

contract library as required by the Swine Packer Marketing Contract subtitle of the P&S Act. We believe that "swine contract library" is more accurate than the phrase "swine packer marketing contracts." The information from the contract library will be available publicly, however, the contracts will not be released. Therefore, to avoid confusion, we changed all of the references. These changes appear in the titles of Part 206,

section 206.2, and paragraphs 206.2(f) and (g), and in the text of paragraph 206.3(a). Examples of this change are shown in the following table. Similarly, we changed "swine packer marketing contract information" to "swine contract information" in 206.2(a). In addition, for consistency, we deleted the words "swine packer marketing contract" from the title of paragraph 206.3(a).

We changed the last sentence of paragraph 206.2(g) by deleting the phrase "and/or examples of new contracts" because the word "information" includes example contracts, and deleting the phrase "in Des Moines, Iowa," which was immediately followed by the office address in the proposed rule and therefore redundant.

Text of the regulation as proposed Part 206—Swine Packer Marketing Contracts	Text of the regulation as revised Part 206—Swine Contract Library
206.2 Swine packer marketing contract library. 206.3(a) <i>Do I need to provide swine packer marketing contract monthly reports?</i> Packers, as defined in § 206.1, must provide information for each swine processing plant that they operate or at which they have swine slaughtered that has the slaughtering capacity specified in the definition of packer.	206.2 Swine contract library. 206.3(a) <i>Do I need to provide monthly reports?</i> Each packer, as defined in § 206.1, must provide information for each swine processing plant that it operates or at which it has swine slaughtered that has the slaughtering capacity specified in the definition of packer.

In paragraph 206.2(f), we changed the second sentence to eliminate redundancy. Both the first and second sentences, as proposed, began "GIPSA will summarize." We changed the second sentence to delete the phrase and to indicate when the first summary report will be made available. In addition, we changed the end of the last

sentence from "as to avoid divulging data on individuals firms" operations and the parties to contracts will not be identified" to "to provide as much information as possible while maintaining confidentiality" to refer to confidentiality in a consistent manner in this document. We also made this change in paragraph 206.3(g)(2). We

changed "Geographic regions will be defined in such a manner as to avoid divulging data on individual firms' operations and may be modified from time to time." to "Geographic regions will be defined in such a manner to provide as much information as possible while maintaining confidentiality and may be modified from time to time."

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206.2(f) <i>What information from the swine packer marketing contract library will be made available to the public?</i> GIPSA will summarize the information it has received on contract terms, including, but not limited to, base price determination and the schedules of premiums or discounts. GIPSA will summarize the information by region and type of contract as defined in § 206.1. Geographic regions will be defined in such a manner as to avoid divulging data on individual firms' operations and the parties to contracts will not be identified.	206.2(f) <i>What information from the swine contract library will be made available to the public?</i> GIPSA will summarize the information it has received on contract terms, including, but not limited to, base price determination and the schedules of premiums or discounts. GIPSA will make the information available by region and contract type as defined in § 206.1, for public release one month after the initial submission of contracts. Geographic regions will be defined in such a manner to provide as much information as possible while maintaining confidentiality.
206.3(g)(2) Information in the report will be aggregated and reported by geographic regions. Geographic regions will be defined in such a manner as to avoid divulging data on individual firms' operations and may be modified from time to time.	206.3(g)(2) Information in the report will be aggregated and reported by geographic regions. Geographic regions will be defined in such a manner to provide as much information as possible while maintaining confidentiality and may be modified from time to time.

In paragraph 206.2(b), the requirement is for the packer to send the example contracts to GIPSA; it is not a packer's responsibility to also ensure that we receive the example contracts.

Therefore, we revised the sentence to remove the phrase "and the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) must receive." To add clarity, we changed the title of paragraph 206.3(b). The new title more

correctly describes the requirements provided in the paragraph. Other changes included abbreviating "Iowa" to "IA" and adding the timing for the beginning of the monthly reports.

Text of the regulation as proposed	Text of the regulation as revised
206.3(b) <i>What information do I need to provide and when is it due?</i> Each packer must send a separate monthly report for each plant that has the slaughtering capacity specified in the definition of packer in § 206.1. Packers must deliver the report to the GIPSA Regional Office in Des Moines, Iowa by the close of business on the 15th of each month. The GIPSA Regional Office closes at 4:30 p.m. Central Time. If the 15th day of a month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday, the monthly report is due no later than the close of the next business day following the 15th.	206.3(b) <i>When is the monthly report due?</i> Each packer must send a separate monthly report for each plant that has the slaughtering capacity specified in the definition of packer in § 206.1. Each packer must deliver the report to the GIPSA Regional Office in Des Moines, IA, by the close of business on the 15th of each month, beginning at least 45 days after the initial submission of example contracts. The GIPSA Regional Office closes at 4:30 p.m. Central Time. If the 15th day of a month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday, the monthly report is due no later than the close of the next business day following the 15th.