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Regional Terms Defined (Updated May 2020)

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AG ENERGY

Chicago and Beyond: Chicago serves as an FOB reference point. This location was chosen because of its rail transfer system that serves as a railcar gateway. The Chicago rail system can offload and re-load rail cars into unit sizes used in the trade. This includes trade units labeled as a “Train” consisting of 23 to 26 car unit, a “Shuttle” consisting of approximately a 110 car unit Train that may be broken into 4 individual segments, or as individual “Car” units.

Eastern Corn-Belt: The grain production region of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan

Lethbridge: Alberta Canada

Pacific Northwest: Oregon and Washington

Texas Border: Border locations of Eagle Pass and El Paso Texas

DIRECT HAY

Basin: Forage growing region in eastern Utah, east of the Wasatch Mountains and south of the Uinta mountains.

Central San Joaquin Valley (CA): California counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Inyo.

Crook-Deschutes-Jefferson-Wasco Counties (OR): Major hay production counties in Oregon.

Eastern Oregon: Oregon counties of Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wheeler, Grant, Baker, Malheur.

Harney County (WA-OR): Area of Harney County, Oregon

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Klamath Basin (OR): Oregon counties of Klamath, Jackson, and Josephine.

Lake County (OR): Area of Lake County, Oregon

Mountains and Northwest (CO): Colorado counties of Moffat, Routt, Jackson, Rio Blanco, Garfield, Gunnison, Teller, Grand, Chaffee, Park, Clear Creek, Gilpin, Summit, Lake, and Eagle.

North Inter-Mountains (CA): California counties of Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen, and Plumas.

North San Joaquin Valley (CA): California counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Mono, Merced, Mariposa.

Panhandle (TX): The 26 northern-most counties located north of Plainview, TX consisting of Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler counties.

Platte Valley (NE): The growing region along the Platte river in Nebraska that is most prominent in Buffalo, Dawson, Gosper, Phelps and Kearney counties.

Sacramento Valley (CA): California counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Yolo, Solano, Sutter, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Sacramento, Amador, and Alpine.

San Luis Valley (CO): Colorado counties of Saguache, Alamosa, Costilla, Conejos, Rio Grande, and Mineral.

FEEDSTUFFS

CA – Central Coast: California counties of San Mateo, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Monterey.

CA – Chino Valley: San Bernardino county California

CA – Northeast: California counties of Siskiyou, Modoc, and Lassen.

CA – Northern Coast: California counties of San Francisco, Trinity, Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte.

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CA – Sacramento Valley: California counties of Butte, Colusa, Sacramento, Yolo, Glenn, Sutter, Yuba, Solano, Tehama, and Shasta.

CA – San Joaquin Valley: California counties of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, and Tulare.

CA – Sierra Mountains: California counties of Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Mariposa.

CA – South: California counties of Los Angeles, Imperial, Kern, Bakersfield, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, and Imperial.

East Coast: Coastal region of along the states of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Eastern Florida.

Eastern Corn-belt: Major crop production region consisting of southern Wisconsin, southern Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky.

Gulf Coast: Coastal region of the Gulf of Mexico including the coast lines of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and western Florida.

Indiana-Ohio: Major Crop production region of Indiana and Ohio.

Kansas City: Refers to terminals, mills and processors with the Kansas City, MO and Kansas City, KS areas. Could include locations on either side of the Missouri River and extending north to St. Joseph, MO.

Mid-Atlantic & Northeast: The combined agricultural production region of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New York.

Midwest: Geographical area east of the Rocky Mountains and west of the Mississippi River.

Min-Dak: Production area consisting of Minnesota and North Dakota

Northern Plains: Geographical region that borders the Rocky Mountains on the west consisting of eastern Montana, eastern Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

Pacific Northwest: The states of Oregon and Washington.

Southeast: Region of the US consisting of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

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Southern Plains: Geographical region that borders the Rocky Mountains on the west and consisting of eastern New Mexico, eastern Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

St Louis: Refers to terminals, mills, or processors within the St Louis, MO area. Could include location on either side of the Mississippi River.

POINT OF SALE GRAIN

Arkansas River: Barge loading elevators along the Arkansas River.

Bluegrass: Crop growing region of Kentucky east of Lexington.

Central Panhandle: Region of the Texas Panhandle, south of the Canadian River and North of Highway 70. This has replaced the term "Triangle Area."

Chicago: Chicago serves as an FOB basis location for the wheat trade. This location was chosen because of its rail transfer system which serves as a railcar gateway. The Chicago rail system has the ability to offload and re-load rail cars into unit sizes utilized in the trade of wheat. This includes trade units quantified as a "Train" consisting of 23 to 26 car unit, a "Shuttle" consisting of approximately a 110 car unit Train that may be broken into 4 individual segments, or as an individual "Car" unit. Wheat does not have to enter the Chicago rail network to be priced and traded under this "FOB" price point, it simply serves as a national basis location in which to price wheat.

Den-Rate: Denver serves as an FOB Basis location for the trade of grains and pulse crops.

Duluth: City of Duluth, Minnesota.

East Coast Ports: Grain Import/Export terminals located along the Atlantic Ocean primarily the coastal port cities of Baltimore, MD and Norfolk, VA.

Golden Triangle: Crop growing region of Montana between Interstate 15 (west boundary) and Route 87 (east boundary) from Great Falls to the Canadian border.

Great Lakes: Barge loading elevators along the coast of the great lakes including Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, Lake Erie, and Lake Ontario.

Green River: Crop growing regions along the Green River in Kentucky south of Owensboro and in between Interstates 69 and 165.

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Gulf Coast Ports - LA: Grain Import/Export terminals located along the Gulf of Mexico primarily in the vicinity of the coastal port cities of Baton Rouge/New Orleans, LA.

Gulf Coast Ports – TX: Grain Import/Export terminals located along the Gulf of Mexico primarily in the vicinity of the coastal port cities of Houston TX, Galveston TX, and Beaumont TX.

Illinois River: Barge loading elevators along the Illinois River.

Little Egypt: Southern half of the Southern third of the State of Illinois. Bordered by the Mississippi River on West, Ohio River to South, Wabash region to the East

Lower E. Shore (MD): South of Highway 50 from Cambridge to Mardela Springs to Route 54 and the Delaware Border.

MGEX Floor: This is the Minneapolis Grain Exchange, located at 301 Fourth Ave South Suite 880, Minneapolis MN 55415.

Mid E. Shore (MD): Grain production region of Eastern Shore Maryland South of Routes 301 from Queenstown to Centerville; South of Route 304 from Centerville to Baltimore Corner; and South of Route 313 from Baltimore Corner to Goldsboro, then North of Highway 50 from Cambridge to Mardela Springs to Route 54 and the Delaware Border.

Min-Dak: Grain Production region of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Mississippi River: Barge loading elevators along the Mississippi River.

Missouri River: Barge loading elevators along the Missouri River.

North Illinois River: Illinois River North of Peoria, IL within the State of Illinois

North Iowa MS River: Barge loading elevators along the Mississippi River between the river points of Clayton, IA; Dubuque, IA; and Albany, IL.

North Panhandle: Region of the Texas Panhandle north of the Canadian River. This has replaced the term “North of the Canadian River.”

Northeast Missouri MS River: Barge loading elevators along the Mississippi River in northeast Missouri above the St. Louis region.

Ohio River: Barge loading elevators along the Ohio River.

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Ohio River – Lower KY: Barge loading elevators along the Ohio River from Maceo, KY to Ledbetter, KY

Ohio River – Upper KY: Barge loading elevators along the Ohio River from Cincinnati, OH to Louisville, KY

Pacific Ports: Grain Import/Export terminals located along Pacific Ocean primarily in the coastal port cities of Portland OR, Kalama WA, Vancouver WA, and Puget Sound WA (Seattle/Tacoma).

Pennyrile: Crop rowing region of Kentucky south of Pennyrile State Forest to the Tennessee border, east of Lake Barkley, and west of Interstate 65.

PNW: The states of Oregon and Washington.

Purchase: Western most region of Kentucky consisting of Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Marshall, and McCracken Counties.

Southeast Missouri MS River: Barge loading elevators along the Mississippi River in southeast Missouri below the St. Louis region.

South Illinois River: Illinois River South of Peoria, IL within the State of Illinois

South Iowa MS River: Barge loading elevators along the Mississippi River between the river points of Clayton, IA; Davenport, IA; Buffalo, IA, and Burlington, IA.

South Minnesota MS River: Barge loading elevators along the Mississippi River between the river points of Winona, MN and La Crosse, WI.

South Panhandle: Region of the Texas Panhandle, representing anything south of Plainview (Highway 70). This term replaced the term “South of the line from Plainview to Muleshoe”.

South Plains: Geographical region that borders the Rocky Mountains on the west and consist of the eastern New Mexico, eastern Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

St. Louis MS River: Barge loading elevators along the Mississippi River in or in the vicinity of St. Louis, MO.

Toledo – Off River: Toledo, OH terminal elevators.

Toledo – On River: Toledo, OH barge loading elevators.

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Upper E. Shore (MD): Grain production region of Eastern Shore Maryland North of Routes 301 from Queenstown to Centerville; North of 304 from Centerville to Baltimore Corner; and North of Route 313 from Baltimore Corner to Goldsboro.

Wabash: The Illinois portion consists of Clark, Edgar, Crawford, Jasper, Cumberland, Coles, Douglas, Gallatin, Edwards, Wabash, and White.