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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

Farm and Foreign
Agricultural Services

Farm Service
Agency

Kansas City
Commodity Office
P.O. Box 419205
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To: Recipients of Export Invitations for Processed Commodities and Bagged Grains

Subject: Discontinued Mailing and Faxing of Hard Copies of Invitations

Notice to the Trade EOD-104 dated January 16, 2002, advised that hard copies of export invitations would no longer be mailed to individual suppliers, steamship companies or their agents. Comments from the trade have been reviewed and every effort has been made to ensure that all pertinent information will be readily available to interested parties. Specifically, please be advised that:

- Effective with this Notice, hard copies of invitations will no longer be mailed or faxed.
- All Export Operations Division publications will continue to be posted on the Internet at <ftp://ftp.fsa.usda.gov/public/export/default.htm>.
- For your convenience, you may sign up to receive an automated e-mail subscription of all export releases including invitations, procurement awards, announcements and amendments to announcements, Notices to the Trade, Port Allocations and Cargo Available for Booking, at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daco/subscribe.asp>. Follow the instructions to subscribe.
- The Annual Purchase Schedules and revisions that indicate our normal purchase cycle will continue to be posted at <ftp://ftp.fsa.usda.gov/public/qschedul/default.htm>. There will be times when special invitations must be issued which may result in out-of-sequence numbering of invitations.

It will be the responsibility of the commodity supplier to check the Internet web site and/or the appropriate e-mail accounts for all publications. The United States Department of Agriculture will not be responsible in any way for your failure to know that an invitation has been issued.

If you have any questions concerning this Notice, please contact the marketing specialist assigned to your commodity or a traffic management specialist.

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