

## **US Price Mechanism**

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US PRICE MECHANISM - 2005/2006 SEASON	- cents per lb -	
	Week to date	(Official Values
A) 5 1 1 7 1 1 5 1 7 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	50.00	(50.00)
A) Friday/Thursday average 5Middling Values	58.90	(59.02)
B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values	56.71	(56.77)
E) Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages)	15.41	(15.41)
F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E)	43.49	(43.61)
G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-6)	- 3.81	(0.00)
H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP)	8.51	( 8.39)
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	000000	2.35
Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy)		
AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%)		83.63%
A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs		58.90
L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs		61.25
P) Theoretical value payable (L - A)		2.35
Official current rate payable through Thursday, March 23		2.23
No. of completed qualifying weeks		4
Step 3: (Import quota trigger) :-		
R) USDA's estimated stock-to-use ratio		29.70%
S) To trigger a Step 3 quota, if (R) is greater than 16%, (L) must exceed (A)		20 070
and the value of the previous week's Step 2 payment for four consecutive w	eeks.	
If (R) is less than 16%, the formula is (L) - (A).		
Number of qualifying weeks to date.		0
Number of purchase guotas 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)		115.25
P2) P1 adjusted for quality and transportation		109.80
P3) P2 value must be less than 134% of basic loan (82.45)		133.17%
Payment Calculation		
P4) Friday/Thursday US Pima C/F Far Eastern Average		133.00
P5) Average cheapest competing foreign quote C/F Far East (adjusted for qua	lity)	123.36
P6) Theoretical value (P4-P5)	- *	9.64
P7) No. of completed weeks. P4 must exceed P5 for four consecutive weeks.		4
P8) Official current rate payable through Thursday March 23		11.24