

UNITED is, once again, going to be conducting size and quality sampling of our members crop this harvest. The information gathered is of great value to us, and, no doubt, to you as we proceed through the marketing season. Sure is nice to know what kind of crop has been put away based on accurate, representative sampling performed on a frequent (hopefully daily) basis.

The coordination of this activity with the inspection service will be done through the office. I'll need to know when you are harvesting and where your storage is located to get the inspector to you.

You'll need to draw a sample in a bucket or a sack and set it aside for when the inspector does come around. The information is for you, as well as us, so put whatever notes you would like to have on the sample. The date, the field, the variety are all important data. Make as much of it as you would like. The inspector will record whatever info he is given on the harvest inspection report.

As you get going, call the office 852-2144, tell me that you are harvesting, have samples, and would like the inspector to get there. Tell me where your samples are. I'll talk daily with the inspector and send him out. Once we are underway and a routine is established, tell the inspector to keep coming, or that you are moving storages or stopping for a few days. Should there be a mix up, as in you have samples but haven't seen the inspector, call me and we'll get that straightened out.

A few phone calls will get this accomplished, as if you don't have enough to do already. The effort to get the samples is worth the reward of the good information. It appears we are in for another fairly good price year, thanks to your UNITED effort. Let's make the most of it based on the best information we can get.

Here's hoping you have a safe, productive, and wonderful harvest. And that the weather, the machinery, and the people see it the same way. Good luck!

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**Committees will be meeting following harvest.**

**We need fresh ideas for membership, retention, base acreage revision and future crop plantings. All ideas are welcome at any committee meeting. UNITED of America is also taking recommendations on these topics. Please give your suggestions at the committee meetings.**

The acreage audits are complete; 15,700 acres were audited out of 39,000 acres.

**There were less Field Dig responses than anticipated. This information is being used to build an historical database to compare variety yields from year to year. Thanks to those members who submitted their information. UNITED will revise the form next year – it will be similar to the Agro Engineering form.**