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General Comment

As an active user/consumer of USDA's export sales information, I value the information. I especially like the additional detail of the Bell Report for cancellations or changed destinations. That said, having thoroughly read the proposed changes which included communication with the ESR staff for some clarification of terms; the benefits to consumers remains unclear if the proposals are put into use. I can appreciate how it may reduce the workload of ESR staff. However, feedback from exporter-desk administrators to date is overwhelmingly negative and skeptical of the assurances their workload will be reduced as indicated. In short, inputting details for individual contracts vs. aggregated sales is of no added value from my perspective as a data-consumer. Respecting the feedback from the exporters, I question the proposed benefits are worth the effort that will be required to implement it.