

Kansas City Commodity Office

Vacant, Director

The Office of the Director (OD) has the mission to manage the acquisition, handling, storage, transportation, and disposition of agricultural commodities in order to carry out Commodity Credit Corporation program commitments and to administer the United States Warehouse Act.

Deputy Directors and Divisions:

Patrick M. Dardis, Deputy Director
Head of Contracting Activity Designee (HCAD)

The HCAD for Commodity Operations is appointed by the Farm Service Agency Administrator to provide leadership and direction for KCCO Contracting officers and other members of the acquisition workforce. He establishes policies, procedures, and practices to supplement the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and Agriculture Acquisition Regulations (AGAR). He also appoints qualified employees as FAR warranted contracting officers for purchases of agricultural commodities and commodity-related services, for use in various domestic and international feeding programs.

Domestic Procurement Division

Vacant, Chief
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The Domestic Procurement Division (DPD) purchases dairy and processed commodities for domestic food distribution programs such as National School Lunch. DPD also purchases powdered milk, butter and cheese offered to Commodity Credit Corporation under the Milk Price Support Program, administers commodity purchase contracts for the Agricultural Marketing Service, and contracts for the warehousing and distribution of commodities for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

International Procurement Division

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The International Procurement Division (IPD) purchases and delivers agricultural commodities to foreign countries under the P.L. 480 Title II and III Programs, Food for Progress Program, McGovern Dole Food for Education Program, and Section 416(b). These programs are administered by the Agency for International Development (USAID) and Foreign Agricultural Service. Food purchased for these programs are distributed through private voluntary agencies and the World Food Program. IPD also arranges for survey of cargo at destination ports and delivery locations for a number of non-governmental organizations.

Business Operations Support Division

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Business Operations Support Division (BOSD) is responsible for analysis and evaluation of Processed Commodity Inventory Management System (PCIMS), Grain Inventory Management System (GIMS), Cotton On-Line Processing System (COPS) applications, coordinating software and hardware needs for KCCO, user assistance for personal computer applications, coordinating with ITSD on software development, and assisting in the development of strategic plans for KCCO.

Commodity Management Division

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The Commodity Management Division (CMD) markets and manages the inventories of several commodities such as cotton, grain, rice, oilseeds, pulses, sugar, dairy products and peanuts owned by Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and regularly analyzes the location, condition, and quantity of these stocks. In accordance with program objectives and authorized directives, determines and posts applicable Posted County Prices (PCPs), acquires, sells, exchanges or disposes of grain, oilseeds, cotton, pulses, rice, sugar, peanuts, and dairy products. Prepares and issues announcements for the sale of assigned commodities.

Contract Reconciliation Division

Greg Borchert, Chief
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Administers the Extra Long Staple Cotton agreements. Authorizes payment for domestic transportation, Export Enhancement and Dairy Export Incentive Programs, Sunflower-seed and Cottonseed Oil Assistance Programs, and surveys of cargo discharged in foreign countries. Assures compliance for the End-Use Certificate Program and financial compliance for various storage agreements as well as the United States Warehouse Act. Monitors the transportation of commodities shipped under CCC sponsored humanitarian programs and provides oversight of private voluntary organizations (PVO's) with respect to handling export commodities while in the PVO's care and custody. Pursues and adjudicates debt by and against CCC resulting from export and domestic transportation losses, and invoices for stevedore, warehouse, and vendor losses.

Warehouse License and Examination Division

Tim Mehl, Chief
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Warehouse License and Examination Division (WLED) performs warehouse examinations in support of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Uniform Storage Agreements and the United States Warehouse Act (USWA). Such examinations ensure the integrity of agricultural commodities stored in approved/licensed facilities and that the facilities meet established approval standards. WLED has the responsibility of administering the licensing of warehouses under the USWA, and the regulations thereunder. WLED assures compliance with the USWA. WLED also administers the contracting and compliance for storage with warehouses under the terms of various storage agreements such as the Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement (UGRSA), Cotton Storage Agreement (CSA), Peanut Storage Agreement (PSA), Sugar Storage Agreement (SSA), and Processed Commodities Storage Agreement (PCSA).