

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 B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values E) Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages) F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E)	55.49 53.61 15.48 40.01	(55.95) (54.18) (15.48) (40.47)
G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-6) H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP)	- 4.12 11.99	(0.00) (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 2.64		
Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy) AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%) A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs P) Theoretical value payable (L - A) Official current rate payable through Thursday, August 11 No. of completed qualifying weeks		76.94% 55.49 58.13 2.64 3.65
Step 3: (Import quota trigger):- R) USDA's estimated stock-to-use ratio 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 we If (R) is less than 16%, the formula is (L) - (A).	eeks.	37.50%
Number of qualifying weeks to date. Number of purchase quotas declared 2005/06: Available purchase quota (bales of 480lbs) AMERICAN PIMA COMPETITIVENESS PAYMENT		0
US Pima CIF N.Europe quote		112.00
Today's cheapest competing foreign quote CIF N. Europe (adjusted for quality/t	ransportation)	NQ
T) Friday/Thursday US Pima CIF N.Europe Average U) Average cheapest competing foreign quote CIF N. Europe (adjusted for qual	ity/transportation)	112.00 NQ
V) Theoretical value (T-U)	·	N/A
No. of completed weeks. T must exceed U for four consecutive weeks. Official current rate payable through Thursday August 4		0 N/A