INTRODUCTION

These guidelines are intended to aid those who are contemplating applying for a Federal Grant of Inspection.

There are 7 basic steps required for obtaining Federal Meat and Poultry Inspection.

- 1. File an Application for Inspection
- 2. Facilities Must Meet Regulatory Performance Standards
- 3. Obtain Approved Labels and/or Brands
- 4. Obtain Approved Water Source Letter
- 5. Obtain Approved Sewage System Letter
- 6. Provide a Written Standard Operating Procedure for Sanitation
- 7. Provide a Written Hazard Analysis and HACCP Plan

Each of these steps are explained in the next few pages, providing general information to the applicant. In addition, the Federal Regulations are also provided and are referenced throughout this document. You are encouraged to refer to the regulations as you review each step of the guidelines.

Upon receipt of your application and completion of all items, the District Manager or designee will conduct a review of the establishment. If all is found acceptable, a Conditional Grant of Inspection will be issued to allow you 90 days to produce and validate your HACCP Program.