



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 5 Middling Values | 60.78 | (60.98) |
| B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values | 58.55 | (58.15) |
| E) Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages) | 15.44 | (15.44) |
| F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E) | 45.34 | (45.54) |
| G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-6) | - 3.77 | (0.00) |
| H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP) | 6.66 | (6.46) |

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 2.10

Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy)

AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%) 87.19%

A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs 60.78

L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs 62.88

P) Theoretical value payable (L - A) 2.10

Official current rate payable through Thursday, March 02 1.82

No. of completed qualifying weeks 4

Step 3: (Import quota trigger) :-

R) USDA's estimated stock-to-use ratio 32.00%

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. 1

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) 114.25

P2) P1 adjusted for quality and transportation 108.80

P3) P2 value must be less than 134% of basic loan (82.45) 131.96%

Payment Calculation

P4) Friday/Thursday US Pima C/F Far Eastern Average 135.00

P5) Average cheapest competing foreign quote C/F Far East (adjusted for quality) 122.36

P6) Theoretical value (P4-P5) 12.64

P7) No. of completed weeks. P4 must exceed P5 for four consecutive weeks. 4

P8) Official current rate payable through Thursday February 23 12.64