

## **US Price Mechanism**

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US PRICE MECHANISM - 2005/2006 SEASON	- cents Week to date	s per lb - (Official Values
<ul> <li>A) Friday/Thursday average 5Middling Values</li> <li>B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values</li> <li>E) Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages)</li> <li>F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E)</li> <li>G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-6)</li> <li>H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP)</li> </ul>	58.70 56.53 15.41 43.29 - 3.83 8.71	(59.02) (56.77) (15.41) (43.61) (0.00) (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 Maximum permissible reduction of AWP	0 cents)	2.30
Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy) AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%) A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs P) Theoretical value payable (L - A) Official current rate payable through Thursday, March 23 No. of completed qualifying weeks		83.25% 58.70 61.00 2.30 2.23 4
<ul> <li>Step 3: (Import quota trigger) :-</li> <li>R) USDA's estimated stock-to-use ratio</li> <li>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 If (R) is less than 16%, the formula is (L) - (A).</li> <li>Number of qualifying weeks to date.</li> <li>Number of purchase quotas declared 2005/06:</li> </ul>	eeks.	29.70% 0
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) P3) P1 adjusted for quality and transportation		115.58 110.13
<ul> <li>P2) P1 adjusted for quality and transportation</li> <li>P3) P2 value must be less than 134% of basic loan (82.45)</li> <li>Payment Calculation</li> <li>P4) Friday/Thursday US Pima C/F Far Eastern Average</li> <li>P5) Average cheapest competing foreign quote C/F Far East (adjusted for qual P6) Theoretical value (P4-P5)</li> <li>P7) No. of completed weeks. P4 must exceed P5 for four consecutive weeks.</li> <li>P8) Official current rate payable through Thursday March 23</li> </ul>	ity)	133.57% 133.00 123.69 9.31 4 11.24