



**Minnesota Department of Agriculture**  
Grain and Produce Inspection

**To Our Customers**

**I am writing to inform you that as of January 1, 2006, the State of Minnesota will no longer be offering domestic grain inspection services. Our offices in Breckenridge, Morris, Granite Falls, Windom, Mankato, Minneapolis, Savage and Winona will be closing at that time.**

**Current economic trends and market conditions have led to financial losses that the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is unable to continue to carry. As a result the agency sent a 90-day notice to the U.S. Department of Agriculture to cancel our designated authority as allowed under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA).**

**A notice in the Federal Register requesting applicants to provide service was published on August 17, 2005. From that process, a new Official Agency, or Agencies, will be selected by the USDA-GIPSA .**

**We recognize that the 90-day timeframe places the transition in the middle of harvest and that care must be taken to avoid negative impact on the grain industry in Minnesota. To that end, the MDA has agreed with USDA to meet the grain industry's inspection needs during a transition period to allow new official agencies time to become established in Minnesota. If you have questions about this transition please feel free to call me at 612-341-7190.**

**I would like to thank you on behalf of myself, and my fellow employees, for the many years of partnership we have enjoyed in this segment of agriculture.**

**Thank You**

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