

US Price Mechanism

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1) Walketing Edan Gain (92.00 base loan hinted AWT)
US PRICE MECHANISM (2) COMPETITIVE ADJUSTMENT PROVISIONS
Step 1: (inoperative if the AWP is above 115 percent of the Basic Loan, or 59.80 cents)
Maximum permissible reduction of AWP 2.84
Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy)
AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%) 83.81%
A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs 59.06
L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs 61.90
P) Theoretical value payable (L - A) 2.84
Official current rate payable through Thursday, January 19 3.37
No. of completed qualifying weeks 4
Step 3: (Import quota trigger) :-
R) USDA's estimated stock-to-use ratio 31.40%
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.
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
Basic Loan Trigger
P1) Cheapest competing foreign quote C/F Far East (week to date average) 116.85
P2) P1 adjusted for quality and transportation 111.40
P3) P2 value must be less than 134% of basic loan (82.45) 135.11%
Payment Calculation
P4) Friday/Thursday US Pima C/F Far Eastern Average 142.40
P5) Average cheapest competing foreign quote C/F Far East (adjusted for quality) 124.96 P6) Theoretical value (P4-P5) N/A
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P8) Official current rate payable through Thursday January 19 N/A
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