



# 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	58.33	(59.02)
B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values	56.22	( 56.77)
E) Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages)	15.41	(15.41)
F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E)	42.92	(43.61)
G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-6)	- 3.89	( 0.00)
H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP)	9.08	( 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 2.27

### Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy)

AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%) 82.54%

A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs 58.33

L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs 60.60

P) Theoretical value payable (L - A) 2.27

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)  
 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. 0

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) 115.85

P2) P1 adjusted for quality and transportation 110.40

P3) P2 value must be less than 134% of basic loan (82.45) 133.90%

### 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 quality) 123.96

P6) Theoretical value (P4-P5) 9.04

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