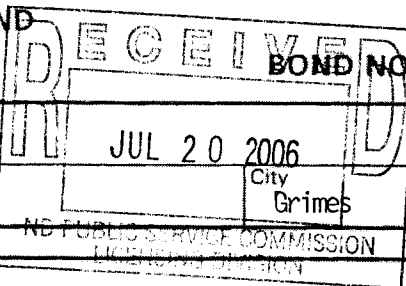




**ROVING GRAIN BUYER'S BOND**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
 SFN 52019 (05-99)



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**PRINCIPAL**

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| Name<br>Hawkeye Commodities Company |  |                   |             |
| Address<br>11905 NW 54th Avenue     |  | City<br>Grimes    | State<br>IA |
|                                     |  | Zip Code<br>50111 |             |

**SURETY**

|   |  |                    |             |
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| Name<br>Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company |  |                    |             |
| Address<br>1100 Locust St., Dept. 2005      |  | City<br>Des Moines | State<br>IA |
|   |  | Zip Code<br>50391  |             |

We, the above named PRINCIPAL and SURETY are bound to the State of North Dakota in the penal sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No/Cents (\$50,000.00) for the use and benefit of all persons selling grain to or through the PRINCIPAL. The payment of the penal sum shall bind ourselves, our heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally.

The PRINCIPAL has made application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission), to be licensed as a "Roving Grain Buyer", entitled to do business as such any place within the State of North Dakota.

The condition of this obligation is as follows: if the PRINCIPAL shall (1) faithfully perform all duties as a roving grain buyer, (2) comply with the provisions of law and the rules of the Commission applicable to the business of a roving grain buyer, and (3) pay for all grain purchased or marketed and all sums for which the PRINCIPAL shall become liable to persons dealing with the PRINCIPAL or his agent or agents within the State of North Dakota from loss or damage by reason of any violation of law or rules applicable to the business of a roving grain buyer, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise it shall remain in effect, provided, however, that this surety bond shall not accrue to the benefit of any person entering into a credit-sale contract with the PRINCIPAL.

Liability for this undertaking commences on July 17, 2006, and shall be continuous unless the SURETY by certified mail notifies the PRINCIPAL and the Commission that the surety bond has been canceled. The cancellation notice shall state that the surety bond will be canceled ninety (90) days after the receipt of the cancellation notice or on a later date specified by the SURETY. In no event shall the aggregate liability of the SURETY accumulate for each successive annual license renewal period during which the bond is in force but, for losses during any annual license renewal period, shall be limited in the aggregate to the bond amount stated or changed by appropriate endorsement or rider.

The liability of the SURETY for any violation of the obligations hereof by the PRINCIPAL during the period of time the bond remains in effect, shall remain in force thereafter for such period of time as may be permitted under the laws of the State of North Dakota.

This bond, including definitions of the terms used herein, are governed by the provisions of Chapter 60-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.

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| Countersigned by North Dakota Resident Agent:<br>Name/Signature: |  |      |             |
| Address  |  | City | ND Zip Code |

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL**

State of Iowa )  
 ) ss.  
 County of Polk )

On this 18th day of July, 2006,  
 before me personally appeared Christopher Cook  
 known to me to be the person or said corporation described in and  
 who executed the within instrument as PRINCIPAL and  
 acknowledged to me that he/she or said corporation executed the  
 same.

*Christopher Cook*  
 Signature of Principal  
Melissa Jenkins  
 Notary Public  
 My Commission expires 11-22-08

(SEAL) **MELISSA J. JENKINS**  
 Commission Number 225639  
 My Commission Expires

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY SURETY**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY**  
 (Corporate Officer)

State of Iowa )  
 ) ss.  
 County of Polk )

On this 17th day of July, 2006,  
 before me personally appeared Beth Miller  
 known to me to be Attorney-In-Fact  
 of said corporation that is described in and that executed the within  
 instrument as SURETY, and acknowledged to me that such corporation  
 executed the same.

Beth Miller, Attorney-In-Fact  
 Name and Title of Person Signing for Surety  
*Beth Miller*  
 Signature  
Sandy Alitz  
 Notary Public  
 My Commission expires March 24, 2008

(SEAL) **SANDY ALITZ**  
 COMMISSION NO. 152785  
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
 MARCH 24, 2008

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ATTORNEY-IN-FACT MUST ATTACH VALID POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM SURETY.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, with its principal office in the City of Columbus, Ohio, hereinafter called "Company", does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Sandra S. Alitz, Richelle L. Boggess, Dixie D. Brown, Ronald L. Bruder, Jeff Cose, Jeri Eldredge, Melissa L. Evans, Stephanie Finney, Tim Foreman, Grant R. Goodenow, Brad Hance, David E. Harbe, Brett E. Harman, Kelly Hemmer, Peter Karney, Michelle Lange, David McClure, Beth Miller, Elizabeth Moore, Robert C. Mosher, Becky Nichols, Maggie Ochanpaugh, Spencer Paris, Roberta A. Ratchford, Trisha Rees, Andy Roby, Larry D. Slegh, Brian Smith, Patricia M. Vermace, Kim Wells, Carmon R. Wilson, Fayth Wingerter

each in their individual capacity, its true and lawful Attorney-In-Fact with full power and authority to sign, seal, and execute on its behalf any and all bonds and undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature in penalties not exceeding the sum of FIVE MILLION AND NO/100 (\$5,000,000.00) dollars

and to bind the Company thereby, as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of the Company; and all acts of said Attorney pursuant to the authority given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

RESOLVED, that the President, or any Senior Vice President, Vice President, Resident Vice President or Second Vice President be, and the same hereby is, authorized and empowered to appoint Attorneys-In-Fact of the Company and to authorize them to execute any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, policies, contracts guaranteeing the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust, and other writings obligatory in nature which the business of the Company may require; and to modify or revoke, with or without cause, any such appointment or authority. The authority granted hereby shall in no way limit the authority of other duly authorized agents to sign and countersign any of said documents on behalf of the Company.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that such Attorneys-in-Fact shall have full power and authority to execute and deliver any and all such documents and to bind the Company, subject to the terms and limitations of the power of attorney issued to them, and to affix the seal of the Company thereto, provided, however, that said seal shall not be necessary for the validity of any such documents.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the following By-Laws duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company

ARTICLE VIII

Section 10. Execution of Instruments. Any Vice President and any Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer shall have the power and authority to sign or attest all approved documents, instruments, contracts or other papers in connection with the operation of the business of the company in addition to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, President, Treasurer and Secretary; provided, however, the signature of any of them may be printed, engraved or stamped on any approved document, contract, instrument or other papers of the company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company has caused this instrument to be sealed and duly attested by the signature of its President the 15th day of October, 2003.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF Iowa SS
COUNTY OF Polk



By [Signature of Stephen S. Rasmussen]

President

On this 15th day of October, 2003, before me came the above named President for Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, to me personally known to be the officer described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is the officer of the Company aforesaid, that the seal affixed thereto is the corporate seal of said Company, and the said corporate seal and his signature were duly affixed and subscribed to said instrument by the authority and direction of said Company.

[Signature of Sandy Alitz]

Notary Public

My Commission Expires March 24, 2008



CERTIFICATE

I, John F. Delaloye, Assistant Secretary of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original Power of Attorney issued by said Company; that the Resolution included therein is a true and correct transcript from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors duly called and held on the 15th day of October, 2003, and the same has not been revoked or amended in any manner; that said Stephen S. Rasmussen was on the date of the execution of the foregoing Power of Attorney the duly elected President of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and the corporate seal and his signature as President were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority of said Board of Directors; and the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name as corporate seal of said Company this 17th day of July, 2006

Assistant Secretary, and affixed the



[Signature of John F. Delaloye]