

US Price Mechanism

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US PRICE MECHANISM - 2004/2005 SEASON	- cents per lb -	
	Week to date	(Official Values
A) Friday/Thursday average 5Middling Values	55.20	(55.56)
B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values	53.25	(53.62)
E) Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages)	14.73	(14.81)
F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E)	40.47	(40.75)
G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-5.6)	- 3.65	(0.00)
H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP)	11.53	(11.25)
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		2.05
Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy)		
AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%)		77.83%
A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs		53.65
L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs		60.00
P) Theoretical value payable (L - A)		6.35
Q) Theoretical value payable Aug 4 (based forward values)		2.05
Official current rate payable through Thursday, July 21		6.69
No. of completed qualifying weeks		4
Step 3: (Import quota trigger) :-		
R) USDA's estimated stock-to-use ratio		37.50%
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).	S.	
Number of qualifying weeks to date.		0
AMERICAN PIMA COMPETITIVENESS PAYMENT		
Pima Spot Average		160.70
Today's cheapest competing foreign quote CIF N. Europe (adjusted for quality/tran	sportation)	86.71
Theoretical foreign value as percentage of basic loan (must be less than 134%)		106.07%
T) Friday/Thursday Pima Spot Average		160.70
U) Average cheapest competing foreign quote CIF N. Europe (adjusted for quality/	transportation)	86.71
V) Theoretical value (T-U)		73.99
No. of completed weeks. T must exceed U for four consecutive weeks.		4
Official current rate payable through Thursday July 28		74.79