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Subject: Release of Fourth Quarter Cocoa Grindings for 2016

	In Metric Tons		Increase (Decrease)	
	2016	2015	Amount	%
Cocoa Beans Ground	117,588	118,896	(1,308)	(1.10)
Aggregate Number of Plants Reporting	17	17	0	0.00

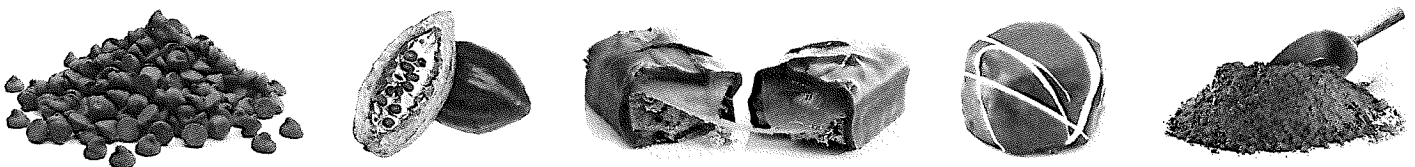
The Cocoa Grinds Report supplied by The National Confectioners Association has changed. Beginning with the report for the First Quarter 2009, the report will cover grinds for North America, including Canada, Mexico and the USA. In addition, the reports will no longer include Liquor and Butter Melted.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

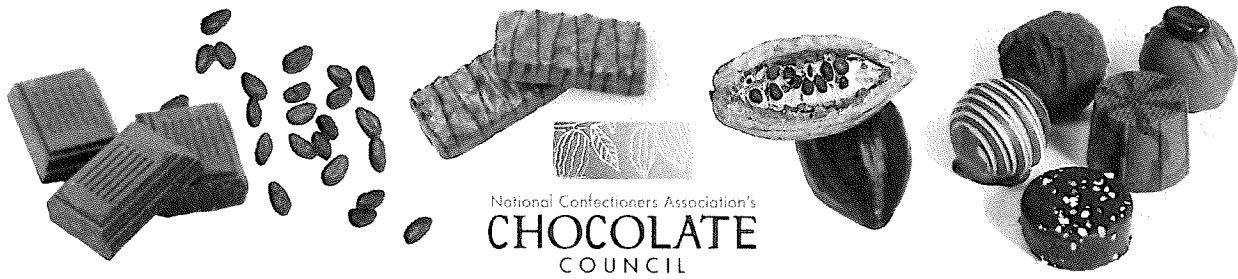
Note: Due to the change in ownership of a manufacturing process, some of the prior year amounts have been combined.

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

Quarterly Grindings Report Release Date Schedule for 2017:

- First Quarter 2017: Report Release Date is April 20, 2017
- Second Quarter 2017: Report Release Date is July 20, 2017
- Third Quarter 2017: Report Release Date is October 19, 2017
- Fourth Quarter 2017: Report Release Date is January 18, 2018





LIST OF COMPANIES

**RESPONDING TO FOURTH QUARTER OF 2016
COCOA PRODUCTS USE SURVEY**

Barry Callebaut

Guittard Chocolate Co.

The Blommer Chocolate Co.

The Hershey Company

Cargill Cocoa & Chocolate Co.

Mars Chocolate North America

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Nestlé

Ghirardelli Chocolate Co.

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