

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

RICHARD DENNIS and PORT 22, LLC, on behalf of
themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE ANDERSONS, INC., CARGILL, INC., and
JOHN/JANE DOES NOS. 1-50

Defendants.

Case No. 1:20-cv-04090

**DECLARATION OF JACK EWASHKO ON BEHALF OF A.B. DATA, LTD.
REGARDING NOTICE ADMINISTRATION**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, I, Jack Ewashko, declare as follows:

1. I am a Director of Case Management at A.B. Data, Ltd.’s Class Action Administration Company (“A.B. Data” or “Settlement Administrator”). I am over 21 years of age and am not a party to the above-captioned action (“Action”). My business address is 600 A.B. Data Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53217, and my telephone number is 414-961-7555. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently thereto.

2. A.B. Data was approved as the Notice Administrator in connection with this Action and administered Notice to the Class following the Court’s class certification order. *See* ECF No. 266.

3. I respectfully submit this Declaration to provide the Court with information regarding A.B. Data’s execution of the Court-approved plan of notice in connection with Plaintiffs’ Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and Class Counsel’s Motion for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees, Award of Expenses, and Request for Service Awards to Class Representatives, including the mailing of the Short form Notice (the “Postcard Notice”), the publication of the

Summary Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement (the “Publication Notice”), the maintenance of the case website, and other administrative activities.

4. A.B. Data executed the Court-approved plan of notice, which consisted of the following:

A. Disseminating by first class United States mail, copies of the Postcard Notice to the following persons and entities:

- (i) Names and addresses for potential Class Members comprised of “large traders” of CBOT SRW Wheat futures and options during the Class Period;
- (ii) Large traders in the relevant contracts identified by the CME pursuant to a third-party subpoena.;
- (iii) CME clearing firm members who cleared CBOT SRW Wheat futures contracts during the Class Period;
- (iv) Potential Class members identified by clearing firms after notice of class certification was issued;
- (v) Futures Commission Merchants (“FCMs”) registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) as of December 31, 2017 and;
- (vi) “Regular for Delivery” Grain Elevators Certified by the CBOT during the Class Period.

B. Disseminating copies of the Publication Notice as follows:

- (i) Banner ads which appear for 30 days on the premium trade publication-related website, traders.com. *Stocks & Commodities* magazine runs the website, traders.com, as the digital media component of their print publication.; and
- (ii) Banner ads will also appear on an email blast and e-newsletters to *Stocks & Commodities* newsletter subscribers

C. Establishing a case-specific website, which hosts an Online Claim submission portal and made available copies of the Long Form Notice, Claim Form, Distribution Plan, and other case-related documents in downloadable form at www.2017CBOTWheatFuturesClassAction.com.

DIRECT MAIL NOTICE

5. The data described in paragraph 4.A. above was electronically processed by A.B. Data to ensure adequate address formatting and the elimination of duplicate names and addresses. The names and addresses were then loaded to a segregated database created for this Action (the “A.B. Data Mailing Database”).

6. Where names of potential Class Members were provided with incomplete addresses, A.B. Data undertook research to identify addresses. Such research included utilizing a database maintained by A.B. Data of the largest banks, brokerage houses and clearing firms.

7. A.B. Data electronically processed the data referenced in paragraph 4.A. above to ensure adequate address formatting and the elimination of duplicate names and addresses, resulting in 4,333 distinct records for mailing (the “Initial Mailing List”). A.B. Data standardized and updated the Initial Mailing List addresses using NCOALink[®], a national database of address changes that is compiled by the United States Postal Service (the “USPS”).

8. On August 18, 2026, A.B. Data caused 4,333 Postcard Notices to be mailed via first-class mail, postage prepaid, to persons and entities on the Initial Mailing List. A true and accurate copy of the Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

MEDIA NOTICE

9. In accordance with the Notice Program, A.B. Data utilized paid, digital and earned media to reach potential Class members as set forth below.

10. Starting on or about August 18, 2026, A.B. Data began running 30-day banner advertisements (which included a link to the case website) on the *Stocks & Commodities Magazine Website*. A copy of the banner advertisement is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

11. On or about August 25, 2026, A.B. Data began distribution of the banner ad e-newsletter Publication via electronic mail to *Stocks & Commodities Magazine* newsletter subscribers. A sample copy of the email is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

12. Starting on September 1, 2026, A.B. Data will begin distribution of the banner ad Publication via electronic mail to *Stocks & Commodities Magazine* newsletter subscribers.

WEBSITE

13. A.B. Data has continued to maintain for the above-captioned Action the case-specific website established in connection with notice of class certification, www.2017CBOTWheatFuturesClassAction.com. The website provides, among other things, the Long-Form Notice, online claim submission, distribution plan and general information regarding the Action and its current status. The website also includes answers to frequently asked questions, and Class Counsel's contact information. A true and accurate copy of the website home page is attached hereto as Exhibit D. In addition, visitors may view and download copies of the Long Form Notice, Claim Form, and other Court-filed documents. The Long Form Notice and Proof of Claim and Release ("Notice Packet") provided Class Members with the requisite information about the Settlement and the Action, including, among other things, the nature of the

Action, the definition of the class certified, and the binding effect of a class judgment on members under Rule 23(c)(3). A true and accurate copy of the Notice Packet is attached hereto as Exhibit E.

14. Additionally, the website includes an email address (info@2017CBOTWheatFuturesClassAction.com) for potential Class Members to contact A.B. Data with questions or for additional information.

TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE LINE

15. A case-specific toll-free number, 866-588-5528, was established with an Interactive Voice Response system and live operators. Callers to the toll-free number are presented with a series of choices to respond to basic questions. If callers needed further help, they had the option to be transferred to a live operator during business hours.

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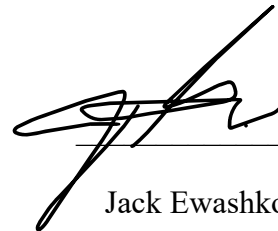
16. As of the date of this Declaration, A.B. Data has received zero Objections to the Settlement, the Distribution Plan, or Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees, expenses, and service awards.

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17. A.B. Data will submit a supplemental declaration to update the Court on the status of its efforts after the September 17, 2026 deadline to complete Notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 31th day of August 2026.



Jack Ewashko

EXHIBIT A

***NOTICE OF
CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT***

**This Notice may affect your legal rights.
Please read it carefully.**

***Richard Dennis and Port 22, LLC on
behalf of themselves and all others
similarly situated,***

-against-

The Andersons, Inc., and Cargill, Inc.
Case No. 20-cv-4090 (N.D. Ill.)

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c/o A.B. Data, Ltd.
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DO NOT CALL OR CONTACT THE COURT OR THE CLERK'S OFFICE REGARDING THIS NOTICE OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

TO: All persons or entities who purchased—(a) a long position in Chicago Board of Trade (“CBOT”) soft red winter (“SRW”) wheat December 2017 or March 2018 futures contracts; (b) a long position in CBOT call options on CBOT soft red winter wheat March 2018 futures contracts; or (c) a short position in CBOT put options on CBOT soft red winter wheat March 2018 futures contracts—and subsequently liquidated the position through an offsetting market transaction at any point during the period of November 30 through December 14, 2017, inclusive (the “Class Period”), except that sales of CBOT March 2018 futures contracts made after December 14, 2017 qualify for inclusion in the Class only to the extent they were made in liquidation of a long position in the CBOT March 2018 contract which was initiated prior to December 14, 2017.

This Notice is to alert you to a proposed Settlement with Cargill, Incorporated (“Cargill”) and The Andersons, Inc. (“TAI,” and together with Cargill, “Defendants”) totaling **\$10,000,000.00**, in a pending class action (the “Action”). Defendants deny each and every one of Plaintiffs’ allegations of unlawful conduct, and each maintains that it has good and meritorious defenses to the claims of liability and damages made by Plaintiffs.

If you are a member of the Class, you will need to decide whether to: (i) file a claim form, (ii) do nothing, or (iii) object to the Settlement. The only way to receive your share of the Net Settlement Fund is to complete and file a timely and valid Claim Form electronically by no later than **December 14, 2026**, or to mail your Claim Form so that it is postmarked no later than **December 14, 2026**. If you do nothing in connection with the Settlement, you will receive no payment from the Net Settlement Fund and you will be bound by past and any future Court rulings, including rulings on the Settlement, if approved, and the Settlement’s release.

If you are not sure if you are included in the Settlement Class, you can get more information, including the detailed Notice, at www.2017CBOTWheatFuturesClassAction.com or by calling toll-free 1-866-588-5528 (if calling from outside the United States or Canada, call 1-866-588-5528).

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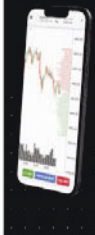


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2017 CBOT Wheat Futures Class Action

The Class certified by the Court is defined as all persons or entities who purchased:

1. A long position in Chicago Board of Trade ("CBOT") soft red winter ("SRW") wheat December 2017 or March 2018 futures contracts;

2. A long position in CBOT call options on CBOT soft red winter wheat March 2018 futures contracts; or
3. A short position in CBOT put options on CBOT soft red winter wheat March 2018 futures contracts—and subsequently liquidated the position through an offsetting market transaction at any point during the period of November 30 through December 14, 2017, inclusive (the “Class Period”), except that sales of CBOT March 2018 futures contracts made after December 14, 2017, qualify for inclusion in the Class only to the extent they were made in liquidation of a long position in the CBOT March 2018 contract which was initiated prior to December 14, 2017.

The information contained on this web page is only a summary of information presented in more detail in the Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement, November 12, 2026 Settlement Hearing and Class Members’ Rights (the “Notice”), which you can access by clicking [here](#). Since this website is just a summary, you should review the Notice for additional details.

A Notice of Class Action Settlement was mailed August 18, 2026. Your rights may be affected by the proceedings in the above-captioned Action. The Notice advises you of your rights and options with respect to this Action, including what you must do if you wish to share in the proceeds of the Net Settlement Fund.

If you purchased a Chicago Board of Trade (“CBOT”) soft red winter (“SRW”) wheat December 2017 or March 2018 futures contract after November 29, 2017, or a CBOT call option on CBOT soft red winter wheat March 2018 futures contracts, or a CBOT put option on CBOT soft red winter wheat March 2018 futures contracts after November 29, 2017, the purpose of the Notice is to inform you of a proposed settlement (the “Settlement”) with Defendants Cargill, Incorporated (“Cargill”) and The Andersons, Inc. (“TAI,” and together with Cargill, “Defendants”).

Plaintiffs entered into the Stipulations and Agreements of Settlement (the “Stipulations”) with Cargill and TAI on May 27, 2026.

Please do not contact the Court regarding the Notice. Inquiries concerning the Notice, Claim Form, or any other questions by Class Members should be directed to:

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c/o A.B. Data, Ltd.
P.O. Box 173107
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Tel: 866-588-5528

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Plaintiffs allege that that Defendants Cargill and TAI manipulated the CBOT SRW wheat December 2017 futures contract ("CBOT December 2017 contract") and the CBOT SRW wheat March 2018 futures contract ("CBOT March 2018 contract") and options on the CBOT March 2018 contract. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants manipulated these contracts (and options on the CBOT March 2018 contract) by registering 2,000 December 2017 SRW wheat shipping certificates for the purpose of influencing prices rather than because of any legitimate need to sell that quantity of wheat. Plaintiffs assert claims against Defendants under the Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. § 1 et seq., the Sherman Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1 and 2, et seq., and the common law regarding unjust enrichment.

Defendants deny that they did anything wrong and assert that Plaintiffs' claims have no merit. Among other things, Defendants assert that the registration of shipping certificates was economical, not for any improper purpose, and lawful.

Nonetheless, to avoid the uncertainty and risk of further litigation and the duration, expense, difficulties, and delays inherent in such litigation, Defendants have agreed to settle the claims in this lawsuit, and to individually pay \$5 million each, or \$10 million total, to eligible Settlement Class Members.

The Court has preliminarily approved the Settlement. The following table contains a summary of your rights and options regarding the Settlement.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THESE SETTLEMENTS

DO NOTHING

If you do nothing in connection with the Settlement, you will receive no payment from the Net Settlement Fund and you will be bound by past and any future Court rulings, including rulings on the Settlement, if approved, and the Settlement's releases.

FILE A CLAIM FORM

The only way to receive your share of the Net Settlement Fund is to complete and file a timely and valid Claim Form electronically by no later than **December 14, 2026**, or to mail your Claim Form so that it is postmarked no later than **December 14, 2026**.

OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT

If you wish to object to any aspect of the Settlement, Distribution Plan, Class Counsel's application for attorneys' fees and expenses, Plaintiffs' application for Service Awards, or any other matter, you must file a written objection with the Court and serve copies on Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel by **September 28, 2026**. You must be and remain within the Settlement Class in order to object.

GO TO THE SETTLEMENT HEARING

You may ask the Court for permission to speak about the Settlement at the Settlement Hearing by including such a request in your written objection, which you must file with the Court and serve on Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel by **September 28, 2026**. The Settlement Hearing is currently scheduled for **September 28, 2026**, but you should check the Settlement Website before attending because the hearing date is subject to change.

APPEAR THROUGH AN ATTORNEY

You may enter an appearance through your own counsel at your own expense.

If you have questions, you may call the Settlement Help Line at **866-588-5528**, or email info@2017CBOTwheatfuturesclassaction.com



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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Dennis, et al. v. The Andersons, Inc., et al.

Case No. 20-cv-4090 (N.D. Ill.)

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, NOVEMBER 12, 2026
SETTLEMENT HEARING AND CLASS MEMBERS' RIGHTS**

This Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement, November 12, 2026 Settlement Hearing and Class Members' Rights ("Notice") is given pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and an Order of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (the "Court"). It is not junk mail, an advertisement, or a solicitation from a lawyer. You have not been sued.

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE NOTICE CAREFULLY. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED ACTION ("ACTION"). THIS NOTICE ADVISES YOU OF YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THIS ACTION, INCLUDING WHAT YOU MUST DO IF YOU WISH TO SHARE IN THE PROCEEDS OF THE NET SETTLEMENT FUND. TO CLAIM YOUR SHARE OF THE NET SETTLEMENT FUND, YOU MUST ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT YOUR PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM ("CLAIM FORM") ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 14, 2026 OR MAIL YOUR CLAIM FORM TO THE ADDRESS IN QUESTION 12 SO THAT IT IS POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 14, 2026.

TO: All persons or entities who purchased—(a) a long position in Chicago Board of Trade ("CBOT") soft red winter ("SRW") wheat December 2017 or March 2018 futures contracts; (b) a long position in CBOT call options on CBOT soft red winter wheat March 2018 futures contracts; or (c) a short position in CBOT put options on CBOT soft red winter wheat March 2018 futures contracts—and subsequently liquidated the position through an offsetting market transaction at any point during the period of November 30 through December 14, 2017, inclusive (the "Class Period"), except that sales of CBOT March 2018 futures contracts made after December 14, 2017 qualify for inclusion in the Class only to the extent they were made in liquidation of a long position in the CBOT March 2018 contract which was initiated prior to December 14, 2017.

"CBOT Wheat Futures or Options" means wheat futures and options contracts that trade on the Chicago Board of Trade ("CBOT").

The purpose of this Notice is to inform you of a proposed settlement in this Action (the "Settlement") with Defendants Cargill, Incorporated ("Cargill") and The Andersons, Inc. ("TAI," and together with Cargill, "Defendants"). Plaintiffs entered into the Stipulations and Agreements of Settlement (the "Stipulations") with Cargill and TAI on May 27, 2026.

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You are receiving this Notice because records indicate that you may have transacted in one or more CBOT Wheat Futures or Options during the Class Period and may be a Class Member in this Action.

Please do not contact the Court regarding this Notice. Inquiries concerning this Notice, the Claim Form, or any other questions by Class Members should be directed to:

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Milwaukee, WI 53217
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If you are a brokerage firm, futures commission merchant, nominee or other person or entity who or which entered into CBOT Wheat Futures or Options during the Class Period for the beneficial interest of persons or organizations other than yourself, the Court has directed that, WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, you either: (i) provide the name(s) and last known address(es) of such customers to the Notice Administrator, A.B. Data, Ltd. at the address listed below within one week of receiving this Notice, which will send Notice to those customers, or (ii) mail or email copies of this Notice to such persons or entities that are members of the Class. Please preserve your clients' transaction records in CBOT SRW December 2017 or March 2018 futures contracts (and options on such futures contracts) traded between November 29, 2017 through March 31, 2018, and instruct your clients of their preservation obligations detailed below in this Notice. You may be reimbursed from the Settlement Fund for your reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Those expenses require prior authorization of the Settlement Administrator and will be paid upon submission of appropriate supporting documentation. All communications regarding the foregoing should be addressed to the Settlement Administrator at the address listed above.

Plaintiffs allege that that Defendants Cargill and TAI manipulated the CBOT SRW wheat December 2017 futures contract ("CBOT December 2017 contract") and the CBOT SRW wheat March 2018 futures contract ("CBOT March 2018 contract") and options on the CBOT March 2018 contract. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants manipulated these contracts (and options on the CBOT March 2018 contract) by registering 2,000 December 2017 SRW wheat shipping certificates for the purpose of influencing prices rather than because of any legitimate need to sell that quantity of wheat. Plaintiffs assert claims against Defendants under the Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*, the Sherman Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1 and 2, *et seq.*, and the common law regarding unjust enrichment.

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Defendants deny that they did anything wrong and assert that Plaintiffs' claims have no merit. Among other things, Defendants assert that the registration of shipping certificates was economical, not for any improper purpose, and lawful.

Nonetheless, to avoid the uncertainty and risk of further litigation and the duration, expense, difficulties, and delays inherent in such litigation, Defendants have agreed to settle the claims in this lawsuit, and to individually pay \$5 million each, or \$10 million total, to eligible Settlement Class Members.

The Court has preliminarily approved the Settlement. The following table contains a summary of your rights and options regarding the Settlement. More detailed information about your rights and options can be found in the Stipulations and Distribution Plan, which are both available at www.2017CBOTWheatFuturesClassAction.com (the "Settlement Website").

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT	
DO NOTHING	If you do nothing in connection with the Settlement, you will receive no payment from the Net Settlement Fund <i>and</i> you will be bound by past and any future Court rulings, including rulings on the Settlement, if approved, and the Settlement's releases. See question 18.
FILE A CLAIM FORM	The only way to receive your share of the Net Settlement Fund is to complete and file a timely and valid Claim Form electronically by no later than December 14, 2026 , or to mail your Claim Form so that it is postmarked no later than December 14, 2026 . See question 12.
OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT	If you wish to object to any aspect of the Settlement, Distribution Plan, Class Counsel's application for attorneys' fees and expenses, Plaintiffs' application for Service Awards, or any other matter, you must file a written objection with the Court and serve copies on Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel by September 28, 2026 . You must be and remain within the Settlement Class in order to object. See questions 19 and 20.
GO TO THE SETTLEMENT HEARING	You may ask the Court for permission to speak about the Settlement at the Settlement Hearing by including such a request in your written objection, which you must file with the Court and serve on Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel by September 28, 2026 . The Settlement Hearing is currently scheduled for September 28, 2026 , but you should check the Settlement Website before attending because the hearing date is subject to change. See questions 23 - 25.

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YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT	
APPEAR THROUGH AN ATTORNEY	You may enter an appearance through your own counsel at your own expense. See question 25.

These rights and options and the deadlines to exercise them are explained in this Notice. The capitalized terms used in this Notice are explained or defined below or in the Stipulations, which are available on the Settlement Website, www.2017CBOTWheatFuturesClassAction.com.

The Court has appointed the lawyers listed below (“Class Counsel”) to represent you and the Settlement Class in this Action:

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Please regularly visit the Settlement Website www.2017CBOTWheatFuturesClassAction.com for updates relating to the Settlement.

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. What is a Class Action Lawsuit?

A class action is a lawsuit in which one or more representative plaintiffs (in this case, Plaintiffs) bring a lawsuit on behalf of themselves and other similarly situated persons (*i.e.*, a class) who have similar claims against the defendants. The representative plaintiffs, the court, and counsel appointed to represent the class all have a responsibility to make sure that the interests of all class members are adequately represented.

Importantly, class members are NOT individually responsible for payment of attorneys’ fees or litigation expenses. In a class action, attorneys’ fees and litigation expenses are paid from the settlement fund (or the court-awarded judgment amount) and must be approved by the court. If there is no recovery on behalf of the class, the attorneys do not get paid.

When a representative plaintiff enters into a settlement with a defendant on behalf of a class, such as in the Settlement with Defendants, the court will require that the members of the class be given notice of the settlement and an opportunity to be heard with respect to the settlement. The court then conducts a hearing (called a Settlement Hearing) to determine, among other things, if the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate.

2. Why Did I Get this Notice?

You received this Notice because you requested it or records indicate that you may be a Class Member. As a potential Class Member, you have a right to know about the proposed Settlement before the Court decides whether to approve the Settlement.

This Notice explains the Action, the Settlement, your legal rights, what benefits are available, who is eligible for them, and how you can apply to receive your portion of the benefits if you are

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eligible. The purpose of this Notice is also to inform you of the Settlement Hearing to be held by the Court to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement and Distribution Plan and to consider requests for awards of attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and costs, and any Service Awards for Plaintiffs from the Settlement Fund.

3. What are the Definitions Used in this Notice?

Unless otherwise indicated, this Notice incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulations and Agreements of Settlement (the "Stipulations"). The Stipulations and the Court's Preliminary Approval Order as to the Stipulations are posted on the Settlement Website. All capitalized terms used, but not defined, shall have the same meanings as in the Stipulations and the Court's Preliminary Approval Order.

4. What is this Action About?

This lawsuit alleges that TAI and Cargill operated multiple grain storage warehouses in Toledo, Ohio and collaborated to manipulate prices of soft red winter ("SRW") wheat futures and options contracts on the CBOT. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants sold SRW wheat to the major purchasers in October and November 2017 to suppress demand for physical SRW wheat. Plaintiffs further allege that on November 29, 2017, TAI registered for delivery 2,000 certificates of CBOT December 2017 SRW wheat for the purpose of influencing prices, rather than because of any legitimate need to sell that quantity of wheat. Specifically, Plaintiffs, who filed this lawsuit on behalf of themselves and the Class, allege that TAI registered 2,000 December 2017 SRW wheat shipping certificates to falsely signal to the market that it planned to sell wheat from the futures market using the CBOT delivery process in December 2017. The price of the CBOT December 2017 contract decreased, and the spread between the CBOT December 2017 contract and the CBOT March 2018 contract widened. Defendants subsequently repurchased the majority of the shipping certificates that TAI had delivered at the decreased prices.

Plaintiffs assert claims against Defendants under the Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. § 1, *et seq.* ("CEA"), the Sherman Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1 and 2, *et seq.* ("Sherman Act"), and the common law regarding unjust enrichment.

Defendants deny that they did anything wrong and assert that Plaintiffs' claims have no merit. Among other things, Defendants assert that the registration of shipping certificates was economical, not for any improper purpose, and lawful.

Nevertheless, to settle the claims in this lawsuit, and thereby avoid the distraction and cost of further litigation, Defendants have agreed to pay \$5 million each (\$10 million total) (the "Settlement Fund") in cash for the benefit of the proposed Settlement Class. If the Settlement is approved, the Settlement Fund, plus interest earned from the date it was established, less any Taxes, the reasonable costs of Class Notice and claims administration, any Court-awarded

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attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and costs, Service Awards for Plaintiffs, and any other costs or fees approved by the Court (the "Net Settlement Fund") will be divided among all Class Members who file timely and valid Claim Forms.

If the Settlement is approved, the Action will be fully resolved. If the Settlement is not approved, Plaintiffs will continue to pursue their claims against Cargill and TAI.

5. What is the History of this Action?

The Plaintiffs initially filed this lawsuit on July 10, 2020. On September 14, 2020, TAI filed a motion to have the case transferred to the Northern District of Ohio ("MTT"). Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint on October 9, 2020 (the "FAC"). On December 23, 2020, Defendants moved to dismiss the FAC, arguing that Plaintiffs failed to adequately state their claims. On July 9, 2021, the Court issued a Memorandum Opinion and Order (the "July 9 Order") that denied Defendants' motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' CEA claims and granted Defendants' motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' Sherman Act claims and common law unjust enrichment claims. In the July 9 Order, the Court denied Defendants' MTT and granted Plaintiff leave to refile a second amended complaint, which Plaintiffs filed on August 9, 2021 (the "SAC"). On August 30, 2021, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' Sherman Act claims alleged in the SAC, arguing that Plaintiffs failed to allege essential elements for the claims. On May 3, 2022, the Court issued a Memorandum Opinion and Order (the "May 3 Order") that denied Defendants' motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' Sherman Act claims alleged in the SAC. On June 15, 2022, Defendants filed answers to Plaintiffs' SAC. On February 9, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a third amended complaint (the "TAC") to add Plaintiff Michael Glass. Defendants filed answers to Plaintiffs' TAC on March 10, 2023. Discovery began in January 2022, with fact discovery completing in September 2024.

On March 27, 2024, Plaintiffs moved to certify this lawsuit as a class action pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Defendants moved to exclude the testimony of Plaintiffs' class certification expert. On October 7, 2024, the Court issued an order that largely denied Defendants' motion to exclude ("October 7 Order"). Defendants filed an objection to the October 7 Order, which the Court denied on December 17, 2024, finding that the opinions of Plaintiffs' expert related to the requirements for class certification, classwide injury, and damages were sufficiently reliable and, therefore, the Court's October 7 Order was not clear error. On May 7, 2025, the Court granted Plaintiffs' motion and certified the Class. On June 16, 2025, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals denied Defendants' appeal of the certification order under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(f), and on July 16, 2025, the Seventh Circuit denied Defendants' petition for rehearing *en banc*.

While the litigation was ongoing and following the Court's class certification decision, Class Counsel and Cargill's Counsel negotiated the basic terms of the settlement and executed a binding term sheet. Plaintiffs filed a notice of settlement on November 26, 2025 and continued to litigate

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against TAI. While continuing to negotiate the settlement with Cargill, Class Counsel and TAI's Counsel agreed to a settlement amount, informed the Court on April 1, 2026, and negotiated a binding term sheet. The Stipulations were finalized and executed on May 27, 2026.

On May 28, 2026, Plaintiffs moved for preliminary approval of the Settlement, which was granted on July 14, 2026.

6. Why is there a Settlement?

Plaintiffs and Class Counsel believe that Class Members have been damaged by Cargill's and TAI's conduct. Defendants deny the allegations made by Plaintiffs and believe that they have meritorious defenses to Plaintiffs' allegations such that Plaintiffs' claims would have been rejected prior to trial, at trial, or on appeal. As a result, Defendants believe Plaintiffs would have received nothing if the litigation had continued to trial.

The Court has not decided in favor of either Plaintiffs or Defendants. Instead, Plaintiffs reached settlement of the Action. The Settlement allows the Parties to avoid the risks and costs of lengthy litigation and the uncertainty of pre-trial proceedings, a trial, and appeals. If the Settlement is approved, eligible Class Members who file timely and valid Claim Forms will receive some compensation, rather than risk ultimately receiving nothing. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel believe the Settlement is in the best interest of all Class Members.

Each Defendant has agreed to pay \$5 million for a total of \$10 million (the "Settlement Fund") in cash for the benefit of the proposed Settlement Class. If the Settlement is approved, the Net Settlement Fund will be divided among all Class Members who file valid Claim Forms.

If the Settlement is approved, the Action will be fully resolved. If the Settlement is not approved, Plaintiffs will continue to pursue their claims against Cargill and TAI.

WHO GETS MONEY FROM THE SETTLEMENT

7. How Do I Know if I am a Class Member?

In the Preliminary Approval Order, the Court preliminarily approved the following Settlement Class:

All persons or entities who purchased—(a) a long position in Chicago Board of Trade ("CBOT") soft red winter ("SRW") wheat December 2017 or March 2018 futures contracts; (b) a long position in CBOT call options on CBOT soft red winter wheat March 2018 futures contracts; or (c) a short position in CBOT put options on CBOT soft red winter wheat March 2018 futures contracts—and subsequently liquidated the position through an offsetting market transaction at any point during

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the period of November 30 through December 14, 2017, inclusive (the “Class Period”), except that sales of CBOT March 2018 futures contracts made after December 14, 2017 qualify for inclusion in the Class only to the extent they were made in liquidation of a long position in the CBOT March 2018 contract which was initiated prior to December 14, 2017. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: Defendants and their direct or indirect parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, officers, directors, employees, and agents, whether or not named as a Defendant; the United States government; and any judicial officer presiding over this Action and the members of his or her immediate family and judicial staff. Also excluded from the Settlement Class is any Person or entity who or which (i) submitted a timely and valid request for exclusion as directed in the notice of the Court’s May 7, 2025 certification of the litigation Class in this Action or (ii) properly excludes himself, herself, or itself by filing a valid and timely request for exclusion in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Class Notice approved by the Court, to the extent the Court provides an exclusion option, and who is excluded from the Settlement Class by order of the Court.

Not everyone who fits this description will be a Class Member. Please see question 8 for a discussion of exclusions from the Settlement Class.

8. Are there Exceptions to Being Included in the Settlement Class?

Yes. You are not included in the Settlement Class if you are a Defendant or any direct or indirect parent, subsidiary, affiliate, division, officer, director, employee, and agent of any Defendant, whether or not named as a Defendant. In addition, the United States government, the judicial officer presiding over this Action, and the members of his or her immediate family and judicial staff are excluded from the Settlement Class. Finally, any Person or entity who or which submitted a timely and valid request for exclusion as directed in the notice of the Court’s May 7, 2025 certification of the litigation Class in this Action will not be a member of the Settlement Class.

9. Can I Still Exclude Myself?

No. The option to exclude yourself has passed. If you did not exclude yourself from the certification of the litigation Class previously, you are a Class Member and cannot ask to be excluded now.

10. I’m Still Not Sure if I am Included.

If you are still not sure whether you are included, you can ask for free help. You can call toll-free 1-866-588-5528 (if calling from outside the United States or Canada, call 1-866-588-5528) or visit the Settlement Website, www.2017CBOTWheatFuturesClassAction.com for more information.

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THE SETTLEMENT'S BENEFITS

11. What Does the Settlement Provide?

Cargill and TAI have each paid \$5 million into a fund to be held for disbursement to the Settlement Class and to pay for Court-approved fees and expenses, if the Settlement is approved.

This is not a claims-made settlement, and Defendants are not involved in the development of the Distribution Plan for the Settlement. The Settlement does not provide for a reversion of the Settlement Fund to Defendants.

12. How Will I Get a Payment?

If you are a Class Member and have not excluded yourself, you are eligible to file a Claim Form to receive your share of money from the Net Settlement Fund. Claim Forms must be submitted online at the Settlement Website on or before 11:59 p.m. Central time on **December 14, 2026 OR** postmarked by **December 14, 2026** and mailed to:

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Following the timely submission and receipt of your Claim Form, the Settlement Administrator will provide a confirmation number and inform you of important next steps.

Please keep all data and documentation related to your eligible CBOT Wheat Futures or Options. Having data and documentation may be important to substantiating your Claim Form.

If you do not file a Claim Form, you will not receive any payments from the Net Settlement Fund.

13. How Much Will My Payment Be?

The amount of your payment will be determined by the Distribution Plan, if it is approved, or by such other plan of distribution that is approved by the Court. At this time, it is not known precisely how much each Authorized Claimant will receive from the Net Settlement Fund or when payments will be made. For more information on the Distribution Plan see question 14.

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14. What is the Distribution Plan?

The Distribution Plan is available for review on the Settlement Website, www.2017CBOTWheatFuturesClassAction.com. Changes, if any, to the Distribution Plan based on newly available data or information will be promptly posted on the Settlement Website. Please check the Settlement Website for the most up-to-date information about the Distribution Plan.

15. When Will I Receive a Payment?

The Court will hold the Settlement Hearing on **November 12, 2026** to decide whether to approve the Settlement and Distribution Plan. Class Members who intend to attend the Settlement Hearing should check the Settlement Website to confirm the date of the Settlement Hearing, which is subject to change by the Court. If the Court approves the Settlement and Distribution Plan, there may be appeals after that. It can sometimes take a year or more for the appellate process to conclude. The Settlement Administrator will also require some time to process and verify the Claim Forms submitted.

Please be patient; status updates will be posted on the Settlement Website.

16. What Do I Have to Do After I File a Claim Form?

After you file a Claim Form, the Settlement Administrator will evaluate your Claim Form to determine if you have provided sufficient information to validate your membership in the Settlement Class. If the Settlement Administrator determines that your Claim Form is deficient or defective, it will contact you. If you subsequently provide information that satisfies the Settlement Administrator concerning the validity of your Claim Form, you will not have to do anything else. If any disputes cannot be resolved, you may present any disputes to the Court at the time Class Counsel seeks Court approval to distribute the Net Settlement Fund, and the Court will make a final determination of the validity of your Claim Form.

Please keep all data and documentation related to your eligible CBOT Wheat Futures or Options. Having data and documentation may be important to substantiating your Claim Form.

17. What Am I Giving Up to Receive a Payment?

Unless you have validly excluded yourself, you remain a Class Member. That means you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants or the Released Parties, or any other Person, based on the facts, conduct, or events, during the Class Period, underlying this Action. Upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Plaintiffs and each of the Releasing Parties shall release and be deemed to release and forever discharge and shall be forever enjoined from prosecuting the Settled Claims against the Released Parties. All Releasing Parties covenant and agree that they shall not hereafter seek to establish liability against any Released Party or any other Person based on the facts, conduct, or events, during the Class Period, underlying this Action. The Releasing Parties agree not to rely on or use in any manner the Stipulations or the Settled Claims in connection with any other litigation.

The capitalized terms used in this paragraph are defined in the Stipulations, Preliminary Approval Order, or this Notice. For easy reference, certain of these terms are copied below:

- “Released Parties” means Defendants, together with their respective past and present, direct and indirect corporate parents (including holding companies), subsidiaries, related entities, affiliates, associates, divisions, joint ventures, predecessors, successors, and each of their respective past or present officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managing directors, employees, agents, contractors, attorneys, legal or other representatives, trustees, trusts, heirs, beneficiaries, estates, executors, administrators, insurers, shareholders, advisors, and assigns, in their capacities as such.
- “Releasing Parties” means individually and collectively each Plaintiff and Settling Class Member, on behalf of himself, herself, or itself, each of his, her, or its respective past and present, direct and indirect corporate parents (including holding companies), subsidiaries, related entities, affiliates, associates, divisions, joint ventures, predecessors, successors, and each of his, her, or its respective past or present officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managing directors, employees, agents, contractors, attorneys (including Class Counsel), legal or other representatives, trustees, trusts, heirs, beneficiaries, estates, executors, administrators, insurers, shareholders, advisors, and assigns, in their capacities as such.
- “Settled Claims” means any and all manner of claims, including Unknown Claims, causes of action, cross-claims, counter-claims, charges, liabilities, demands, judgments, suits, obligations, debts, setoffs, rights of recovery, or liabilities for any obligations of any kind whatsoever (however denominated), whether class, derivative, or individual, in law or equity or arising under constitution, statute, regulation, ordinance, contract, or otherwise in nature,

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for fees, costs, penalties, fines, debts, expenses, attorneys' fees, and damages, whenever incurred, and liabilities of any nature whatsoever (including joint and several), known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, choate or inchoate, which the Releasing Parties ever had, now have, or hereafter can, shall, or may have, individually, representatively, derivatively, or in any capacity against Defendants or any other Released Parties arising from or relating in any way, directly or indirectly, to the facts, conduct, or events that were or could have been alleged or asserted in the Action against the Released Parties during the Class Period. The Settled Claims include, but are not limited to, any alleged damage, loss, or harm arising from or relating in any way—directly or indirectly—to Defendants' alleged manipulation of CBOT Wheat Futures or Options prices. The Parties intend that this term be interpreted broadly. For the avoidance of doubt, Settled Claims shall not include: (i) any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement and (ii) any claims of any Person or entity that submitted a timely and valid request for exclusion as directed in the notice of the Court's May 7, 2025 certification of the litigation Class in this Action or that submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class, to the extent exclusion is available, in connection with the Class Notice and whose request is accepted by the Court.

18. What If I Do Nothing?

You are automatically a Settlement Class Member if you fit the Settlement Class description. However, if you do not submit a timely and valid Claim Form, you will not receive any payment from the Net Settlement Fund. You will be bound by past and any future Court rulings, including rulings on the Settlement and releases. Unless you have validly excluded yourself, you will not be able to start a lawsuit, continue with a lawsuit, or be a part of any other lawsuit against Defendants or any of the other Released Parties on the basis of the Settled Claims. Please see question 17 for a description of the Settled Claims.

OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

19. How Do I Tell the Court What I Think About the Settlement?

If you are a Class Member and you have not validly excluded yourself, you can tell the Court what you think about the Settlement. You can object to all or any part of the Settlement, Distribution Plan, and/or application for attorneys' fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses and costs, and any Service Awards for Plaintiffs. You can give reasons why you think the Court should approve them or not. The Court will consider your views. If you want to make an objection, you may enter an appearance in the Action, at your own expense, individually or through counsel of your own choice, by filing with the Clerk of United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

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a notice of appearance and your objection, and serving copies of your objection on Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel by **September 28, 2026** to the following email and physical addresses:

<i>Class Counsel</i>	<i>Cargill's Counsel</i>	<i>TAI's Counsel</i>
Raymond P. Girnys LOWEY DANNENBERG, P.C. 44 South Broadway, Suite 1100 White Plains, NY 10601 (914) 733-7205 2017CBOTWheatFuturesSettlement @lowey.com & Anthony F. Fata KIRBY McINERNEY LLP 211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 550 Chicago, IL 60606 Telephone: (312) 371-6600 settlements@kmlp.com	Kenneth M. Kliebard MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP 110 North Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606 Phone: (312) 324-1000 Facsimile: (312) 324-1001 kenneth.kliebard@morganlewis.com	Ellen M. Wheeler FOLEY & LARDNER LLP 321 North Clark Street, Suite 3000 Chicago, IL 60654 Phone: (312) 832-4500 Facsimile: (312) 832-4700 ewheeler@foley.com

Any Class Member who does not enter an appearance will be represented by Class Counsel.

If you choose to object, you must file a written objection. You cannot make an objection by telephone or email. Your written objection must: (i) include the name, address, and telephone number of the Person or entity objecting and be signed by the Class Member or his, her, or its legally authorized representative (an attorney's signature is not sufficient); (ii) the name of the Action (*Dennis, et al. v. The Andersons, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:20-cv-4090 (N.D. Ill.)); (iii) state the Class Member's objection or objections, and the specific reasons for each objection, including any legal and evidentiary support the Class Member wishes to bring to the Court's attention; (iv) whether the objection applies only to the Class Member, a specific subset of the Settlement Class, or the entire Settlement Class; (v) documents sufficient to prove the Class Member's membership in the Settlement Class, including a description of the transaction(s) entered into by the Settlement Class Member that fall within the Settlement Class definition; (vi) a statement of whether you intend to appear at the Settlement Hearing, either in person or through counsel and, if through counsel, a statement identifying that counsel by name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address; and (vii) a list of other cases in which you or your counsel has appeared either as an objector or counsel for an objector in the last five years. If you enter an appearance and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing in support of your objection, you must also include in your written objection or notice of appearance the identity of any witnesses you may call to testify and any exhibits you intend to introduce into evidence at the hearing. Objectors may, in certain

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circumstances, be required to make themselves available to be deposed within seven (7) days of service of the objector's timely written objection.

If you do not timely and validly submit your objection, your views will not be considered by the Court. Check the Settlement Website, www.2017CBOTWheatFuturesClassAction.com for updates on important dates and deadlines relating to the Settlement.

20. What is the Difference Between Objecting and Excluding Myself?

Objecting is telling the Court that you do not like something about the Settlement. You can object to the Settlement only if you remain a Class Member and did not previously exclude yourself from the litigation Class. If you have validly excluded yourself, you have no right to object to the Settlement because it no longer affects you.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

21. Do I Have a Lawyer in this Case?

The Court has appointed the lawyers listed below to represent you and the Settlement Class in this Action:

Raymond P. Girnys
LOWEY DANNENBERG, P.C.
44 South Broadway, Suite 1100
White Plains, NY 10601
Telephone: (914) 733-7205

Anthony F. Fata
KIRBY McINERNEY LLP
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 550
Chicago, IL 60606
Telephone: (312) 767-5180

These lawyers are called Class Counsel. Class Counsel may apply to the Court for payment of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and costs from the Settlement Fund. You will not otherwise be charged for Class Counsel's services. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

22. How Will the Lawyers Be Paid?

To date, Class Counsel have not been paid any attorneys' fees or reimbursed for any out-of-pocket costs. Any attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and costs will be awarded only as approved by the Court in amounts determined to be fair and reasonable. The Settlement provides that Class Counsel may apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and costs out of the Settlement Fund. Prior to the Settlement Hearing, Class Counsel will move for an award of no more than \$3,333,333.33 in attorneys' fees, which is one-third of the Settlement Fund, plus an award of no more than \$1.5 million as payment of litigation expenses and costs, and for interest on such attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and costs at the same rate as the earnings in the

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Settlement Fund, accruing from the inception of the Settlement Fund until the attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and costs are paid. Plaintiffs may also seek Service Awards from the Settlement Fund for the two class representatives totaling no more than \$50,000.

This is only a summary of the request for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and costs. Any motions in support of the requests will be available for viewing on the Settlement Website after they are filed by **August 31, 2026**. If you wish to review the motion papers, you may do so by viewing them at the Settlement Website, www.2017CBOTWheatFuturesClassAction.com.

The Court will consider the motion for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and costs and Plaintiffs' request for a Service Award at or after the Settlement Hearing.

THE COURT'S SETTLEMENT HEARING

23. When And Where Will the Court Decide Whether to Approve the Settlement?

The Court will hold the Settlement Hearing on **November 12, 2026**, at **1:30 p.m.**, at the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604. The Settlement Hearing may be moved to a different date or time without notice to you. Although you do not need to attend, if you plan to do so, you should check the Settlement Website before making travel plans.

At the Settlement Hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Court will also consider whether to approve the Distribution Plan and requests for attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and costs, and any Service Awards for Plaintiffs. If there are any objections, the Court will consider them at this time. We do not know how long the Settlement Hearing will take or when the Court will make its decision. The Court's decision may be appealed.

24. Do I Have to Come to the Settlement Hearing?

No. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. You are, however, welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you file and serve your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also hire your own lawyer to attend, but you are not required to do so.

25. May I Speak at the Settlement Hearing?

You may ask the Court for permission to speak at the Settlement Hearing. If you want to appear at the Settlement Hearing, you may enter an appearance in the Action at your own expense, individually, or through counsel of your own choice, by filing with the Clerk of Court a notice of appearance and your objection, and serving copies of your objection on Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth in question 19, such that they are received no

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later than **September 28, 2026**, or as the Court may otherwise direct. Any Class Member who does not enter an appearance will be represented by Class Counsel. You cannot request to speak at the Settlement Hearing by telephone unless the Settlement Hearing is conducted remotely.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

26. How Do I Get More Information?

The Court has appointed A.B. Data, Ltd. as the Settlement Administrator. Among other things, the Settlement Administrator is responsible for providing this Notice of the Settlement and processing Claim Forms.

This Notice summarizes the Stipulations. More details are in the Stipulations and Distribution Plan, which are available for your review at the Settlement Website, www.2017CBOTWheatFuturesClassAction.com. The Settlement Website also has answers to common questions about the Settlement, Claim Form, and other information to help you determine whether you are a Class Member and whether you are eligible for a payment. You may also call toll-free 1-866-588-5528 (if calling from outside the United States or Canada, call 1-866-588-5528) or write to the Settlement Administrator at:

2017 CBOT Wheat Futures Class Action
c/o A.B. Data, Ltd.
P.O. Box 173107
Milwaukee, WI 53217
Tel: 866-588-5528
Email: info@2017CBOTWheatFuturesClassAction.com

If this Notice reached you at an address other than the one on the mailing label, or if your address changes, please enter your current information online at the Settlement Website, or send it to the Settlement Administrator at the address set forth above in the event the Settlement Administrator needs to contact you.

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DATED: AUGUST 18, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

RICHARD DENNIS and PORT 22, LLC, on behalf
of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE ANDERSONS, INC., CARGILL, INC., and
JOHN/JANE DOES NOS. 1-50

Defendants.

Case No.: 1:20-cv-04090

PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. A Settlement has been reached in the above-referenced Action litigation styled, *Dennis, et al. v. The Andersons, Inc., et al.*, 1:20-cv-04090, pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division. The matter involves plaintiffs who purchased a Chicago Board of Trade (“CBOT”) soft red winter (“SRW”) wheat December 2017 or March 2018 futures contract after November 29, 2017, or a CBOT call option on CBOT soft red winter wheat March 2018 futures contracts, or a CBOT put option on CBOT soft red winter wheat March 2018 futures contracts after November 29, 2017. The Settlement is subject to Court approval.
2. If you are a member of the Settlement Class (*see* definition in ¶1 above) you may be eligible for a payment from the Net Settlement Fund if you comply with the instructions in this Proof of Claim and Release (“Proof of Claim”) form and submit it in a timely manner. Payments from the Net Settlement Fund will be made only to Authorized Claimants and in accordance with and pursuant to a plan of distribution approved by the Court. An Authorized Claimant is a Settlement Class Member whose Proof of Claim is found by the Settlement Administrator to be timely, adequately supported, properly verified and otherwise valid.
3. Submission of this Proof of Claim form, however, does not assure that you will share in the Net Settlement Fund.
4. You have two options for completing a Proof of Claim form:
 - a. You can mail your completed and signed Proof of Claim form postmarked no later than December 14, 2026, to:

2017 CBOT WHEAT FUTURES CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT
c/o A.B. DATA, LTD.
P.O. BOX 173107
MILWAUKEE, WI 53217
www.2017CBOTWheatFuturesClassAction.com

- b. You can complete and submit the Proof of Claim form through the Settlement website by visiting www.2017CBOTWheatFuturesClassAction.com.

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- Omission of necessary information and/or supporting documents will make your claim defective so that it may be rejected, in which case you will be notified of such rejection and be given an opportunity to remedy identified deficiencies. You must include all requested trade information for all transactions in SRW Wheat futures contracts and/or options on SRW Wheat futures contracts after November 29, 2017 (the “Settlement Class Period”) for all accounts you owned or controlled.

6. If you are NOT a member of the Settlement Class, DO NOT submit a Proof of Claim and Release form.
7. If you are a member of the Settlement Class and you fail to submit a valid and timely Proof of Claim pursuant to the instructions set forth herein or fail to provide adequate documentation of those transactions, you may be precluded from any recovery from the Net Settlement Fund. However, unless you have validly excluded yourself from the Settlement Class, you will be bound by the terms of the Settlement and any judgments entered in the Action related to the Settlement whether or not you submit a Proof of Claim form.

**MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER
THAN DECEMBER 14, 2026**

Please print or type

1. Please provide the following information for you and your affiliates¹ that transacted in SRW futures contracts and/or options on SRW futures at any time during the Settlement Class Period:

Claimant Name(s) (“Claimant”):

☐ Individual ☐ Corporation ☐ Estate ☐ Other (specify) _____

Name of Person Executing Claim:

Capacity of Person Executing Claim:

Claimant Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

¹ “Affiliates” means any other person or entity that you control, either directly or through one or more intermediaries, or any person or entity that is controlled by or is under common control with such intermediary person or entity.

2. Please provide proof of all transactions in SRW futures contracts and/or options on SRW futures contracts on the CBOT exchange that you made during the Settlement Class Period by, for example, enclosing photocopies of daily brokerage confirmations, monthly account statements, and other documents evidencing purchases and/or sales reflecting any and all transactions in such SRW futures contracts and/or options. Each Claimant must provide documentation sufficient to allow the Claims Administrator to calculate any Recognized Suppression Loss and/or transaction volume pursuant to the Distribution Plan and otherwise determine whether a transaction in a SRW futures contract or an option on SRW futures contract traded on the CBOT exchange qualifies as a transaction in SRW futures contract and/or options on SRW futures contract. The Distribution Plan is available on the settlement website referenced above. Such documentation must reflect the date, price, and quantity of all such transactions in SRW futures contracts and/or options. **It is highly likely that the most efficient method for Claimants to support their claims is to produce records reflecting all SRW futures contracts or options on SRW futures contracts traded on the CBOT exchange during the Settlement Class Period. To the extent you have daily commodity trading statements reflecting your transactions in SRW futures contracts or options on SRW futures contracts during the Settlement Class Period, please produce all such daily statements. To the extent you have monthly commodity statements reflecting your transactions in SRW futures contracts or options on SRW futures contracts during the Settlement Class Period, please also produce all such monthly statements. However, monthly statements typically do not reflect the prices at which transactions were opened or closed. As such, providing statements does not excuse Class Members' obligation to submit the requested spreadsheet or complete the online chart. The Distribution Plan provides that if the Settlement Administrator is unable to determine from the records submitted by an Authorized Claimant the price at which a particular position was opened and/or closed, the Settlement Administrator may use the settlement price on the day the position was opened and/or closed.**

If any such documents are not in your possession, please obtain them or their equivalent from your broker or tax advisor or other sources if it is possible for you to do so.

ITEM 3—INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIST OF TRANSACTIONS IN SRW FUTURES CONTRACTS AND/OR OPTIONS ON SRW FUTURES CONTRACTS

In listing the information requested in Item 4 below, you should always use trade dates, not settlement dates. Do not average prices of separate transactions, including transactions within a given date. It is important that you supply the information requested to the fullest extent that you are able to do so or your claim may be determined to be deficient and not eligible for payment.

ITEM 4—LIST OF HOLDINGS AND TRANSACTIONS IN SRW FUTURES CONTRACTS AND/OR OPTIONS ON SRW FUTURES CONTRACTS

4(a). If you purchased or sold an SRW December 2017 and/or March 2018 futures contract on the CBOT, during the Settlement Class Period (*i.e.*, after November 29, 2017), then you must provide the information set forth in the Tables I and II below for all such transactions.

TABLE I—HOLDINGS OF SRW DECEMBER 2017 AND/OR MARCH 2018 FUTURES CONTRACTS AT THE CLOSE OF NOVEMBER 29, 2017

Contract Code & Exchange	Contract Month/Year	Number of Contracts

**TABLE II—PURCHASE(S) AND SALE(S) OF SRW DECEMBER 2017 AND/OR MARCH 2018 FUTURES CONTRACTS
FROM NOVEMBER 30, 2017 THROUGH MARCH 14, 2018**

Date of Transaction	Purchase or Sale (P/S)	Contract Code & Exchange	Contract Month/Year	Number of Contracts In Transaction	Price
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4(b). If you purchased or sold an SRW futures March 2018 Call Options on the CBOT, during the Settlement Class Period (*i.e.*, after November 29, 2017), then you must provide the information set forth in Tables III and IV below for all such transactions.

TABLE III—HOLDINGS OF SRW FUTURES MARCH 2018 CALL OPTIONS AT THE CLOSE OF NOVEMBER 29, 2017

Contract Code & Exchange	Contract Month/Year	Number of Contracts	Strike Price

TABLE IV—PURCHASE(S) AND SALE(S) OF SRW FUTURES MARCH 2018 CALL OPTIONS FROM NOVEMBER 30, 2017 THROUGH MARCH 14, 2018

Date of Transaction	Purchase or Sale (P/S)	Call (C)	Contract Code & Exchange	Contract Month/Year	Strike Price	Number of Options	Option Price	Insert “E” if Exercised. “A” if Assigned “X” if Expired.
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4(c). If you purchased or sold an SRW futures March 2018 Put Options on the CBOT, during the Settlement Class Period (*i.e.*, after November 29, 2017), then you must provide the information set forth in Tables V and VI below for all such transactions.

TABLE V—HOLDINGS OF SRW FUTURES MARCH 2018 PUT OPTIONS AT THE CLOSE OF NOVEMBER 29, 2017

Contract Code & Exchange	Contract Month/Year	Number of Contracts	Strike Price

TABLE VI—PURCHASE(S) AND SALE(S) OF SRW FUTURES MARCH 2018 PUT OPTIONS FROM NOVEMBER 30, 2017 THROUGH MARCH 14, 2018

Date of Transaction	Purchase or Sale (P/S)	Put (P)	Contract Code & Exchange	Contract Month/Year	Strike Price	Number of Options	Option Price	Insert “E” if Exercised. “A” if Assigned “X” if Expired.
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SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF COURT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Claimant submits this Proof of Claim form under the terms of the Distribution Plan described in the Notice and available for review in full on the Settlement Website. The Claimant also submits to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (the “Court”), with respect to this Proof of Claim and for purposes of enforcing the releases set forth herein, the terms of the Settlement Agreements, and any order or judgment of the Court. The Claimant further acknowledges that he, she, or it will be bound by the terms of any judgment entered in connection with the Settlement in the Plaintiffs’ Action, including the releases set forth therein. The Claimant agrees to furnish additional information to the Settlement Administrator to support this claim, such as additional documentation for transactions in SRW futures contracts and/or options on SRW futures contracts, if required to do so. The Claimant has not submitted any claim covering the same holdings of SRW futures contracts and/or options on SRW futures contracts during the Settlement Class Period and knows of no other person having done so on his, her, or its behalf.

It is important that the Claimant accurately discloses all transactions in SRW futures contracts and/or options on SRW futures contracts open at the start of, made during, and open at the end of the Settlement Class Period. The Claimant expressly consents to the release to the Settlement Administrator of any and all documents reflecting the Claimant’s transactions in such SRW futures contracts and/or options that may be obtained from third parties, including, but not limited to, your brokerage firm(s) and/or the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”). By executing this Proof of Claim, the Claimant hereby permits the Settlement Administrator to request from the CBOT the Claimant’s account and relevant trade information in connection with evaluating the claim for payment from the Net Settlement Fund.

The Claimant certifies that reasonable efforts have been made to locate all information requested in Items 1-4 above and that all information supplied in connection with this Proof of Claim is true, correct and complete.

The Claimant understands that the information provided herein is subject to verification and the Claimant agrees to cooperate in any such verification including by furnishing additional information to support this claim and by assisting the Settlement Administrator if requested to do so.

The Claimant understands that the Settlement Administrator will determine the adequacy of the Claimant’s Proof of Claim and supporting documentation.

RELEASES AND WARRANTIES

1. The Claimant hereby acknowledges that he, she, or it has read and agrees to be bound by the terms of the Releases, the definition of Released Claims, and the terms of the Release and Covenant Not to Sue as set forth below and in the Settlement Agreements.
2. The Claimant hereby warrants and represents that he, she, or it is a Class Member as defined in the Notices, that the Claimant is not one of the Released Parties as defined in the Settlement Agreements or otherwise excluded from the Settlement, and that the Claimant believes that he, she, or it is eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund under the terms and conditions of the Distribution Plan.

3. The Claimant hereby certifies that the Claimant is NOT subject to backup withholding under the provisions of Section 3406(a)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code because: (a) the Claimant is exempt from backup withholding; or (b) the Claimant has not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (the "I.R.S.") that the Claimant is subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends; or (c) the I.R.S. has notified the Claimant that he, she, or it is no longer subject to backup withholding.
4. By signing and submitting this Proof of Claim form, Claimant (a) consents to the disclosure of information relating to Claimant's transactions in SRW futures and/or options on SRW futures contracts from November 30, 2017 through March 14, 2018, for use in the claims administration process; and (b) waives any protections provided by applicable bank secrecy, data privacy law, or any similar confidentiality protections, including with respect to futures exchanges, with respect to information relating to Claimant's transactions in SRW futures and/or options on SRW futures contracts from November 30, 2017 through March 14, 2018, for use in the claims administration process.

NOTE: If the Claimant has been notified by the I.R.S. that he, she, or it is subject to backup withholding, please strike out the language that the Claimant is not subject to backup withholding in the certification above.

5. The Claimant agrees to execute a release and covenant not to sue in conformity with the Settlement Agreements in order to receive the Claimant's pro rata share of the Net Settlement Fund. The Claimant agrees that the submission of this Proof of Claim constitutes a full release of and covenant not to sue on the Released Claims against the Releasees as set forth in the Settlement Agreements and at the end of this Proof of Claim.
6. The releases shall be of no force or effect unless and until the Court approves the Settlement and it becomes effective on the Effective Date.
7. The Claimant hereby warrants and represents that he, she, or it has not yet assigned or transferred or purported to assign or transfer, voluntarily or involuntarily, any matter released pursuant to this release or any other part or portion thereof.

I declare and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing statements and the documents and information attached hereto, including the Social Security or Employee Identification Number shown on this Proof of Claim, are true, correct, and complete. I understand that the withholding or misrepresentation of any information described herein may constitute a criminal offense subject to penalties.

This Proof of Claim and Release was executed this _____ day of _____, 202__ in _____, _____
(City/Province) (State/Country)

Signature of Claimant

Type or Print Name

Capacity of Person Signing (e.g., President, Trustee, Custodian, etc.)

If you are acting for an entity, please submit proof of your authority (e.g., corporate resolution, trust agreement, etc.).

REMINDER CHECKLIST:

1. Please sign the above release and declaration.
2. PLEASE DO NOT USE HIGHLIGHTER ON THE PROOF OF CLAIM FORM.
3. Please keep a copy of your Proof of Claim form and all documentation submitted for your records.
4. If your mailing address changes after submitting this Proof of Claim, please send your new address to the Settlement Administrator at the address below:

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