

**Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Information Required From Nongovernmental Witnesses**

**House rules require nongovernmental witnesses to provide their resume or biographical sketch prior to testifying. If you do not have a resume or biographical sketch available, please complete this form.**

- 1. Name:** Kevin J. Donnelly
- 2. Organization you represent:** Kansas State University, Department of Agronomy
- 3. Please list any occupational, employment, or work-related experience you have which add to your qualification to provide testimony before the Committee:**

I am an Emeritus Professor of Agronomy at Kansas State University. During most of my 47-year university teaching career, I taught college students about grain quality as part of courses in crop science and crop production. Topics included factors impacting the determination of grain quality, its importance for end use of grains, and the function of the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) system. More specifically, I taught a course in grain grading for agronomy and grain science students that was based on hands-on inspection of grains using FGIS standards. In addition, I coached competitive crops teams at both Oklahoma State and Kansas State for 30 years, where a major component of the event involves students inspecting grain samples prepared by FGIS personnel and assigning an appropriate grade using FGIS standards. I have also conducted numerous workshops illustrating the FGIS grain inspection procedures and grading standards as part of short courses offered by the International Grains Program (IGP) at Kansas State University for grain industry professionals from throughout the world. I continue to assist IGP with these workshops post-retirement.

- 4. Please list any special training, education, or professional experience you have which add to your qualifications to provide testimony before the Committee:**

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

Ph.D. Agronomy (Crop Physiology), Colorado State University (1983)  
M.S. Agronomy (Crop Production), Kansas State University (1974)  
B.S. Agronomy, Kansas State University (1972)

**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Professor of Agronomy, Kansas State University (2008-2022)  
Assistant Dean, College of Agriculture, Kansas State University (1998-2008)  
Assistant/Associate/Professor of Agronomy, Oklahoma State University (1983-1998)  
Instructor of Agronomy, Colorado State University (1978-1983)  
Agriculture Instructor, Hutchinson Kansas Community College (1975-1978)

**EXPERIENCES related to hearing on: "A Review of the U.S. Grain Standards Act"**

My experiences related to the U.S. Grain Standards Act are through my university teaching career as noted above. I am primarily self-taught, learning as I incorporated concepts and laboratory exercises on grain inspection and the grain standards into my courses, and as I trained my students for competitions. I have the most familiarity with application of the Official United States Standards for Grain and the FGIS inspection process, as that is the focus of the activities completed in my grain grading course, the crops team contests, and the workshops that I direct for the International Grains Program. My introductory crop science course has always included at least one hands-on laboratory on grain standards and grain inspection. My grain grading course provided students in our Grain Science Department with a solid background on grain grading and certification that will be important at they work in careers related to grain and feed processing. The strength of our K-State Crops Team has consistently been their grain grading skills, and they have been the most successful program in the nation this century, earning eleven national titles during the fourteen years that I was coach (2008-2022). I also led our team to compete in the Australian Universities Crops Competition five times. This event also included grain grading using Australian standards, which provided a good contrast for me and my students to learn. As Emeritus Professor, I am pleased to continue to provide assistance to IGP to help teach their students from across the globe that are enrolled in their short courses about application of the U.S. Grain Standards Act in support of our export markets.

- 5. If you are appearing on behalf of an organization, please list the capacity in which you are representing that organization, including any offices or elected positions you hold: N/A**

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