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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

Farm Service Agency

Kansas City Commodity Office P.O. Box 419205 Kansas City, Missouri 64141-6205

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is considering changes in the mailing of invitations for processed commodities and is soliciting industry comments on the proposed changes.

Beginning March 2002, hard copies of the export invitations will no longer be mailed to individual suppliers. All Kansas City Commodity Office publications are posted on the Internet at www.fsa.usda.gov. It will be the responsibility of the commodity supplier to check the Internet web site for all invitations.

We will continue to post a calendar on this web site which will indicate our normal purchase cycle; however, there will be times when special invitations must be issued.

Please send comments to: Nelson Randall at e-mail address: <a href="mailto:nmrandall@kcc.fsa.usda.gov">nmrandall@kcc.fsa.usda.gov</a> by COB February 8, 2002.

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