

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	53.37	(55.29)
B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values	51.28	(53.37)
E) Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages)	15.48	(15.48)
F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E)	37.89	(39.81)
G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-6)	- 3.91	(0.00)
H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP)	14.11	(12.19)
US PRICE MECHANISM (2) COMPETITIVE ADJUSTMENT PROVISIONS		
Step 1: (inoperative if the AWP is above 115 percent of the Basic Loan, or 59.80 c	cents)	
Maximum permissible reduction of AWP		2.30
Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy)		
AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%)		72.87%
A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs		53.37
L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs		55.67
P) Theoretical value payable (L - A)		2.30
Official current rate payable through Thursday, August 18		2.61
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	S.	
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		440.00
US Pima CIF N.Europe quote		112.00
Today's cheapest competing foreign quote CIF N. Europe (adjusted for quality/tran	sportation)	NQ
T) Friday/Thursday US Pima CIF N.Europe Average		112.00
U) Average cheapest competing foreign quote CIF N. Europe (adjusted for quality/t	ransportation)	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 18		N/A