

## **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 5 Middling Values  | 58.31            | (58.20)          |
| B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values   | 55.13            | (53.58)          |
| E) Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages)   | 15.56            | (15.56)          |
| F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E)   | 42.75            | (42.64)          |
| G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-6)   | - 4.60           | -( 4.13)         |
| H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP)  | 9.25             | (9.36)           |
| US PRICE MECHANISM (2) COMPETITIVE ADJUSTMENT PROVISIONS Step 1: (inoperative if the AWP is above 115 percent of the Basic Loan, or 59.8 Maximum permissible reduction of AWP                                 | 0 cents)         | 4.00             |
| Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy)   |                  |                  |
| AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%)  |                  | 82.21%           |
| A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs   |                  | 56.53            |
| L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs   |                  | 58.81            |
| P) Theoretical value payable (L - A)  |                  | 2.28             |
| Official current rate payable through Thursday, July 20   |                  | 2.80             |
| No. of completed qualifying weeks   |                  | 4                |
| Step 3: (Import quota trigger) :-   |                  |                  |
| R) USDA's estimated stock-to-use ratio  |                  | 28.90%           |
| 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 will f (R) is less than 16%, the formula is (L) - (A). | eeks.            |                  |
| 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)  |                  | 118.25           |
| P2) P1 adjusted for quality and transportation  |                  | 112.80           |
| P3) P2 value must be less than 134% of basic loan (82.45)   |                  | 136.81%          |
| Payment Calculation   |                  |                  |
| P4) Friday/Thursday US Pima C/F Far Eastern Average   |                  | 136.00           |
| P5) Average cheapest competing foreign quote C/F Far East (adjusted for qua   | lity)            | 126.36           |
| P6) Theoretical value (P4-P5)   |                  | N/A              |
| P7) No. of completed weeks. P4 must exceed P5 for four consecutive weeks.   |                  | 0                |
| P8) Official current rate payable through Thursday July 20  |                  | N/A              |
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