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Farm and Foreign
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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

Farm Service
Agency

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In order to assist the Export Operations Division in Y2K testing of the Electronic Bid Entry System (EBES), all active export bidders are requested to download Test Invitation Y2K from the EBES website. **On Monday, January 3, 2000, all active bidders need to prepare a "test bid" and submit it as you normally do for all regular invitations.**

Also as a reminder, Notice to the Trade, EOD-57, issued on November 22, 1999, informed and requested all active export bidders to download Version 1.03 of the EBES Vendor Application. **All active bidders were to have completed this by December 7, 1999, prior to submission of bids for Invitation 129.** If you have not done so, be sure to accomplish this prior to bidding on Invitation 010, due January 6, 2000. If you have questions, contact Export Operations Division at 816-926-6707.

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