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**Estimated Weighted National Average Price and Projected Counter Cyclical Payments (03/31/04)**

**Wheat (03/04)**

Month	Estimated Weight	Monthly Price
Jun	14.2	3.08
Jul	18.9	2.95
Aug	11.6	3.34
Sep	8.5	3.39
Oct	6.3	3.45
Nov	4.9	3.59
Dec	7.0	3.71
Jan <sup>1</sup>	8.5	3.68
Feb	4.9	3.50
Mar	5.6	3.71
Apr	4.6	3.77
May	4.5	3.66
KSU Est Avg Price		3.35
Strike Price		3.34
Exp. Counter Cyclical Pymt		<b>0.00</b>
USDA Est Avg Price <sup>2</sup>		3.30-3.40

**Corn (03/04)**

Month	Estimated Weight	Monthly Price
Sep	8.6	2.20
Oct	13.8	2.12
Nov	10.9	2.20
Dec	7.1	2.32
Jan <sup>1</sup>	14.0	2.39
Feb	6.3	2.61
Mar	7.3	2.79
Apr	5.5	2.84
May	5.2	2.77
Jun	5.7	2.70
Jul	7.3	2.60
Aug	8.3	2.63
KSU Est Avg Price		2.45
Strike Price		2.32
Exp. Counter Cyclical Pymt		<b>0.00</b>
USDA Est Avg Price <sup>2</sup>		2.35-2.55

**Milo (03/04)**

Month	Estimated Weight	Monthly Price
Sep	7.8	3.97
Oct	13.2	3.99
Nov	14.1	4.13
Dec	14.4	4.21
Jan <sup>1</sup>	11.0	4.36
Feb	4.9	4.76
Mar	4.9	4.86
Apr	2.9	4.94
May	3.1	4.83
Jun	6.3	5.04
Jul	8.0	4.96
Aug	9.3	5.02
KSU Est Avg Price		4.45
Strike Price		3.91
Exp. Counter Cyclical Pymt		<b>0.00</b>
USDA Est Avg Price <sup>2</sup>		4.20-4.55

**Soybeans (03/04)**

Month	Estimated Weight	Monthly Price
Sep	7.6	6.06
Oct	22.5	6.61
Nov	8.8	7.05
Dec	7.4	7.17
Jan <sup>1</sup>	14.0	7.34
Feb	6.8	8.28
Mar	7.5	9.56
Apr	5.5	9.65
May	4.8	9.87
Jun	4.6	9.91
Jul	5.4	9.90
Aug	5.1	9.99
KSU Est Avg Price		7.91
Strike Price		5.36
Exp. Counter Cyclical Pymt		<b>0.00</b>
USDA Est Avg Price <sup>2</sup>		7.15-7.55

### Cotton (03/04)

Month	Estimated Weight	Monthly Price
Aug	3.9	0.463
Sep	4.3	0.557
Oct	9.0	0.680
Nov	15.3	0.634
Dec	17.8	0.641
Jan	16.0	0.625
Feb	9.3	0.627
Mar <sup>1</sup>	6.9	0.618
Apr	4.7	0.605
May	4.4	0.603
Jun	4.6	0.622
Jul	3.8	0.637
KSU Est Avg Price <sup>3</sup>		0.6235
Strike Price		0.6573
Exp. Counter Cyclical Pymt		<b>0.0338</b>

<sup>1</sup>The previous monthly prices are official NASS prices. The remaining monthly prices for the marketing year are KSU estimates.

<sup>2</sup>The USDA estimated weighted average prices received by farmers are approved by the World Agricultural Outlook Board and released monthly. These estimates were released on March 10, 2004.

<sup>3</sup>By law USDA does not release an estimated weighted average cotton price received by farmers.

### USDA Program Rates, Estimated National Marketing Year Average Prices, and Estimated Counter-Cyclical Payments for the 2003 Crop Year.<sup>1</sup>

Crop	Target Price	Direct Payment Rate	Loan Rate	Estimated Market Price <sup>a</sup>	Trigger Price	Effective Farm Price	Estimated Counter-Cyclical Payment <sup>a</sup>
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E = A - B)	(F = max of C or D)	(G = max of E-F or 0)
Corn (bu)	2.60	0.28	1.98	2.10	2.32	2.10	0.22
Sorghum (bu)	2.54	0.35	1.98	2.15	2.19	2.15	0.04
Soybeans (bu)	5.80	0.44	5.00	6.50	5.36	6.50	0.00
Wheat (bu)	3.86	0.52	2.80	3.25	3.34	3.25	0.09
Barley (bu)	2.21	0.24	1.88	2.60	1.97	2.60	0.00
Oats (bu)	1.40	0.02	1.35	1.40	1.38	1.40	0.00
Minor oilseeds (cw)	9.80	0.80	9.60	--	9.00	9.30 <sup>b</sup>	0.00
Upland cotton (lb)	0.72	0.07	0.52	0.60 <sup>c</sup>	0.66	0.60	0.06
Rice (cwt)	10.50	2.35	6.50	6.35	8.15	6.50	1.65
Peanuts (ton)	495.00	36.00	355.00	<=355.00 <sup>d</sup>	459.00	355.00	104.00

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<sup>a</sup>USDA does not publish official marketing year national average price estimates, but rather price ranges for the projected marketing year average prices in each month's supply and demand reports. The estimated counter-cyclical payments announced on October 17, 2003 are based on the midpoints of the estimated price ranges in the October 10 Supply and Demand report.

<sup>b</sup>The trigger price for minor oilseeds is below the loan rate. Thus, there can be no counter-cyclical payment for minor oilseeds.

<sup>c</sup>USDA is prohibited by law from publishing a price estimate for cotton, but is required to publish an estimated counter-cyclical payment. The estimated market price is inferred from the estimated counter-cyclical payment as announced by USDA.

<sup>d</sup>USDA does not publish a price estimate for peanuts similar to other commodities. Based on an announced estimated maximum counter-cyclical payment, the estimated market price is inferred to be less than or equal to the loan rate.