

US Price Mechanism

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| US PRICE MECHANISM - 2005/2006 SEASON | - cents per lb - | |
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| | Week to date | (Official Values |
| A) Friday/Thursday average 5Middling Values | 56.12 | (56.57) |
| B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values | 54.81 | (54.95) |
| E) Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages) | 15.48 | (15.48) |
| F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E) | 40.64 | (41.09) |
| G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-6) | - 4.69 | (0.00) |
| H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP) | 11.36 | (10.91) |
| US PRICE MECHANISM (2) COMPETITIVE ADJUSTMENT PROVISIONS Step 1: (inoperative if the AWP is above 115 percent of the Basic Loan, or 59.8 | 80 cents) | |
| Maximum permissible reduction of AWP | , | 3.96 |
| Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy) | | |
| AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%) | | 78.15% |
| A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs | | 56.12 |
| L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs | | 60.08 3.96 |
| P) Theoretical value payable (L - A) Official current rate payable through Thursday, December 01 | | 3.90 |
| No. of completed qualifying weeks | | 4 |
| Step 3: (Import quota trigger) :- | | |
| R) USDA's estimated stock-to-use ratio | | 29.80% |
| 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 w | eeks. | |
| If (R) is less than 16%, the formula is (L) - (A). | | |
| Number of qualifying weeks to date. | | 2 |
| Number of purchase quotas declared 2005/06: | | |
| Available purchase quota (bales of 480lbs) | | |
| AMERICAN PIMA COMPETITIVENESS PAYMENT | | |
| Basic Loan Trigger | | |
| P1) Cheapest competing foreign quote C/F Far East (week to date average) | | 121.50 |
| P2) P1 adjusted for quality and transportation | | 116.05 |
| P3) P2 value must be less than 134% of basic loan (82.45) | | 140.75% |
| Payment Calculation | | |
| P4) Friday/Thursday US Pima C/F Far Eastern Average | 1:4-2) | 142.00 |
| P5) Average cheapest competing foreign quote C/F Far East (adjusted for qua P6) Theoretical value (P4-P5) | iity) | 129.61 N/A |
| P7) No. of completed weeks. P4 must exceed P5 for four consecutive weeks. | | N/A 0 |
| P8) Official current rate payable through Thursday December 1 | | N/A |
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