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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

BCD-21

TO: All Warehouse Operators Approved Under the Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement (UGRSA)

SUBJECT: Releasing Wheat for Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust

On June 7, Secretary Veneman authorized the release of 275,000 metric tons of wheat from the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust (BEHT) for use in Title II, P.L. 480 programs. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) has authority to exchange BEHT stocks for other eligible U.S. agricultural commodities of equal value. The Agency for International Development indicates they will likely provide commodities other than the wheat that is currently held in BEHT inventory to meet program needs. Therefore, CCC-owned wheat stocks will be sold by CCC, and the requested commodities will be purchased through commercial purchases.

CCC will sell wheat through negotiated sales and, if necessary, catalog sales to finance the purchase of the requested commodities. All wheat stocks owned by CCC are available for sale through the Kansas City Commodity Office. All stocks that grade US #1 or US #2 that are sold after June 14, 2002, will be considered BEHT stocks for the purpose of determining when the release level has been reached; total sales of wheat to meet BEHT commitments will not exceed the authorized 275,000 metric ton release level.

If you are interested in purchasing wheat from CCC, please contact the Kansas City Commodity Office at (816) 926-3816.

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