



**To:** Amanda Plant — ICE Futures U.S.  
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**Date:** April 16, 2015  
**Subject:** Release of First Quarter Cocoa Grindings for 2015

This letter will confirm the Fourth quarter statistics given to the ICE Futures US.

	In Metric Tons		Increase (Decrease)	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Cocoa Beans Ground	121,508	129,007	(7,499)	(5.81)
Aggregate Number of Plants Reporting	17	17	0	0.00

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 will no longer include Liquor and Butter Melted. New reporting companies and plants have been added (see attached).

Quarterly Grindings Report Release Date Schedule for remainder of 2015:

2nd Quarter 2015	07/16
3rd Quarter 2015	10/15
4th Quarter 2015	01/21

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



**LIST OF COMPANIES RESPONDING TO FIRST QUARTER OF 2015  
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.