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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

AMS Commodity Procurement Launches AMS CP NEWS

AMS Commodity Procurement (AMS-CP) has maintained various distribution lists through which procurement information, notices, program news and other information is provided (via e-mail) to USDA suppliers and processors, government agencies, industry organizations, and the general public. Any individual could fill out a request form or contact our office to be added to these lists and receive timely information about Commodity Procurement activities.

In an effort to more effectively provide this information to program stakeholders, and reduce the administrative burden of maintaining this service, AMS-CP will replace our current e-mail process with a subscription-based service (aka a ListServ).

The implementation date for the AMS CP News service will be **December 1, 2012**. At that time, AMS-CP will discontinue using our current e-mail lists and begin distributing procurement information solely through AMS CP News subscriptions.

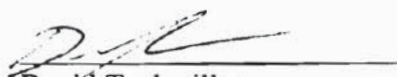
PRIOR to this implementation date, any individual currently receiving e-mailed solicitations, awards, and other announcements, and who wishes to continue receiving such notifications, must visit our website and subscribe to AMS Procurement News.

To subscribe, visit www.ams.usda.gov/commoditypurchasing, and click on the "Subscribe to AMS CP News" link.

Attached is a list of subscription choices available under AMS CP News, with details about which commodity products are covered. Please note that while "What's New: Notices and Press Releases" is optional, we advise everyone to subscribe to this list to stay informed of important updates, upcoming events, and general program-wide announcements affecting AMS Commodity Procurement.

Should you have questions about AMS CP News, or need assistance with the subscription process, you may contact Sara Hernandez, AMS Commodity Procurement Staff, at sara.hernandez@ams.usda.gov or by calling 202-680-4734.

Thank you for your interest in AMS Commodity Procurement programs.


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AMS CP News Subscriptions

Please visit www.ams.usda.gov/commoditypurchasing to subscribe to any or all of the following AMS CP News categories.

- **What's New- Notices and Press Releases** (Notices to the Trade, USDA and AMS Press Releases, Other General Announcements)
- **Disaster Purchasing** (For Vendors willing to supply products for emergency response. NOTE: To be contacted for Disaster Purchasing, the subscriber MUST provide an "After-Hours Phone Number" when filling out the subscription form)
- **Beef Products- Fresh and Frozen** (Fresh Boneless, Frozen Ground, Special Trim, Frozen Roasts, Frozen Diced)
- **Beef and Pork Products- Cooked** (Beef Crumbles/Patties, Pork Crumbles/Patties)
- **Ham Products- Fully Cooked** (Hams, Sliced Hams, Diced Hams)
- **Pork Products- Frozen** (Boneless Picnics, Boneless Leg Roasts)
- **Fish Products** (Canned Salmon, Canned Tuna, Catfish Products, Alaskan Pollock)
- **Canned Meat and Poultry** (Canned Beef, Canned Pork, Canned Beef Stew and Chili, Canned Chicken)
- **Chicken and Chicken Products- Fresh, Frozen and Cooked** (Whole, Parts, Bulk, Cooked Fajita Strips, Oven-Roasted)
- **Turkey and Turkey Products- Fresh, Frozen and Cooked** (Whole, Parts, Roasts, Bulk, Taco Filling, Cooked Breast, Hams, Delis)
- **Eggs and Egg Products** (Shell Eggs, Egg Mix, Whole Egg Cartons and Tankers)
- **Other Red Meat** (Lamb Products, Bison/Buffalo Products)
- **Fresh Fruit and Vegetables** (Fresh Fruit, Fresh Vegetables, Bulk for Processing, Fresh Produce Pilot)
- **Canned Fruit, Vegetables, and Beans** (Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables and Soups, Canned Dried Beans, Peas and Lentils)
- **Frozen Fruit** (Frozen Fruit)
- **Frozen Vegetables** (Frozen Vegetables)
- **Bottled Juices** (Bottled Fruit Juices)
- **Frozen Juices and Frozen Juice Concentrate** (Frozen Juice, Frozen Concentrate, Frozen Concentrate for Manufacturing)
- **Dried Beans, Peas, and Lentils** (Dry Packaged, Bulk)
- **Dried Fruit and Nuts** (Dried Fruit, Shelled Nuts, Dried Fruit/Nut Mix)
- **Dehydrated Potato Products** (Dehydrated Potato Flakes)