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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-FGIS-26-0661]

United States Grain Standards Act Award of Designations

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing designation awards of the North Dakota Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (North Dakota); Omaha Grain Inspection Service (Omaha); Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Fremont); Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc. (Champaign); Maryland Department of Agriculture (Maryland); Enid Grain Inspection Company, Inc. (Enid); Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Eastern Iowa), to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended.

DATES: Applicable as reflected in the table below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Candace Hildreth, Program Analyst; telephone 202-720-0203; email: Candace.A.Hildreth@usda.gov or FGISQACD@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the January 10, 2025, **Federal Register** (90 FR 1937), AMS requested applications and public comment for designation to provide official services in the geographic area presently serviced by North Dakota.

In the August 20, 2025, **Federal Register** (90 FR 40556), AMS requested applications and public comment for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas presently serviced by Champaign-Danville, Eastern Iowa, Enid, Fremont, Maryland and Omaha. AMS evaluated the designation criteria in section 7(f) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined, based on its designation reviews, that the following agencies are qualified to provide official services in the specific geographic area and timeframes noted below:

Official agency	Area awarded	Designation award area descriptions	Designation start	Designation end
North Dakota Grain Inspection Service, Inc ...	Area 12	90 FR 1937 (January 10, 2025)	01/01/2026	12/31/2030
Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc.	Area 11	90 FR 40556 (August 20, 2025)	04/01/2026	03/31/2031
Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc.	Area 15	90 FR 40556 (August 20, 2025)	04/01/2026	03/31/2031
Enid Grain Inspection Company, Inc	Area 37	90 FR 40556 (August 20, 2025)	04/01/2026	03/31/2031
Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc	Area 21	90 FR 40556 (August 20, 2025)	07/01/2026	06/30/2031
Maryland Department of Agriculture	Area 25	90 FR 40556 (August 20, 2025)	07/01/2026	06/30/2029
Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc	Area 23	90 FR 40556 (August 20, 2025)	04/01/2026	03/31/2030

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)). A designated agency may provide official inspection services and/or Class X or Class Y weighing services at locations other than port locations. Under section 7(g) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for no longer than five years, unless terminated by the Secretary, and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 7(f) of the USGSA. See also 7 CFR 800.196 for further information and guidance. If you would like to view the applications for these areas, please contact FGISQACD@usda.gov.

Please note that sampling, weighing, and inspection services may be offered by designated agencies under the

Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 for other commodities under the auspices of FGIS through separate cooperative agreements with AMS. The service area for such cooperative agreements mirrors the USGSA designation area. For further information, see 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.* or contact FGISQACD@usda.gov.

(Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71-87k.)

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on October 29, 2026. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items to be discussed at the 56th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC). CCFH56 will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona, from November 16-20, 2026. The U.S. Executive Director for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 56th Session of the CCFH and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2026, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place via video teleconference only. Documents related to the 56th Session of the CCFH will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://codex.fao.org/meetings/d/ccfh-56-1>.

Dr. Benjamin Warren, U.S. Delegate to the 56th Session of the CCFH, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email addresses: benjamin.warren@fda.hhs.gov and uscodex@usda.gov. Comments should state that they relate to the activities of the 56th Session of the CCFH.

Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting at the following link <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/4pWEa8c2Qj27p1CZF0YKVA>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For further information about the 56th Session of the CCFH, contact the U.S. Delegate, Dr. Benjamin Warren at benjamin.warren@fda.hhs.gov. For additional information regarding the public meeting, contact the U.S. Codex Office at uscodex@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission was established in 1963. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade.

The Terms of Reference of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) are:

(a) to draft basic provisions on food hygiene applicable to all food;

(b) to consider, amend if necessary and endorse provisions on hygiene prepared by Codex commodity committees and contained in Codex commodity standards, and

(c) to consider, amend if necessary, and endorse provisions on hygiene prepared by Codex commodity committees and contained in Codex codes of practice unless, in specific cases, the Commission has decided otherwise, or

(d) to draft provisions on hygiene applicable to specific food items or food groups, whether coming within the terms of reference of a Codex commodity committee or not;

(e) to consider specific hygiene problems assigned to it by the Commission;

(f) to suggest and prioritize areas where there is a need for microbiological risk assessment at the international level and to develop questions to be addressed by the risk assessors; and,

(g) to consider microbiological risk management matters in relation to food hygiene and in relation to risk assessment.

(The term “hygiene” includes, where necessary, microbiological specifications for food and associated methodology.)

The CCFH is hosted by the United States.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items from the agenda for the 56th Session of the CCFH will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or other Codex Subsidiary Bodies to the Committee.

- Overview of definitions of ready-to-eat foods in Codex texts.

- Matters arising from international organizations (including the Joint Expert Meetings on Microbiological Risk Assessments (JEMRA)).

- Proposed revision of the *Guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the control of pathogenic Vibrio species in seafood* (CXG 73–2010).

- Alignment of Codex texts developed by CCFH with the revised *General principles of food hygiene* (CXC 1–1969).

- Proposed draft revision of the *Guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the control of viruses in food* (CXG 79–2012).

- Discussion paper on the revision of the *Code of practice on food allergen management for food business operators* (CXC 80–2020).

- Discussion paper on the revision of the *Code of practice for the processing and handling of quick frozen foods* (CXC 8–1976).

- Other business and future work.

- New work/Forward workplan (Proposals in reply to CL 2026/22–FH).

Public Meeting

At the October 29, 2026, public meeting, agenda items will be described and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to U.S. Delegate Dr. Benjamin Warren, Benjamin.warren@fda.hhs.gov and uscodex@usda.gov.

Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 56th Session of the CCFH.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, the U.S. Codex Office will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the USDA Codex web page located at: <https://www.usda.gov/codex>.

(Authority: 19 U.S.C. 2578; Pres. Proc. 6780; 7 CFR part 2.602.)

Done at Washington, DC, on September 29, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Domestic Sugar Program— FY 2026 Reassignment and FY 2027 Overall Sugar Marketing Allotment, Cane Sugar and Beet Sugar Marketing Allotments and Processor Allocations

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing this notice to: revise fiscal year (FY) 2026 (crop year 2025) State cane sugar allotments and allocations to sugarcane processors; revise FY 2026 allocations to sugar beet processors; and announce the FY 2027 (crop year 2026) overall sugar marketing allotment quantity (OAQ), State cane sugar allotments, and sugar beet and sugarcane processor allocations. Revisions to FY 2026 allotments and allocations apply to all domestic beet and cane sugar marketed for human consumption in the United States from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. Fiscal year 2027 allotments and allocations apply to all domestic beet and cane sugar marketed for human consumption in the United States from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.

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