

US Price Mechanism

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US PRICE MECHANISM - 2005/2006 SEASON	- cents per lb -	
	Week to date	(Official Values
A) Friday/Thousands, average FAAiddline //along	60.04	(00.00)
A) Friday/Thursday average 5Middling Values	60.04 57.73	(60.98) (58.15)
B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages)	15.44	(15.44)
F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E)	44.60	(45.54)
G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-6)	- 3.69	(0.00)
H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP)	7.40	(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)	0.06
Maximum permissible reduction of AWP		2.36
Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy)		
AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%)		85.77%
A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs		60.04
L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs		62.40
P) Theoretical value payable (L - A)		2.36
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	S.	
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