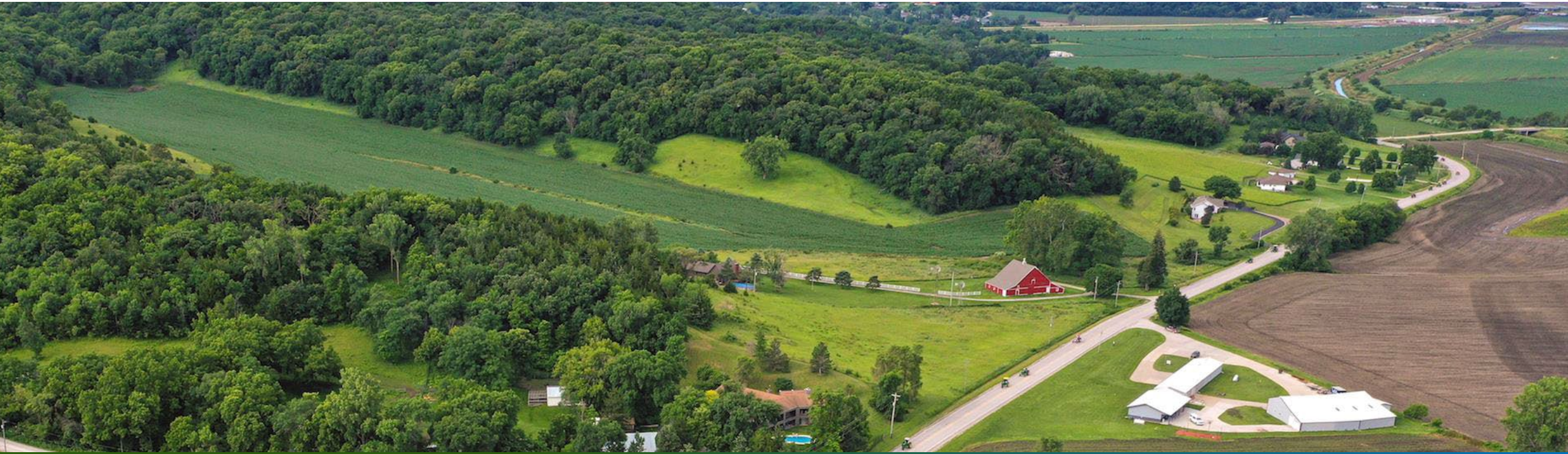




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# AMS

Federal Grain Inspection Service  
International Activities & Reauthorization of the  
U.S. Grain Standards Act





# International Affairs

## China Updates

- Registration
- Suspended exporters
  - Alleged findings of ergot, treated seeds, high damage, and weed seeds.

## Sample Collection Surveys

- Participant signatures
- **Ochratoxin**

## Foreign Complaints

- 0 so far in FY25





# Outreach

- **South Africa**
- **Indonesia**
- **Guatemala**
- **Codex**
- **Available if needed; cite need for FGIS and relation to mission**





# USGSA Reauthorization

## USGSA enacted in 1916

- Amended 20 times since enactment
- 1976 major changes to establish FGIS and mandate FGIS or State insp/weigh exports

## Most of the USGSA is permanently authorized:

- Mandatory export inspection and weighing
- Establish/amend grain standards

## Sunset clause on several provisions

## Previous reauthorization periods:

- 1993 – 7 years
- 2000 – 5 years
- 2005 – 10 years
- 2015 – 5 years
- 2020 – 5 years







# Expiring Provisions

**The following provisions expire September 30, 2025, and require Congressional action for extension:**

- Authority for appropriations (7 U.S.C. 87h)
- Authority for charging fees required for Federal supervision of Official Agencies' inspections and weighing (7 U.S.C. 79(j)(4) and 7 U.S.C. 79a(l)(3))
- Administrative/supervisory cost cap of 30% (7 U.S.C. 79d)
- Authority for an advisory committee (7 U.S.C. 87j(e))





# 2015/2018 USGSA Changes

- **Action to inform Congress/address disruption**
- **Delegation certification/OA consultation**
- **Modified fee calculation for insp/weigh services**
  - maintain 3-6 month operating reserve
  - adjust fees annually
  - Use 5-year rolling average for tonnage calculations
- **Modified Official Agency exceptions to geographic boundaries (2015 and 2018)**
- **Ended mandatory inbound barge weighing**
- **OA designation and licensing max 5 years**
- **Reauthorized expiring provisions until Sept. 30, 2020**



## 2020 USGSA Changes

- **Disruption notification to customers**
- **Review of the OA geographical areas**
- **Quarterly reports on waivers, exceptions, and tests for intrinsic quality and food safety factors**
- **Prohibited the use of user fees for grain standards (and other activities)**
- **Allowed members of the GIAC to serve two consecutive terms**
- **Extended expiring provisions until Sept. 30, 2025**



## Next Steps

- **FGIS will provide technical assistance to Congress and other stakeholders upon request.**
- **FGIS provided an overview presentation to Congressional staff in March 2025.**

