



GIPSA News

A newsletter for the employees of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

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In Thanks and Unity

Dave Shipman and JoAnn Waterfield

Nothing is the same since the events of September 11 rocked our lives. On that beautiful fall morning, more than 6,000 Americans woke up, went to work, and then, on a day that should have been like any other day, met with absolute and utter tragedy. The events that took place on that Tuesday have reshaped our view of our world, our jobs, our neighbors, our Nation, and our lives. We have seen inconceivable horror. We also have seen nearly unimaginable good - a Nation of individuals, suddenly and irrevocably united in empathy, generosity, and strength.

We first want to thank each of you for your perseverance and professionalism in this difficult time. Like you, we are sometimes frustrated by our inability to directly help those in need. In reality, perhaps the best way for those of us who are not immediately involved in the rescue efforts to help is to carry on with our jobs. While current events sometimes threaten to overwhelm us, we must continue to bring to our work each day a realization that what we do is important, and that we must continue to serve those who count on us to keep America's grain and livestock markets functioning. We protect America's farmers, and help ensure that there is food on America's and the world's tables. That is important work indeed.

We also must be persevering in our personal lives. Inside and outside the workplace, remember that regardless of our diverse backgrounds, we are all Americans. We are neighbors united in our horror at the events of September 11, in our sympathy for those who died and for their families, in our appreciation for the bravery and tireless efforts of rescue workers, in our gratitude to the many Americans who donated time, money, and resources to those affected, and in our renewed commitment to the values that define America. Tolerance, freedom, and respect are among the very principles that the terrorists sought to shake. They failed. And now, in response to their attacks, we each must uphold these values more strongly than ever.

We wish you and your families peace in these difficult times. Keep you and yours safe and well.

Administrator's Awards

Awards Committee

The deadline to nominate someone for the 5th Annual Administrator's Awards is November 2, 2001 (nominations must be "postmarked" by this date -- and sent via U.S. post office, fax, or e-mail).

Mail your nominations to:

Incentive Awards Committee
Office of the Administrator
USDA/GIPSA
STOP 3601
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Or fax your nomination to: 202-205-9237; or e-mail your nomination to: jgiler@gipsadc.usda.gov

For a sample nomination, please see attachment 3-B of GIPSA directive 4451.1, Employee Recognition Program.

This is a great opportunity for you (regardless of your grade) to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of your coworkers -- **anyone may nominate anyone regardless of your grade.**

Names in the News

PERSONNEL

Suzie Asfaw, TSD Biotechnology Branch, left GIPSA in September. **Suzie** was an important member of the Biotechnology Team and made exceptional contributions in many areas including the Rapid Test Evaluation Program and the proposed DNA-Based Laboratory Accreditation Program. She helped to implement procedures using both protein-based and DNA-based technologies and provided training to Agency staff.

Wilmer Brandt, TSD's administrative officer for the past several years, left GIPSA on September 21, to become an administrative officer with USDA's Natural Resources and Conservation Services office in St. Paul, MN.

Amos Dienne, auditor, Atlanta, left GIPSA to accept a position with another Federal agency.

Rosemary Mayne was selected to be GIPSA's human resources specialist, responsible for the Agency's employee development and training programs.

Dr. Tim Norden was selected to be the new chief of the Analytical, Reference, and Testing Services Branch, TSD. **Tim** brings a broad range of technical and leadership skills to the branch, division, and the agency.

deputy administrator and P&S Programs.

Gerald Grinnell, director, Economic and Statistical Support Staff, Washington, DC, received a performance bonus award for his professional leadership, initiative, and continuing cooperation to the successful formulation of a cohesive senior management team; and for extraordinary dedication and commitment to the completion of the first annual report to Congress entitled "Assessment of the Cattle and Hog Industries."

Carl Jackson and **James McLaurin**, New Orleans Field Office, received extra effort awards for successful completion and implementation of the Starlink™ Testing Program in the New Orleans Field Office.

Roy Landry, **Dorothy Grigsby**, and **William Napoleon**, New Orleans, received certificates of merit in grateful recognition of the many contributions to the New Orleans Field Office Safety Group. This group has been instrumental in ensuring that the men and women of FGIS work in a safe and healthy environment.

Roy Lyon, Wichita Field Office, received a spot award for taking innovative measures that improved the training and testing process for prospective licensed inspectors and implementation of the new Licensing Handbook.

Phillip Miller, Cedar Rapids, received a certificate of merit for his continuing efforts to provide a safe and healthy work environment for the Cedar Rapids Field Office staff.

AWARDS

Eugene Bass, director, Civil Rights Staff, and **Raymond Jones**, EEO specialist, Washington, DC, received performance bonus awards for their exemplary dedication and professionalism in support of P&S Programs.

Michael Caughlin and **Dan Van Ackeren**, directors, Washington, DC, received performance bonus awards for their professional leadership, initiative, and continuing cooperation to the successful formulation of a cohesive senior management team.

Bob Fitzgerald, budget analyst, Washington, DC, received a performance bonus award for his consistent budget support and expertise to P&S Programs during the fiscal year.

Catherine Grasso, budget analyst; **Louise Jones**, secretary; and **Peggy Smith**, management analyst, Washington, DC, received performance bonus awards for their extraordinary dedication and professionalism in support of P&S'

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Patricia Smith, Wichita, received a spot award for contributing to the transition from a processed commodity office by willingly accepting responsibility for data entry, mailing of supplies, and other USGSA-related supervision activities.

Dennis Thalacker, computer specialist, Washington, DC, received an extra effort award for providing a high quality of service in support of the P&S resident agents by putting forth an outstanding effort in the development, testing, and deployment of the P&S Virtual Private Network.

James Tullous, Grand Forks, received a certificate of merit for his many years of tireless service and leadership to the FGIS safety and health program.

35 -YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Doug Duncan, Nashville, TN

30-YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Mike Pacatte, Ft. Worth, TX

15-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Terry Platz, Springfield, IL
Marlys Sahlin, Denver, CO
Robert Schmidt, Atlanta, GA
Creig Stephens, Atlanta, GA
JoAnn Waterfield, Washington, DC



GIPSA Idea Hotline Update

Norma Phelps, Washington, DC

Here are the ideas received on the GIPSA Idea Hotline during September. If you have questions about any ideas or the Hotline, please call me at 202-720-1017.

<i>Suggestor</i>	<i>Suggestion</i>
David Mundwiler, Toledo, OH	Install Computerized Sign-In Sheets at Export Elevators
Sue Ann Claudon, Fort Worth, TX	Print Hard Copies of P&S Act and Regulations for Distribution to Customers
Michael Johnson, Sacramento, CA	Require GIPSA Employees to Use Dates in Their Voice Mail Recordings
Jackie Stevens, Jimmy Cadle, Kenny Layne, Wanda Liles, and Darren Harpole, Jonesboro, AR	Display the American Flag in GIPSA Offices

September's tee-shirt winner: **Wanda Liles!**

No ideas were approved during September.

Keep those ideas coming in! Send your ideas to the GIPSA Idea Hotline via e-mail: gipsa-ideas@gipsadc.usda.gov; FAX to 202-720-1015; or telephone 800-455-3447 or 202-720-1013. **We encourage you to send ideas via fax or e-mail to reduce the possibility of transcription errors; however, ideas will be accepted regardless of the method you choose to use.**

Are EEO/CR issues or concerns affecting your employment with GIPSA? Do you have questions? Need help? Then let your voice be heard.



Call the EEO Advisory Committee at...

1-800-639-5167

Civil Rights Hotline

FGIS Weights Withstand a Test of Accuracy

Bill Bates, Washington, DC

This particular story dates back to 1982. This story deals with the accuracy of the weights we issue.

In 1982, after some complaints from the Philippine Association of Flour Mills (PAFMIL), FGIS sent first a team to the Philippines to determine potential causes for the alleged shortage. The team of **Byron School**, **Lloyd Brown** and the late **Ben Banks**, along with representatives from the Philippines, tested the scales at an elevator in the Pacific Northwest, loaded two vessels with wheat for PAFMIL, and then traveled to the PAFMIL member flour mills to test the scales used in unloading and to witness the vessels unloading. In their report, the FGIS identified deficiencies they observed in the flourmills.

In 1997, more than 15 years later, the issue resurfaced. **Martin Begley** and **I** volunteered to work to resolve it again. In September 1999, **Martin** and **I** made our first visit to the Philippines. This time, FGIS approached the alleged problem with an expanded team that included members from the U.S. grain industry, PAFMIL, U.S. Wheat Associates, and representa-

tives of the Philippine government. One obstacle we encountered was that weights and measures in the Philippines are controlled on a local government level. There is no system like ours; some scales are tested, some are not, some weights are certified and some are not.

We broke the problem into phases. The goal of Phase I of our trip was to visit the PAFMIL member mills, recommend improvements to their weighing systems, and report to the associated flour mills our findings, recommendations, and changes.

In Phase II, Philippine representatives traveled to the United States to observe FGIS scale test procedures and the loading of a ship for the Philippines. The M/V Yukon loaded over 41,000 metric tons (90 million pounds) of wheat. When the vessel sailed, we were ready for Phase III, the return to the Philippines.

Twenty days later, **Marty** and **I** were back in the Philippines waiting for the ship, which had been delayed a day by storms in the Pacific Ocean. The ship was scheduled to unload at the Asian Terminals Inc. (ATI) facil-

ity in Bataan, which is an hour jet ferry ride across Manila Bay from Manila. At ATI we were surprised to learn that they do not actually weigh the grain as it is unloaded, they only weigh the grain as it is loaded into barges to be distributed to the flour mill. ATI only loads out the barges on an as needed basis. When the ship arrived, the push was on to complete unloading before the next typhoon hit the area. The ship completed unloading in time, but we didn't, so we had to take a 6-hour bus ride back to Manila because the storm was in Manila Bay.

Well, it took from the end of October 2000 until the middle of January 2001 for the elevator to load out the wheat into barges. It was June before we had all of the necessary documentation required to reconcile the weights. The good news is that after all of the handling and time it took the elevator to load out the cargo, the weight was within 0.3 percent of the total amount that was certified in October. So, it is safe to say that our weighing procedures will withstand just about any test of accuracy.

September Issuances

Charlie Turner, Washington, DC

- ❑ PN 01-13, "Revised Quality Assurance/Quality Control Tolerances," dated 9/19/01
- ❑ Directive 9180.65, "Inspection of Hullless Barley," dated 9/25/01

Oops

In the September issue of *GIPSA News*, the captioned names were reversed under Mary Honwytewa's and Kateri Schaff's photos.

Designation Renewals

Jan Hart, Washington, DC

FGIS is granting full 3-year designations to one private agency and two States to provide domestic official inspection services. These designation renewals are granted under the U.S. Grain Standards Act (USGSA). The agencies, and the official inspections provided by them in FY 2000 are: Cairo Grain Inspection Agency, Inc. (2,382); Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (1,303); and North Carolina Department of Agriculture (2,950 plus 19,341 official commercial inspections).

Designated official agencies provide official inspection services on behalf of GIPSA for domestic grain moving throughout the United States. Here's a look at these partner agencies and their officials.

CAIRO. The Cairo Board of Trade, with a grain inspection department, opened in Cairo, IL, in the 1930s. USDA also had a field office in Cairo, managed by **E. J. Abreded**. When the Board of Trade and field office closed in the late 1940s, Mr. **Abreded** bought the grain inspection department.

Woodson/Tenant acquired the inspection department around 1955, operating in the area until 1965. **J. R. Simpson**, a Woodson/Tenant employee, later bought the business and changed the name to Cairo Grain Inspection Agency. Cairo was first designated under the USGSA in 1978. **Bob Fronabarger**, the present owner and manager, purchased Cairo in 1979 and incorporated in 1980.

This is **Bob's** 41st year in grain inspection and he still enjoys it. He has had some very good teachers

over the years. He also said he trained some of the current official agency managers and personnel, but doesn't wish to claim them! **Sandi, Bob's** wife of 40 years, is Cairo's secretary/treasurer and has worked for Cairo since 1980.



Cairo's Keith (left) and Bob Fronabarger in front of their lab.

Cairo employs 20 part-time licensed samplers and weighers, including 3 full-time licensed inspectors: **Bob**, his son **Keith**, and **Jerry Basham**, a Cairo employee since 1988. **Keith** started working for Cairo in 1980 while attending college at Southeast Missouri State. The **Fronabarger's** only granddaughter is almost 12 and isn't yet too interested in the family-owned business.

Cairo provides official inspection and weighing services in the southern tip of Illinois, the western portion of Kentucky, and the northwest portion of Tennessee at one full-time grain inspection laboratory and one weighing site.

LOUISIANA. Louisiana began providing domestic grain inspection services in 1967. Louisiana provides inspection services within the State at

four full-time laboratories.

Commissioner **Bob Odom** was born in Louisiana and has spent his entire life in agriculture. He grew up on a 1,000-acre cotton and dairy farm, and still has a 400-acre farm in Claiborne Parish. He retired as Lieutenant Colonel from the Marine Corps Reserve. He and spouse **Millie** have two children and four grandchildren. He enjoys hunting and fishing.

The Commissioner is a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University in Animal Science. As a State employee 1960, he has been chief of the Pesticide Division, acting executive assistant to the commissioner, and director of technical services. He was elected Commissioner in 1980, and is currently serving his sixth term.

Commissioner **Odom** has been recognized many times by, among others, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Biotechnology Industry Organization, and Progressive Farmer, for his outstanding service to agriculture; has been president or board member of various associations; holds many honorary memberships in agriculture organizations.

Wendall Smith is agriculture assistant division director. He grew up on a small farm in Louisiana, and graduated from Louisiana State University with an agricultural degree in education. He went to work for Louisiana in 1973 as a grain inspector, and was promoted to chief inspector in 1985.

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On a personal note, **Wendall** has 2 children and 3 grandchildren, and enjoys gardening.

NORTH CAROLINA. It has been a while since we were able to visit with one of our partner official agencies to present their designation personally. In September, Compliance Division director **Neil Porter**, Baltimore Field Office manager **Pat LaCour**, and I visited the State and their officials to present them with their 3-year designation.

North Carolina's grain-grading program began in the early 1950s. North Carolina operated on appropriated funds until 1970, when the program became receipt-supported. The State grades mainly soybeans, and some small grains and corn during harvest seasons. North Carolina provides inspection services within the State at two full-time laboratories.

Commissioner **Meg Scott Phipps** was born in North Carolina, and has been involved in agriculture her whole life. She grew up working on her father's (former Governor **Bob Scott**) dairy farm. Commissioner **Phipps** graduated from Wake Forest University, the Campbell University School of Law, and then the University of Arkansas School of Law with a Master's Degree in Agricultural Law. After representing farmers in bankruptcy court, she became an administrative law judge for the State from 1995 to 2000. In January 2001, she became Commissioner for North Carolina.

Commissioner **Phipps** and spouse **Robert** own and live on the family farm where she grew up. They raise beef cattle, sell hay, and grow field-grown nursery stock. They have two children, and she is active in her church.

Ben Honeycutt, program administrator for North Carolina's grain inspection program, began working



North Carolina. (L to R): Ross Williams (NCDA Director of Commodities), Ben Honeycutt, Tom Slade (NCDA Director Division of Marketing), Meg Scott Phipps, Neil Porter, Pat LaCour, Jan Hart, and Nick Paul (NCDA Promotions).

for the State as licensed sampler while in high school. He attended North Carolina State University. **Ben** received his inspector's license in 1978.

Ben and spouse **Joanne** live on a small farm where they raise goats and golden retrievers. He is active in his local church and has served on a disaster relief team to provide meals to victims of several hurricanes. He came to Washington, DC, the week of September 24 as part of a feeding team that has worked at the Pentagon non-stop since a couple of days after the disaster struck.

Travel Web Sites

The following two travel websites offer up-to-date information on airport conditions, safety measures, and frequently asked questions.

- www.virtuallythere.com/bulletin
- www.quickaid.com

For Your Health

Mavis Rogers, Washington, DC

Pre-Flight Snacks. Fainting and heart attacks, caused by lower-than-normal blood flow, are common in-flight emergencies, according to Dr. Makoto Matsumura of Saitama Medical School in Japan. You can decrease your risk of these emergencies by eating a small meal and having a soft drink with electrolytes, such as a sports drink, before boarding a plane.

A study conducted by researchers in Japan proves that this kind of snack increases blood circulation and oxygen levels, which normally fall during travel, in the brain and the body organs. Having something to eat and drink is a simple way to increase air travelers' blood circulation.

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Field personnel, call...
1-800-222-0364

Information Security at Home

Carol Remmers, Washington, DC

Information security is vital in today's workplace. It is also becoming nearly as important at home. For example, users of digital subscriber line (DSL) or cable-modem access to the Internet from their home computers face new threats.

DSLs and cable-modems are "always on" technologies, retaining network connections even when the computer isn't in use. These two emerging high-speed technologies offer much more bandwidth than the fastest dial-up modems, often at a lower price than dial-up services.

However, DSL and cable-modem services also present security challenges, primarily stemming from the fact that the devices are connected full-time and therefore always use the same Internet (IP) address. Computer users connecting through dial-up Internet service providers are likely to be assigned a different IP address every time they connect. Being a fixed (rather than moving) target makes DSL and cable-modem users much more vulnerable to hackers and snoopers.

Another DSL problem stems from the user's ability to establish a link to a computer network or location while using a second channel on the line to access the Web. "A hacker could get into your PC from your Internet connection and then use the second link to reach headquarters," warns Claudia Bacco, an analyst at the consulting firm TeleChoice.

Cable modem service users share bandwidth on a single cable. Most cable connections don't have security built into them, making it relatively easy to snoop electronic traffic on the

cable, and see what your electronic neighbors are doing online.

Here are some tips to help home computer users better secure their home PCs:

1. **Use virus protection software.** Install anti-virus software on all Internet-connected computers and keep it up to date. Many anti-virus packages support automatic virus definition updates.

2. **Use a firewall.** Use some type of firewall product, such as a network appliance or a personal firewall software package. Intruders are constantly scanning home user systems for vulnerabilities. No firewall can detect or stop all attacks, so install a firewall and use other security measures.

3. **Don't open unknown e-mail attachments.** Before opening any e-mail attachments, be sure you know the source of the attachment. It is not enough to know that the mail originated from an address you recognize. The Melissa virus spread precisely because it originated from a familiar address. Malicious code may be in amusing or enticing programs.

4. **Don't run programs of unknown origin.** Never run a program unless you know it is authored by a person or company that you trust. And, don't send programs of unknown origin to friends or coworkers; they might contain a Trojan horse program.

5. **Disable hidden filename extensions.** Windows operating systems contain an option to "Hide file extensions for known file types". Disable this default option to display filenames in Windows.

To show all files and file name extensions

a. In **My Computer** or Windows Explorer, click the folder you want to look at.

b. On the **View** menu, click **Folder Options**.

c. Click the **View** tab, and then click **Show all files**.

d. To see all file name extensions, click to clear the **Hide file extensions for known file types** check box.

6. **Patch all applications, including your operating system.** Vendors usually release patches for their software when a vulnerability is discovered. Most product documentation tells how to get updates and patches, which are mostly available from the vendor's web site. Read the manuals or browse the vendor's web site for more information.

7. **Turn off your computer or disconnect from the network when not in use.** Turn off your computer or disconnect its Ethernet interface when you are not using it. An intruder cannot attack your computer if it is powered off or otherwise completely disconnected from the network.

8. **Disable Java, JavaScript, and ActiveX if possible.** "Mobile code" such as ActiveX, Java, and JavaScript may contain scripts to something sent to a web site, such as a URL, an element in a form, or a database inquiry. Later, when the web site responds to you, the malicious script is transferred to your browser.

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GIPSA Renews EAP for FY 2002

GIPSA has renewed its contract for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for FY 2002. The program offers:

- Counseling
- Orientation and training on EAP services
- Health promotion and educational programs
- Critical incident stress management
- Management reports
- Promotional and informational materials

Confidentiality is a critical element of the EAP. All counseling records are maintained in the strictest confidence as privileged information.

The Employee Assistance Program can be accessed by calling **1-800-222-0364**.

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Outreach: Oregon State Fair

Richard Freudenthal, Portland

The Portland Field Office just completed its sixth successful year of the running a booth at the Oregon State Fair. The fair ran from August 23 to September 3 for a total of 12 days. Thousands of people viewed the booth during the fair, and they had just about a thousand questions!

Many thanks go to all the volunteers who staffed the booth for 24 shifts. They included ACGs **Lynn Bolte**, **Raymond Kirkpatrick Jr.**, **Rickie Klopp**, **Donnell Keith**, and **Cleve Ellis**; shift supervisor **David Fulks**; acting QAS/shift supervisor **Jerry Kuseck**; ACTs **Diamond Jim Gardner** and **Donald Blalock**; office supervisor **Judy Hawkins**, and clerk **Ferriel Gregory**. Special thanks to **Lynn Bolte** and his wife **Jeanette** whose expertise and knowledge of running their own frame shop gave a professional quality to the display.

Next year with your ideas, imagination, and support, we are going for the "blue ribbon," first place commodity-based fair booths.



Portland's Richard Freudenthal (left) and Lynn Bolte at the Oregon State Fair.

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Turning off all scripting languages will keep you from being vulnerable to malicious scripts, but also will limit your interaction with some web sites.

9. **Disable scripting features in e-mail programs.** Because many e-mail programs use the same code as web browsers to display HTML, vulnerabilities that affect ActiveX, Java, and JavaScript often apply to both e-mail and web pages. Disable these features in your e-mail programs as well as web browsers.

10. **Back up critical data.** Keep a copy of important files on removable media such as ZIP or recordable CD-ROM disks (CD-R or CD-RW disks). Use software backup tools if available, and store the backup disks somewhere away from the computer.

11. **Make a boot disk.** To help recover from a security breach or hard disk failure, create a boot disk on a floppy disk. Remember, however, you must create this disk **before** you have a security event.

Annual Financial Disclosure Filing

Joan Carlson, APHIS, MRP Ethics Advisor

MRP personnel who are required to complete annual financial disclosure forms will soon be receiving information outlining this year's filing requirements, deadlines, and the accompanying training requirements. An OGE 450 or the AD 1101 is headed your way to be completed and submitted no later than October 31, 2001. Employees who have an OGE 450 on file from FY 2000, and who have no changes from last year, will also have the option of completing OGE Optional Form 450-A (short form certifying no changes).

For those not familiar with the requirement behind completion of the

annual disclosure form, the Office of Government Ethics published new guidelines in 1992, which mandated the completion of such forms by Government employees who participate "personally and substantially" through decision or the exercise of significant judgment, in taking Government action regarding: (1) contracting/procurement; (2) administering or monitoring grants, subsidies, licenses, etc.; (3) regulating or auditing any non-Federal entity; or (4) other activities in which the final decision or action will have a direct and substantial economic effect on the interests of any non-Federal entity. You filers

have been determined to fall into one of these categories.

As part of the process, the Office of Government Ethics has also mandated annual ethics training for all financial disclosure filers. Many of you will be able to take this training on-line. The forthcoming materials will provide specifics regarding completion of the form, and the training options/requirements. Should you have any questions regarding reporting or the training, feel free to contact me, MRP's new Advisor via e-mail to JoanE.Carlson@aphis.usda.gov or at telephone 612-370-2290.

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