

Name	Definition Revised
AMA	Federal act known as the Agricultural Marketing Act which regulates commodity inspections.
AMA - Check loading (CL)	The process of performing a stowage examination on a carrier; computing the number of filled containers loaded aboard; observing the condition of the containers being loaded aboard; sealing the carrier if practical and certifying the results.
AMA - Check weighing (CW)	The process of weighing a selected number of containers from a lot and determining the estimated total gross, tare and net weight or the estimated average gross or net weight per filled container plus certification of the results.
AMA - Observation of loading	The process of determining that an identified lot has been moved from a warehouse or carrier and loaded into another warehouse or carrier plus certification of the results.
AMA - Check counting	The process used to determine the total number of filled outer containers in a lot. This is used to determine that the number of containers recorded by the applicant is correct. The result is certified.
AMA - Condition of Container (COC)	The process used to determining the degree of acceptability of the containers with respect to the absence of defects which affect the serviceability of the container. This includes the appearance as well as the usability of the container for its intended purpose. The result is certified.
AMA - Sampling of Graded Commodities (SA)	The process of sampling a stationary lot of a graded commodity or sampling the graded commodity as it is being loaded into a carrier, or after it is loaded into the carrier.
AMA - Sampling of Processed Commodities (PRO)	The process of sampling a stationary lot of a processed commodity or sampling the processed commodity as it is being loaded into a container, or after it is loaded into a carrier.
AMA - Online Sampling (ON)	The process of sampling a product while it is being packaged.
Association	A grouping of tests in the license test-selection process.
Commodities	Non-grain products monitored by FGIS.
Cooperator	An agency or department of the Federal Government which has an interagency agreement with FGIS or a state agency which has a reimbursable agreement with FGIS.
Device	Part of the Sampler Type license test selection process. It represents all licenses listed under the Sampler Type.
Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS)	A branch of the agency, <i>Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)</i> .

Field Office (F/O)	FGIS organizational group responsible for field operations in a given area. It is equivalent to the branch level in the organizational hierarchy under FGIS.
Grain	A family of products monitored by FGIS.
Grain Servicing Lab (GSL)	FGIS organizational group which provides grading and testing services to support the Field Management Divisions' Quality Assurance and Control Staff (QAC) and the Field Operations and Support Staff (FOSS).
License Number	GIPSA-assigned number for the individual who performs services within the FGIS official system.
License Type	License Type defines different groups of licenses that an officially licensed person can hold. The License Type system maintains a hierarchal order. The hierarchy for the types, from lowest to higher is; Warehouseman Sampler, Sampler, Technician, Weigher and Inspector.
No Association	A group of tests that have no association with a specific license but must be taken for an initial license under a License Type.
Official Sample	A representative sample drawn by official personnel licensed or authorized by FGIS
Sampling	The process of drawing a representative sample from a lot of a commodity.
Selection Criteria	Various criteria used to form a subset of the main dataset.
Status	The state of a license. The different states are; inactive, active, suspended or canceled. A new license has an inactive status.
Stowage Examination	The process of visually determining if an identified carrier or container is clean; dry; free of live infestation, rodents, unknown substances, and foreign odor; suitable to store or carry grain; and certifying the results.
USGSA - Dockage	A factor in the grading of grains and oilseeds, which includes waste and foreign material which can be readily removed by the use of screens, sieves and other cleaning devices. Dockage is always determined and reported on the inspection certificate.
USGSA - Hand Picked Foreign Material	The removal of foreign material from a sample of grain without the use of a mechanical device.