

US Price Mechanism

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US PRICE MECHANISM - 2005/2006 SEASON	- cents per lb -	
	Week to date	(Official Values)
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A) Friday/Thursday average 5Middling Values	57.45	(57.11)
B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values	54.59	(54.20)
E) Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages)	15.48	(15.48)
F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E)	41.97	(41.63)
G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-6)	- 3.14	(0.00)
H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP)	10.03	(10.37)
US PRICE MECHANISM (2) COMPETITIVE ADJUSTMENT PROVISIONS		
Step 1: (inoperative if the AWP is above 115 percent of the Basic Loan, or 59.8	0 cents)	
Maximum permissible reduction of AWP	o oomo)	4.30
Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy)		
AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%)		80.71%
A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs		57.45
L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs		61.75
P) Theoretical value payable (L - A)		4.30
Official current rate payable through Thursday, October 13		4.59
No. of completed qualifying weeks		4
Step 3: (Import quota trigger) :-		
R) USDA's estimated stock-to-use ratio		33.80%
S) To trigger a Step 3 quota, if (R) is greater than 16%, (L) must exceed (A)		
and the value of the previous week's Step 2 payment for four consecutive we	eeks.	
If (R) is less than 16%, the formula is (L) - (A).		
Number of qualifying weeks to date.		0
Number of purchase quotas declared 2005/06:		
Available purchase quota (bales of 480lbs)		
AMERICAN PIMA COMPETITIVENESS PAYMENT		
US Pima CIF N.Europe quote		
Today's cheapest competing foreign quote CIF N. Europe (adjusted for quality/t	ransportation)	
T) Friday/Thursday US Pima CIF N.Europe Average		120.00
U) Average cheapest competing foreign quote CIF N. Europe (adjusted for qual	ity/transportation)	
V) Theoretical value (T-U)	ity, transportation)	15.46
No. of completed weeks. T must exceed U for four consecutive weeks.		0
Official current rate payable through Thursday October 13		N/A
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CORRECTION: On Friday, some versions of our Cottonquotes service contained an incorrect 'theoretical' value for the Pima 'Step 2' calculation, of above 28 cents per lb. The correct value was 15.46 cents per lb, which is unchanged today. The four week qualification period is under way, suggesting that shippers will qualify for payments against cotton shipped during the week beginning November 4