

US Price Mechanism

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US PRICE MECHANISM - 2005/2006 SEASON	- cents per lb -	
	Week to date	(Official Values
A) Friday/Thursday average 5Middling Values	58.59	(59.34)
B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values	56.06	(56.70)
E) Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages)	15.48	(15.48)
F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E)	43.11	(43.86)
G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-6)	- 3.47	(0.00)
H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP)	8.89	(8.14)
US PRICE MECHANISM (2) COMPETITIVE ADJUSTMENT PROVISIONS		
Step 1: (inoperative if the AWP is above 115 percent of the Basic Loan, or 59.80 c	cents)	
Maximum permissible reduction of AWP		4.10
Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy)		00.000/
AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%)		82.90%
A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs		58.59
L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs		62.69
P) Theoretical value payable (L - A) Official current rate payable through Thursday, October 37		4.10 4.51
Official current rate payable through Thursday, October 27		4.51
No. of completed qualifying weeks		4
Step 3: (Import quota trigger) :-		
R) USDA's estimated stock-to-use ratio		29.60%
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 weeks	5.	
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		407.00
US Pima CIF N.Europe quote		127.00
Today's cheapest competing foreign quote CIF N. Europe (adjusted for quality/trans	sportation)	111.04
Theoretical foreign value as percentage of basic loan (must be less than 134%)		116.06%
T) Friday/Thursday US Pima CIF N.Europe Average		124.25
U) Average cheapest competing foreign quote CIF N. Europe (adjusted for quality/t	ransportation)	108.79
V) Theoretical value (T-U)		15.46
No. of completed weeks. T must exceed U for four consecutive weeks.		2
Official current rate payable through Thursday October 27		N/A