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Subject: Release of Third Quarter Cocoa Grindings for 2012

This letter confirms the third quarter statistics given to the ICE Futures US.

	In Metric Tons		Increase (Decrease)	
	2012	2011	Amount	%
Cocoa Beans Ground	121,890	124,621	(2,731)	(2.19)
Aggregate Number of Plants Reporting	17	18	(1)	(5.56)

The Cocoa Grinds Report supplied by The National Confectioners Association has changed. Beginning with the report for the First Quarter 2009, the report will cover grinds for North America, including Canada, Mexico and the USA. In addition, the reports no longer include Liquor and Butter Melted. New reporting companies and plants have been added (see attached).

Quarterly Grindings Report Release Date Schedule:

4th Quarter 2012 Report release date is 01/17/2013
 1st Quarter 2013 Report release date is 04/18/13
 2nd Quarter 2013 Report release date is 07/18/13
 3rd Quarter 2013 Report release date is 10/17/13

Attached is a list of companies who responded to the survey this quarter.



**LIST OF COMPANIES RESPONDING TO THIRD QUARTER OF 2012
COCOA PRODUCTS USE SURVEY**

ADM Cocoa

Barry Callebaut

The Blommer Chocolate Co.

Cargill Cocoa & Chocolate Co.

ECOM

Ghirardelli Chocolate Co.

Guittard Chocolate Co.

The Hershey Company

Mars Chocolate North America

Nestle Chocolate & Confections

World's Finest Chocolate, Inc.