



To: Idaho Grain Elevators

From: Stacey Satterlee, Executive Director
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Re: Request for information on falling numbers discounts

The Idaho Grain Producers Association (IGPA) is working with USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) to consider changes to the quality standards for wheat, specifically to change the discount schedule for falling numbers to more closely reflect the market. To do this, RMA needs specific pieces of information from grain elevators.

The first thing RMA needs to know is what your discount schedules are for falling numbers. For example, is your discount schedule a penny a point below 300? Is there a point below 300 where the discount jumps to a higher amount? Additionally, RMA needs to better understand what your operating procedure is with wheat that has low falling numbers. Please include information on the frequency of testing each load, where the samples are sent to be tested, how long the tests take before the results are known, what is done with the loads between the time the samples were taken and submitted and the test results are known, etc.

Please send letters containing the above information to:

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We understand that right now is a particularly busy time – but we are hopeful to have these letters submitted by Friday, September 16. If you need more time or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.