



US Price Mechanism

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US PRICE MECHANISM - 2005/2006 SEASON

- cents per lb -
 Week to date (Official Values)

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| A) Friday/Thursday average 5Middling Values | 55.62 | (55.95) |
| B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values | 53.75 | (54.18) |
| E) Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages) | 15.48 | (15.48) |
| F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E) | 40.14 | (40.47) |
| G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-6) | - 4.13 | (0.00) |
| H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP) | 11.86 | (11.53) |

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 2.63

Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy)

AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%) 77.19%

A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs 55.62

L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs 58.25

P) Theoretical value payable (L - A) 2.63

Official current rate payable through Thursday, August 11 3.65

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).

Number of qualifying weeks to date. 0

Number of purchase quotas declared 2005/06:

Available purchase quota (bales of 480lbs)

AMERICAN PIMA COMPETITIVENESS PAYMENT

US Pima CIF N.Europe quote 112.00

Today's cheapest competing foreign quote CIF N. Europe (adjusted for quality/transportation) NQ

T) Friday/Thursday US Pima CIF N.Europe Average 112.00

U) Average cheapest competing foreign quote CIF N. Europe (adjusted for quality/transportation) NQ

V) Theoretical value (T-U) N/A

No. of completed weeks. T must exceed U for four consecutive weeks. 0

Official current rate payable through Thursday August 4 N/A