

## **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 5 Middling 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>	60.01 56.82 15.56 44.45 - 4.54 7.55	(58.61) (55.35) (15.56) (43.05) (0.00) (8.95)
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)	4.44
<ul> <li>Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy)</li> <li>AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%)</li> <li>A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs</li> <li>L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs</li> <li>P) Theoretical value payable (L - A)</li> <li>Official current rate payable through Thursday, July 27</li> <li>No. of completed qualifying weeks</li> </ul>		85.48% 58.28 60.95 2.67 2.38 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 week's step 2 payment four four consecutive week's step 2 payment four four</li></ul>	eeks.	28.90%
If (R) is less than 16%, the formula is (L) - (A). Number of qualifying weeks to date. Number of purchase quotas declared 2005/06: Available purchase quota (bales of 480lbs) AMERICAN PIMA COMPETITIVENESS PAYMENT Basic Loan Trigger		0
<ul> <li>P1) Cheapest competing foreign quote C/F Far East (week to date average)</li> <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> </ul>		118.25 112.80 136.81%
<ul> <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</li> <li>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 July 27</li> </ul>	ity)	136.00 126.36 N/A 0 N/A