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**NOTICE** 

**TO:** All Warehouse Operators Approved to Store

**CCC-Owned Commodities Under the Processed** 

**Commodities Storage Agreement** 

SUBJECT: Mold and Infestation Rejection of CCC-Owned Products

Rejection of CCC-Owned Products

This Notice is to remind all warehouse operators of their responsibilities concerning the storage of CCC-Owned commodities.

Warehouse operators must be aware that mold and infestation problems increase when changes in the weather occur. Warehouse operators shall take all necessary steps to maintain the condition of CCC-Owned commodities. Mold may cause the product to deteriorate and be downgraded or destroyed.

Any CCC-Owned commodity determined to have mold or to be contaminated by infestation will be rejected as warehouse damage. If this occurs, an examiner will prepare a WA-570, Inventory Adjustment Notice, and a claim (based on the current market value of the product) will be established against the warehouse operator. Any package with the product exposed will be rejected and must not be used in feeding programs.

Warehouse operators shall take preventive sanitary measures to address mold growth and sources of infestation. You are encouraged to review the guidelines issued in The Warehouse Operators Handbook concerning mold and infestation. Warehouse operators must ensure they are following good manufacturing practice in order to maintain the integrity of CCC-Owned commodities.

The warehouse operator must immediately notify Roger Stiles at 816-926-2609 or Barbara Williams at 816-926-3299 with the Kansas City Commodity Office if any type of mold, infestation, moisture or other problem is detected with CCC-Owned commodities.

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