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Notice to the Trade

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

SUBJECT: Request for Warehouse Operators to Enter Cash Prices on Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) Website

The Kansas City Commodity Office has added a Market Price Entry (MPE) feature to the Electronic Distribution of Disbursement and Invoicing Data (ED3) website.

Now warehouse operators with Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreements can post their cash prices for grains, oilseeds, pulses and rice on this website. This new feature on the website will provide an important source of market information used in establishing Posted County Prices (PCPs).

All warehouse operators are encouraged to enter their cash prices on this website at: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/finance>.

This site is best viewed using either Netscape 4.x or Internet Explore 5.x or later with 128 bit encryption. This site does not support Netscape 6.0 or later.

To get started, go to the Market Price Entry (MPE) drop down box, select MPE Registration, and press GO. Next enter your TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER and click on INQUIRE. After completing the registration form, KCCO will e-mail you a password. You should receive this e-mail within 24 hours after submitting the registration form.

Once you have received your password you can logon by going to the MPE drop down box, selecting LOGON, and pressing GO. By using your Taxpayer Identification Number as your user ID and your new password you can access our new cash market price entry pages. Your cash market prices can be entered daily between 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Central Time. After entering your prices, press UPDATE and you are done.

Help features are available online, however, if you have merchandising questions call Marty Mitchell or Ken Knosp at 816/926-3816. If you need assistance in reaching the site or registering to use the site, call the ED3 Help Desk at 816/926-2120 (TTY/TDD).

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