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## **Arkansas Department of Agriculture Reminds Producers of Protections Under the Arkansas Grain Grading Act**

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is reminding grain producers of protections offered under the Arkansas Grain Grading Act, which sets minimum standards for grain grading and gives producers an opportunity to dispute an issued grade.

The Arkansas Grain Grading Act was enacted in 2019 and applies to all grain warehouses in Arkansas. Under the Act, grain warehouses and dealers that engage in grain grading must have their programs and graders certified by the Grain Warehouse Section of the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Plant Industries Division.

All grain grading must be conducted according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Official United States Standards for Grain Handbook. A warehouse must grade and sample each delivered load within 24 hours. Warehouses must retain any sample that has received more than a four percent reduction for a minimum of two days.

Producers wishing to dispute an issued grade may have the sample regraded by an official grading agency. If requested, the grain warehouse shall provide the sample to the official grading agency. The resulting grade shall be deemed the official grade of the sample. Those wishing to dispute grades must request a regrade within two days.

More information about the Plant Industries Division's Grain Grading Program can be found at [agriculture.arkansas.gov/plant-industries/feed-and-fertilizer-section/grain-grading/](http://agriculture.arkansas.gov/plant-industries/feed-and-fertilizer-section/grain-grading/).

A copy of the Arkansas Grain Grading Act and Rules can be found at [agriculture.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Arkansas Grain Grading Act Act 795 and regulations final rule.pdf](http://agriculture.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Arkansas_Grain_Grading_Act_Act_795_and_regulations_final_rule.pdf).

For questions about the Arkansas Grain Grading Act or the Grain Grading Program, email [grainwarehouse@agriculture.arkansas.gov](mailto:grainwarehouse@agriculture.arkansas.gov).

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