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This survey is an opportunity for you to tell us what you think of the job we are doing and how we might better serve you in the future. Please take the time to fill it out.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is committed to delivering exceptional customer service to the people of Illinois. In an effort to improve our quality of service, please take a few minutes to share your experiences with the Agency and its services. Reflect on your experience with the Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Agricultural Products Inspection within the past 12 months as you answer the following questions. Your opinion is important, we will benefit greatly from your participation in this survey.

If you have dealt with more than one Bureau of the Department of Agriculture, you may receive more than one questionnaire. Please respond to each of the surveys.

1. Why did you contact (or why were you contacted by) the Bureau of Agricultural Products Inspection ?		(Check all that apply.)
a. Seek information.....		101
b. Obtain a license, permit or registration.....		102
c. Participate in training.....		103
d. Inspection.....		104
e. Fill out a report.....		105
f. Request services.....		106
g. Other (specify: _____)		107

2. Please read the following statements about your level of satisfaction with the information and/or services you received from the **Bureau of Agricultural Products Inspection (API)** in the past 12 months. For each question, circle the response, using the scale from 1 through 7, that best reflects your opinion about the following. If the comment does not apply, circle the response under **NA**.

		Not at all satisfied		Neutral			Extremely Satisfied		NA
a. How satisfied were you with the usefulness of the information and/or services you received from the Bureau of API ?	108	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
b. How satisfied were you with the way you were treated by staff?	109	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
c. How satisfied were you with the promptness of your transaction or response to your request?	110	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
d. How satisfied were you with the technical skills of the staff?	111	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
e. How satisfied were you with the accuracy of information you received?	112	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
f. How satisfied were you with the ease of reaching API staff to answer inquiries?	113	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
g. How satisfied were you with the quality of the Anhydrous Ammonia Safety training you received from API staff?	114	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
h. How satisfied were you with the usefulness of the training materials?	115	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
i. How satisfied were you with the services provided by the office personnel?	140	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
j. How satisfied were you with the services provided by Chemistry Lab?	141	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
k. How satisfied were you with the services provided by the Seed Lab?	142	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
l. If you had a disagreement with any API personnel, how satisfied were you with the way the disagreement was resolved?	116	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3. In your opinion, how fair are the API's inspection procedures for feed, seed, or fertilizer inspection?									
		Not at all fair		Neutral			Extremely fair		Don't know
a. Feed inspection	117	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
b. Seed inspection	118	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
c. Fertilizer inspection	119	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4. In your opinion, how consistent are the API's inspection procedures for feed, seed, or fertilizer inspection?									
		Not at all consistent		Somewhat			Extremely consistent		Don't know
a. Feed inspection	120	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
b. Seed inspection	121	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
c. Fertilizer inspection	122	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

5. In your opinion, how efficient are the API's inspection procedures for feed, seed, or fertilizer inspection?		Not at all consistent		Somewhat			Extremely consistent		Don't know
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
a. Feed inspection	123	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
b. Seed inspection	124	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
c. Fertilizer inspection	125	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

6. Please read the following statements about your opinions of the **Bureau of Agricultural Products Inspection**. Circle the response under the heading **Strongly disagree** to **Strongly agree** that reflects your opinion for each of the statements that follow. If you have no opinion or don't know about an item, circle the response under **Don't Know**.

		Strongly disagree		Neutral			Strongly agree		Don't know
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
a. The API Bureau puts a high value on serving the people of Illinois.	126	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
b. The API inspector was courteous and professional.	127	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
c. The API staff adequately explained standards, regulations, and/or test results.	128	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
d. The API inspector treated me fairly.	129	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
e. The API staff was responsive to my complaints.	130	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
f. API staff responded to my needs in a timely manner.	131	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
g. API staff are good partners and enhance my work.	132	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
h. Forms required by the API Bureau are easy to understand and user friendly.	133	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
i. API regulations are documented in a clear and consistent way.	134	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
j. The IDOA web site provides useful and timely information. (http://www.agr.state.il.us/agriculture-products-inspection/)	135	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

7. Compared to one year ago, do you believe the quality of services and/or information provided by the **Bureau of Agricultural Products Inspection** has:

Declined		1
Stayed the same		2
Improved		3
Don't know		8

8. Please describe the one most important change that would increase your satisfaction with the quality of services and information

provided by the **Bureau of Agricultural Products Inspection**:

9. Are you? (Check all that apply.)

☐ 137	Feed Manufacturer or Dealer	☐	1	Fertilizer Distributor	☐	3
	Seed Producer or Distributor	☐	2	Other (Specify_____)	☐	4

10. How often do you have contact with staff from the **Bureau of Agricultural Products Inspection**? (check only one response)

☐ 138	At least once a week	☐	1	Two times a year	☐	4
	At least once a month	☐	2	At least once per year	☐	5
	About 3 or 4 times a year	☐	3	Less than once per year	☐	6

11. How many years have you worked with staff from the **Bureau of Agricultural Products Inspection**

Number of years

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY!!!

Please share any additional thoughts in the space provided below. Remember **Bureau of Agricultural Products Inspection** has nothing to do with containment.

Please return your completed questionnaire in the return envelope.

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