



United States
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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

Farm and Foreign
Agricultural Services

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

Farm Service
Agency

SUBJECT: Releasing Wheat from the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust

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On June 22, 2005, Secretary Johanns authorized the release of 500,000 metric tons (approximately 18.37 million bushels) of wheat from the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust (BEHT) for use in Public Law 480, Title II programs. The U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has requested 300,000 metric tons of hard red winter wheat and 200,000 metric tons of soft white wheat to meet program needs for Africa. Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) intends to make all BEHT wheat stocks available to meet this request.

To accommodate USAID requests, CCC may exchange (swap) released BEHT wheat stocks for wheat positioned for export shipment. CCC may also sell wheat at interior storage locations and buy wheat in U. S. port locations. The disposition method of BEHT stocks will be determined with corresponding USAID requests, based on conditions at that time.

As of June 22, 2005, BEHT holdings consist of 1,415,349 metric tons (approximately 52 million bushels) of CCC-owned wheat and \$107 million in funds. Total CCC-owned wheat inventory (approximately 54.5 million bushels) consists of the following wheat classes grading U. S. No. 2 or better:

Class of Wheat	Quantity	
	Bushels	Metric Tons
Hard Red Winter (HRW)	28,566,622	777,471
Soft White (SWW)	19,567,341	532,546
Hard Red Spring (HRS)	4,131,643	112,447
Durum (DUM)	1,820,359	49,543
Hard White (HWW)	247,105	6,725
Soft Red Winter (SRW)	122,593	3,337
Totals (All Wheat)	54,455,663	1,482,069

A Notice to the Trade announcing transaction details will be issued as soon as possible. Subsequent Notices to the Trade will be issued to correspond with USAID requests.

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George W. Aldaya
Director