

## **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   | 55.91                | (54.62)          |
| B) Fri/Thurs average 3 SLM values   | 52.81                | (51.80)          |
| E) Shipping, Loan Quality and Location differentials (52 week averages)                 | 15.48                | (15.48)          |
| F) ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE (AWP) (A - E)   | 40.43                | (39.14)          |
| G) Coarse Adjustment (current values A-B-6)   | - 2.90               | ( 0.00)          |
| H) Marketing Loan Gain (52.00 base loan minus AWP)                                      | 11.57                | ( 12.86)         |
| 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  |                      | 4.49             |
| Step 2: (Marketing Subsidy)   |                      |                  |
| AWP as percentage of basic loan (must not exceed 134%)                                  |                      | 77.75%           |
| A) Avg five N.Europe M.1-3/32" CIFs   |                      | 55.91            |
| L) Avg cheapest US M.1-3/32" CIFs   |                      | 60.40            |
| P) Theoretical value payable (L - A)  |                      | 4.49             |
| Official current rate payable through Thursday, September 29                            |                      | 4.33             |
| No. of completed qualifying weeks   |                      | 4                |
| Step 3: (Import quota trigger) :-   |                      |                  |
| R) USDA's estimated stock-to-use ratio  |                      | 33.80%           |
| 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 w              | eeks.                |                  |
| If (R) is less than 16%, the formula is (L) - (A).                                      |                      | 0                |
| Number of qualifying weeks to date.<br>Number of purchase quotas declared 2005/06:      |                      | 0                |
| Available purchase quota (bales of 480lbs)  |                      |                  |
| AMERICAN PIMA COMPETITIVENESS PAYMENT   |                      |                  |
| US Pima CIF N.Europe quote  |                      |                  |
| Today's cheapest competing foreign quote CIF N. Europe (adjusted for quality/           | transportation)      | NQ               |
|   |                      | i i i i          |
| T) Friday/Thursday US Pima CIF N.Europe Average   |                      | 117.75           |
| U) Average cheapest competing foreign quote CIF N. Europe (adjusted for qua             | lity/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 September 29                             |                      | N/A              |
|   |                      |                  |