

## Why inspect with the *Missouri Department of Agriculture*



**Producers, merchandisers and buyers** all benefit from using the official grain inspection system. Domestic and international grain buyers rely on official certificates to ensure they are getting the quantity and quality of grain they purchase. Official certificates are also considered legal documents that are admissible in court in the event of a dispute, even though they are not mandated by law. Official inspection agencies, like GIS, adhere to strict quality control measures and undergo federal compliance audits routinely to ensure customers of the official system receive accurate and consistent grades.



### *Inspected Commodities*

GIS staff are licensed by the Federal Grain Inspection Service branch of the USDA to grade the following commodities:

- Corn
- Soybeans
- Wheat
- Sorghum
- Oats
- Rice
- Brown Rice
- Milled Rice
- Edible Beans
- Lentils



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## GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICES

Grain Inspection Services (GIS) are offered to producers, grain elevators and crop insurance agencies throughout the state. Inspectors sample, examine and grade products and offer accurate, consistent inspection and weighing information that describes both the quality and quantity of commodities.

GIS staff may issue official inspection certificates when samples are collected by official personnel. A second type of certification, submitted sample certificates, may be issued for samples collected by individuals other than official personnel.

### OFFICIAL COMMERCIAL INSPECTION

Missouri's GIS also offers an alternative inspection service for grain handling facilities. Official Commercial Inspection Service (OCIS) allows agencies to perform a more streamlined, cost-effective inspection by tailoring sampling and inspection procedures to accommodate the needs of the customer. This type of inspection is ideal for grain companies, ethanol plants, soybean crushing facilities and other businesses wishing to have an unbiased third party conducting their quality control on in-bound shipments.



## WEIGHING SERVICES

Missouri's Grain Inspection Services program provides three types of weighing services to grain elevators throughout the state: Class X, Class Y and Certified Weights. Export shipments are required to have Class X weights. Both Class X and Class Y weights are acceptable for domestic shipments. GIS also offers certified weighing services for grain loading facilities not in need of official weighing and, upon request, GIS issues Weighmaster licenses to elevator personnel who are responsible for overseeing the weighing process at their respective locations.

## GRAIN GRADING SCHOOLS

During Grain Grading Schools, grain elevator personnel learn to better evaluate grain coming into their locations. Staff go through basic grain grading tips and are provided with samples of commonly seen grain damage during the class. Licensed grain inspectors may lead a Grain Grading School on-site or at service point locations. To schedule a Grain Grading School, contact us at the number below.

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If you're planning to sell grain in Missouri, we've got you covered with three regional offices.



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