

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	59.15	(60.04)
B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values	56.95	(57.73)
E) Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages)	15.44	(15.44)
F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E)	43.71	(44.60)
G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-6)	- 3.80	(0.00)
H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP)	8.29	(7.40)
US PRICE MECHANISM (2) COMPETITIVE ADJUSTMENT PROVISIONS		
Step 1: (inoperative if the AWP is above 115 percent of the Basic Loan, or 59.8	30 cents)	
Maximum permissible reduction of AWP		2.48
Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy)		04.000/
AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%)		84.06%
A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs		59.15
L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs		61.63
P) Theoretical value payable (L - A) Official current rate payable through Thursday, March 09		2.48 2.36
No. of completed qualifying weeks		2.30
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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 we	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)		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 qua	lity)	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 March 9		12.64