

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	59.96	(59.06)
B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values	58.13	(57.10)
E) Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages)	15.44	(15.48)
F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E)	44.52	(43.58)
G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-6)	- 4.17	(0.00)
H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP)	7.48	(8.42)
US PRICE MECHANISM (2) COMPETITIVE ADJUSTMENT PROVISIONS Step 1: (inoperative if the AWP is above 115 percent of the Basic Loan, or 59.8 Maximum permissible reduction of AWP	0 cents)	2.69
Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy)		
AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%)		85.62%
A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs		59.96
L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs		62.65
P) Theoretical value payable (L - A)		2.69
Official current rate payable through Thursday, January 26		2.84
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 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)		
Basic Loan Trigger		
P1) Cheapest competing foreign quote C/F Far East (week to date average)		113.65
P2) P1 adjusted for quality and transportation		108.20
P3) P2 value must be less than 134% of basic loan (82.45)		131.23%
Payment Calculation		
P4) Friday/Thursday US Pima C/F Far Eastern Average		138.80
P5) Average cheapest competing foreign quote C/F Far East (adjusted for qual	lity)	121.76
P6) Theoretical value (P4-P5)		17.04
P7) No. of completed weeks. P4 must exceed P5 for four consecutive weeks.		0
P8) Official current rate payable through Thursday January 26		N/A