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Crop	CBOT Month	Delivery Period	Futures Price	EGT Basis	Net Price	Change
Wheat	Jul 20	2020 Jun	4.95	-0.40	4.55	-0.23
Corn	Sep 19	2019 Aug-Sep	3.85	0.03	3.88	-0.25
Corn	Sep 20	2020 Aug-Sep	4.08	-0.14	3.94	-0.15
Soybeans Sidon	Nov 19	2019 Aug	8.79	-0.31	8.48	-0.16
Soybeans G'wood	Sept 19	2019 Aug. - Old Crop / DP	8.67	-0.41	8.26	-0.15
Soybeans G'wood	Nov 19	2019 Aug. - New Crop	8.79	-0.21	8.58	-0.16
Soybeans G'wood	Jan 20	2020 Jan	8.93	-0.02	8.91	-0.12
Soybeans Minter City	Nov 19	2019 Aug	8.79	-0.26	8.53	-0.15
Rice	Sep 19		11.570		0.200	
Rice	Nov 19		11.865		0.185	
Cotton	Oct 19		58.03		-1.020	
Cotton	Dec 19		58.14		-0.760	

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# Emerald Transformer welcomes new manager

**Press Release**

Emerald Transformer (Emerald) welcomes Jim Palmer as the company's new general manager of the Lexington, Mississippi, plant. Palmer brings over 30 years of experience in organizational development, operations management and safety and environmental protection within multi-state and multi-plant production. His leadership and unique skillset strengthen Emerald's ability

to continue its regional and national growth.

As general manager, Palmer is responsible for overseeing the performance, compliance, productivity, efficiency and profitability of Emerald Transformer. His hands-on, people-centric management style promotes employee engagement and reinforces the company's safety standards, core values and culture.

"We're excited to welcome Jim to Emerald Transformer and back to Mississippi," said Stuart Prior, CEO and president of Emerald Transformer. "Building upon his background in the Navy and decades of managerial experience, Jim has a deep understanding of strategic planning, operations management, mergers and acquisition administration and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs that make him a perfect fit to lead Emerald's Lexington plant."

Prior to his new role, Palmer served as director of operations of a \$180 million cooking equipment company, leading the company through a series of mergers and acquisitions. He managed a complex restructuring of the company, which included consolidating five plants, centralized the corporate headquarters from several locations and combined two engineering centers. Accountable for the health and safety of over 350 personnel, Palmer is well-versed in OSHA standards, and received a Safety Excellence Award from his previous employer.

Palmer considers his extensive Naval experience to be the key to his ability to manage people and processes efficiently and effectively. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (NAM) twice, and received the Navy Commendation Medal twice, while leading naval boardings during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering technology from Savannah State College, and his Master of Science degree in manufacturing management from Kettering University. Deeply committed to putting down lasting roots in Mississippi, Palmer joins his family in Madison, Mississippi.

# Smokey Bear: Celebrating 75 years of wildfire prevention

**MS Forestry Commission**

"Only YOU can prevent wildfires." Since 1944, Smokey Bear has been urging people to be more careful with fire, particularly in America's forests.

The Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC) will join the USDA Forest Service, the Ad Council and other national partners in celebrating Smokey Bear's



75th birthday on August 9.

"Smokey Bear is one of the world's most recognizable characters," said Russell Bozeman, MFC state forester. "Smokey's message remains as important today as it was in 1944."

Smokey Bear is the heart of the longest-running public service campaign in American history. In 2014, Smokey Bear was inducted into the Ad Council's Advertising Week Walk of Fame for being voted America's "Favorite Advertising Icon."

The success of the campaign has allowed Smokey Bear to receive some impressive accolades throughout the years.

In 1952, Congress passed the Smokey Bear Act to preserve his legacy.

In 1964, the United States Postal Service gave Smokey Bear his own zip code because of the large amount of mail he received. The only other individual with this honor is the President.

In 1984, the United States Postal Service again recognized Smokey Bear's importance by giving him his own series of postage stamps.

In 2012, Smokey Bear went where no other bear has gone – outer space. A Smokey Bear plush toy accompanied astronaut Joe Acaba to the International Space Station.

"Smokey Bear has been a vital part of the country's wildfire prevention initiative," Bozeman said. "The MFC regularly uses Smokey Bear in our outreach programs to teach young people about the dangers of being careless with fire."

Though Smokey Bear has been essential to the reduction of unwanted, human-caused wildfires over the last 75 years, he still needs help. Even today, nearly nine out of 10 wildfires nationwide are caused by people.

"With Mississippi's fall wildfire season approaching, it's important for us to remember Smokey's message that people are the best instruments for preventing wildfires," said Bozeman.

For more information about Smokey Bear's history, visit smokeybear.com.

To learn more about how you can prepare for the fall wildfire season in Mississippi or to learn how you can schedule Smokey Bear, visit mfc.ms.gov or like and follow @MSForestryComm on Facebook and Twitter.

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