



Warehouse & Commodity Management Division

Steps to request & approve cotton warehouse capacity changes

under state licensing or the United States Warehouse Act (USWA)

1. Determine Your Warehouse Licensing Type

Use the steps below based on whether the warehouse is:

- Unlicensed
- State-licensed
- USWA-licensed

2. Required Forms

A. Unlicensed or State-Licensed Warehouses

To request a capacity change, submit:

- **CCC-49** form:
<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/CCC49.pdf>

If state-licensed:

- Contact your **state licensing authority** to amend your state warehouse license.
- Please note that State-licensed warehouses must file the CCC-49 when amending their license with the appropriate state authority.

B. USWA-Licensed Warehouses

To amend licensed capacity, submit:

- **CCC-49** form
- **WA-50** form:
<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/WA-50.pdf>

3. Inspection & Approval Process

Once forms are received:

1. AMS field examination staff conducts an on-site inspection.
2. Findings are reviewed to ensure all requirements are met.
3. Approved capacity is updated in AMS systems.

4. Understanding Approved Capacity vs. BMAS Effective Capacity

BMAS uses the **higher of**:

The warehouse's **approved capacity**, OR the **highest inventory** between **8/1** and **7/31** each year. This is referred to as the **effective capacity**.

Example:

Approved capacity: **10,000 b/c**

Peak inventory on 10/1: **12,000 b/c**

→ BMAS is calculated using **12,000 b/c** until 8/1 reset.

5. Submission & Contact

For form submission or questions, email
warehousing@usda.gov