin:* The entire state of Wisconsin.

#### Area 37

Pursuant to section 79(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Oklahoma and Texas.

*Description: In Oklahoma:* Adair, Alfalfa, Atoka, Beckham, Blaine, Bryan, Caddo, Canadian, Carter, Cherokee, Choctaw, Cleveland, Coal, Comanche, Cotton, Craig, Creek, Custer, Delaware, Dewey, Ellis, Garfield, Garvin, Grady, Grant, Greer, Harmon, Harper, Haskell, Hughes, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnston, Kay, Kingfisher, Kiowa, Latimer, Le Flore, Lincoln, Logan, Love, McClain, McCurtain, McIntosh, Major, Marshall, Mayes, Murray, Muskogee, Noble, Nowata, Okfuskee, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Payne, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Pushmataha, Roger Mills, Rogers, Seminole, Sequoyah, Stephens, Tillman, Tulsa, Wagoner, Washington, Washita, Woods, and Woodward Counties.

*In Texas:* Clay, Wichita, and Wilbarger Counties.

#### Area 21

Pursuant to section 79(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Iowa and Nebraska.

*Description: In Iowa:* Carroll (west of US-71), Crawford, Harrison (east of IA-183 to IA 127 to Loess Hills Trail), and Shelby Counties.

*In Nebraska:* Burt, Butler, Colfax, Cuming, Dodge, Madison (east of US-81), Pierce (east of US-81 and south of US-20), Platte, Polk, Saunders (west of US-77), Stanton, Washington (north of State Route 91), and Wayne Counties.

*Exclusions:* The following grain elevators, which are located within the Fremont, Nebraska, geographic area, have been excluded from Area 21: Huskers Cooperative Grain Company in the city of Columbus, Nebraska in Platte County, Nebraska; Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc.: Central Valley Ag in the city of Rising City, Nebraska, in Butler County, Nebraska, and Central Valley Ag in the city of Shelby, Nebraska, in Polk County, Nebraska.

#### Area 24

Pursuant to section 79(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Louisiana.

*Description: In Louisiana:* The entire state of Louisiana.

#### Area 25

Pursuant to section 79(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Maryland.

*Description: In Maryland:* The entire state of Maryland.

#### Area 23

Pursuant to section 79(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Iowa and Nebraska.

*Description: In Iowa:* Harrison (west of IA-183), Mills (east of I-29 and north of US-34), Monona (south of IA-175 and IA-37), Montgomery (west of CR 47 and IA-48), and Pottawattamie Counties.

*In Nebraska:* Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders (east of US-77), and Washington (south of NE-91 and US-30) Counties.

*Exclusions:* The following grain elevators, which are located within the Council Bluffs, Iowa, geographic area, have been excluded from Area 23: Farmers Union Cooperative Association and Krumel Grain and Storage in the city of Wahoo, Nebraska, in Saunders County, Nebraska.

#### Opportunity for Designation

Interested persons or governmental agencies may apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of section 79(f) of the USGSA and 7 CFR 800.196. To apply for designation or for more information, contact Candace Hildreth at the address listed above or visit the AMS website at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FGISApplyingforDesignation.pdf>.

#### Request for Comments

We are publishing this Notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to comment on the quality of services provided by Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection, Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection, Enid Grain Inspection, Fremont Grain Inspection, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Maryland Department of Agriculture, and Omaha Grain Inspection Service. In the designation process, we are particularly interested in receiving comments citing reasons and pertinent data supporting or objecting to the

designation of the applicants. Submit all comments to Candace Hildreth at the above address or at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

We consider applications, comments, and other available information when determining which applicants will be designated.

**Erin Morris,**

*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2024–0033]

#### Notice of Availability of Assessment of the Newcastle Disease Status of the Cantons of Zürich and Jura of Switzerland

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public of our intention to reinstate the animal health status of the Cantons of Zürich and Jura in Switzerland as free of Newcastle disease. This recognition is based on an assessment we have prepared in connection with this action, which we are making available for review and comment.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before October 20, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Enter APHIS–2024–0033 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2024–0033, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., #AP760, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) or in our reading room, which is located in room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Rebecca Gordon, Import Risk Analyst, Regionalization Evaluation Services, Strategy & Policy, Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA, 920 Main Campus Drive, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27606; [AskRegionalization@usda.gov](mailto:AskRegionalization@usda.gov); (919) 855–7741.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The regulations in 9 CFR part 94 govern the importation of animal products into the United States in order to ensure that the products do not introduce or spread diseases or pests of livestock. Section 94.6 contains regulations governing the importation of carcasses, meat, parts or products of carcasses, and eggs (other than hatching eggs) of poultry, game birds, or other birds from areas in which Newcastle disease (ND) is known to exist. The section provides that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will maintain a list on the internet of regions in which ND is not known to exist. It further provides that, should a region be removed from the list due to an outbreak, APHIS will reinstate the region to the list in accordance with the procedures in 9 CFR 92.4.

Section 92.4 provides that after removing disease-free status from all or part of a region, APHIS may reassess the disease situation in that region to determine whether it is necessary to continue import prohibitions or restrictions. When reassessing the region's disease status, APHIS considers the standards of the World Organization for Animal Health for reinstatement of disease-free status, as well as all relevant information obtained through publicly available means or collected by or submitted to APHIS through other means. Prior to removing import prohibitions or restrictions, APHIS makes the information regarding its assessment of the region's disease status available to the public for comment through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

APHIS previously issued import alerts on February 7, 2022, and March 23, 2022, notifying trade partners that the Cantons of Zürich and Jura in Switzerland, which had previously been considered to be regions in which ND is not known to exist, were now affected with ND. In accordance with the regulations in § 94.6, concurrent to these determinations, APHIS placed restrictions on the importation of poultry products for commodities from the two cantons.

APHIS completed a *Report for Reassessment of Cantons Zürich and Jura in Switzerland as Free of Newcastle Disease* in November 2023. This

document presents the results of APHIS' reassessment of the ND status of the Cantons of Zürich and Jura. As a result of this reassessment, APHIS concludes that Switzerland has effectively controlled and eradicated ND in its domestic poultry population in the Cantons of Zürich and Jura and that competent veterinary authorities of the cantons have adequate disease control measures in place to rapidly identify, control, and eradicate the disease should it be reintroduced into Switzerland. Based on the results of the reassessment, APHIS recommends reinstating the Cantons Zürich and Jura onto the list of regions in which ND is not known to exist.

The report may be viewed on the [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) website or in our reading room. (Instructions for accessing [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and information on the location and hours of the reading room are provided under the heading **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this notice). The document is also available by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Information submitted in support of this notice is also available by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

After reviewing any comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the disease status of the Cantons of Zürich and Jura with respect to ND in a subsequent notice.

(Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1622 and 8301–8317; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.)

Done in Washington, DC.

**Sarah Helming,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2024–0063]

#### Domestic Quarantine: Quarantined Areas and Regulated Articles

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public of the changes made to our lists of domestic quarantined areas in 2024. These changes may be viewed on the relevant plant pest programs' websites.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Derek A. Woller, Senior Regulatory