



## NEWS RELEASE

### **eGrain to Begin a Trial System Allowing Warehouses to Electronically Manage Service Licenses**

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, June 12, 2012 – eGrain announced today that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has agreed to begin a trial system that will allow all United States Warehouse Act (USWA) licensed warehouses to utilize its eLicensing application to efficiently manage service licenses, applications and payments. All USWA licensed warehouses, including grain, cotton, cottonseed, nuts, syrup, dry beans and tobacco warehouses, are eligible to participate in the trial system which begins immediately.

Trial system participants can complete and submit a WA-53 application (Application For a License to Inspect, Classify, Sample, and/or Weigh Agricultural Products Under the USWA) online through the proven, web-based eGrain<sup>SM</sup> System. In addition, the eLicensing application gives warehouses the option of various payment methods, including credit cards, checks, ACH payments and bulk purchasing of service licenses. The trial system is expected to greatly reduce the time needed to process applications and there is no additional fee to the warehouse as the cost of each service license will remain at \$35.

“eLicensing will eliminate the delays and costs of mailing applications and service licenses between warehouses and the USDA,” said Drew Earles, eGrain Vice President. “We are eager to get this trial system started and hope that it will lead to the development of additional electronic documents in the future.”

Participating warehouses will not have to post individual service licenses at their physical location, instead they can post one generic service license and the individual service licenses can be viewed through a public, online database located at [www.egrain.com](http://www.egrain.com).

Participating warehouses will be able to convert all existing paper service licenses to the eLicensing application so that they can be managed more efficiently. Warehouses interested in participating in the trial system should contact eGrain.

#### **About eGrain, Inc.**

The people of eGrain continually strive to improve the efficiency and profitability of the agriculture industry through the use of electronic documents. Headquartered in Springfield, Illinois, eGrain, Inc. was approved by the USDA – Farm Service Agency on June 1, 2005 to establish and maintain a central filing system for the purpose of electronically filing grain and rice warehouse receipts and other United States Warehouse Act (USWA) documents. The eGrain<sup>SM</sup> System is unique in its design for utilizing a web-based system for handling commodity transactions and the United States Patent and Trademark Office awarded a patent for its design under US Patent 7,827,078. For more information about eGrain, Inc. and our services, visit [www.egrain.com](http://www.egrain.com) or call (800) 278-6799.

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