

Program Notice

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REPORTING INSECT-DAMAGED KERNEL RESULTS BASED ON A STAGE 2 DECISION IN IDW

1. PURPOSE

This notice identifies changes to certain certification procedures and data record formats due to the data collection requirements of Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA), Inspection Data Warehouse (IDW).

2. BACKGROUND

The new format of official inspection and weighing certificates requires the reporting of analytical results in the "Results" section of the certificate. To coincide with the Food and Drug Administration's defect action levels, the U.S. Standards for Wheat consider wheat containing 32 or more insect-damaged kernels per 100 grams as U.S. Sample Grade. A three-stage inspection process was developed to eliminate the need to always examine 100 grams. The process involves examining up to a total of 100 grams and applying tolerances calculated to duplicate, as near as possible, the 32 insect-damaged kernels per 100 gram limit.

3. CHANGES

a. IDW

Since only one result for insect-damaged kernels (IDK) can be entered into the data record for IDW, the total count for Stages 1 and 2 should be entered as the inspection result for decisions based on Stage 2. Additionally, the following statement should be entered into the factor remarks field of the data record.

"(Number) insect-damaged kernels per (nearest whole number) grams (Stage 1) and (number) insect-damaged kernels per (nearest whole number) grams (Stage 2)."

b. Certificate

Use the following statement in the "Results" section of the certificate to report IDK. "(Number) insect-damaged kernels per (nearest whole number) grams (Stage 1) and (number) insect-damaged kernels per (nearest whole number) grams (Stage 2)." Do not report the actual insect-damaged kernel count from both stages.

4. ACTIONS

Retain this notice until all handbooks, and program directives have been updated to reflect the format changes.

5. QUESTIONS

Direct any questions concerning this policy to the Field Operations and Support Staff at (816) 823-4643 or email at diane.k.palecek@usda.gov

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