

Learning on Location

Federal Grain Inspection Service • Kansas City, Missouri



Learn about the diverse commodity production at a Kansas production facility.

The United States Grain Services Association, (USGSA) has been around for more than 100 years. It established the Federal Grain Inspection System (FGIS) in 1976 to manage the national grain inspection and to institute a national grain-weighing program.

The National Grain Center located in Kansas City, is one of FGIS' locations. The Field Management Division, the Quality Assurance Division and the Technology and Science Division are all present at the National Grain Center. Last year FGIS inspected over 90 million metric tons of exported grain.

Tandace Bell, serves as the chief of the Biotech and Analytical Services Branch, of FGIS, she explains, "We have a diversity of services; we supply expertise in quality of grain not only a domestic level, but internationally." The National Grain Center is often asked to help other countries that are looking for systems, training, and specifics to help model

their grain grading policies and grain establishments after.

Bell enjoys giving tours, she says, "Guest are surprised that we even exist." Bell adds, "I enjoy people's interest, we are always looking for potential employees, because of the size of our office there is always something that peaks everyone's interest."

