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Dear Elevator Manager:

For the 2024 U.S. Hard Red Winter (HRW) Wheat Quality Survey, the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Idaho, and Oregon are working with, Plains Grains, Inc. (PGI), to do a nation-wide HRW Wheat Quality Survey.

PGI is a private, non-profit organization that is designed to market U.S. wheat based on its end-use quality characteristics world-wide. In order to do this survey, we are collecting wheat samples within designated areas called grainsheds and having them tested for kernel, flour, dough, and baking quality characteristics. Samples will be pulled from across each state and composited by grainshed. Composite and regional results will be used by U. S. Wheat Associates (USW) to market wheat internationally through crop quality seminars. USW is a federal cooperator supported by the wheat commissions of the states listed above. This information is also used to market the crop domestically to milling companies seeking specific milling and baking characteristics.

Individual location results will be kept confidential during the marketing year. Historic data (after the marketing year is completed) could be used at some point (if ever) by Land Grant Universities to improve future marketing efforts, but again individual location data will not be released to the public. Composited data by region, i.e., 6 in Texas, 7 in Oklahoma, 6 in Kansas, 3 in Colorado, etc. are mapped by grainshed for use in marketing presentations to customers. **PGI testing includes kernel and end-use quality characteristics only with results being reported on a regional or grainshed basis, NOT by individual location and will NOT be used for any other purpose.**

As trucks come through the elevator, they are sampled so that basic tests can be conducted. As testing is completed on the samples, they are typically deposited into some type of container, or "dump barrel". As harvest progresses, this barrel contains a sample from many trucks, giving a representative sample from the surrounding area. It is from this barrel that we wish to pull a sample for testing. Samples should be about 10-12 lbs. and will be collected by the **National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)/ National Association of State Department of Agriculture (NASDA) enumerators**. Testing is done at no cost to you and is being supported by the state wheat commissions. Sample integrity is maintained through a chain of custody from collection through the complete testing and reporting process.

We appreciate your cooperation and participation in this year's survey. If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact Royce Schaneman (402) 560-3777 or your state wheat commission executive.

Respectfully,

Royce Schaneman, Executive Director
Plains Grains, Inc.