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Estimated Weighted National Average Price and Projected Counter Cyclical Payments(04/11/05)

Wheat (04/05)			Corn (04/05)		
Month	Estimated Weight	Monthly Price	Month	Estimated Weight	Monthly Price
Jun	13.0	3.57	Sep	8.5	2.20
Jul	20.3	3.37	Oct	14.1	2.15
Aug	11.8	3.27	Nov	11.1	2.05
Sep	8.1	3.36	Dec	7.4	2.04
Oct	6.1	3.44	Jan	14.8	2.12
Nov	5.4	3.46	Feb	6.3	1.95
Dec	7.2	3.39	Mar	7.1	2.03
Jan	8.6	3.42	Apr ¹	5.7	2.03
Feb	5.1	3.36	May	5.0	2.04
Mar	5.3	3.53	Jun	5.6	1.98
Apr ¹	4.3	3.49	Jul	6.9	1.92
May	4.1	3.50	Aug	7.4	1.91
KSU Est Avg Price		3.40	KSU Est Avg Price		2.05
Strike Price		3.40	Strike Price		2.35
Exp. Counter Cyclical Pymt		0.00	Exp. Counter Cyclical Pymt		0.30
USDA Est Avg Price for 04/05 ²		3.35-3.45	USDA Est Avg Price for 04/05 ²		2.00-2.10

Milo (04/05)			Soybeans (04/05)		
Month	Estimated Weight	Monthly Price	Month	Estimated Weight	Monthly Price
Sep	7.4	3.59	Sep	7.6	5.84
Oct	11.9	3.15	Oct	23.9	5.56
Nov	14.6	3.06	Nov ¹	9.0	5.36
Dec	15.3	2.99	Dec	7.8	5.45
Jan	11.9	2.95	Jan	15.3	5.57
Feb	4.6	2.95	Feb	6.8	5.42
Mar	4.3	3.17	Mar	7.1	6.28
Apr ¹	2.9	3.15	Apr ¹	5.3	6.38
May	2.6	3.18	May	4.4	6.55
Jun	6.4	3.30	Jun	3.8	6.53
Jul	8.0	3.21	Jul	4.8	6.50
Aug	10.1	3.19	Aug	4.2	6.25
KSU Est Avg Price		3.13	KSU Est Avg Price		5.80
Strike Price		3.96	Strike Price		5.36
Exp. Counter Cyclical Pymt		0.48	Exp. Counter Cyclical Pymt		0.00
USDA Est Avg Price for 04/05 ²		2.95-3.13	USDA Est Avg Price for 04/05 ²		5.25-5.55

Cotton (03/04)

Month	Estimated Weight	Monthly Price
Aug	3.7	0.537
Sep	4.6	0.493
Oct	9.9	0.495
Nov	14.9	0.444
Dec	17.7	0.407
Jan	15.5	0.396
Feb	9.9	0.390
Mar	6.9	0.422
Apr ¹	4.6	0.410
May	4.4	0.409
Jun	4.3	0.423
Jul	3.8	0.426
KSU Est Avg Price ³		0.4295
Strike Price		0.6573
Exp. Counter Cyclical Pymt		0.1373

¹ The previous monthly prices are official NASS prices. The remaining monthly prices for the marketing year and all weights are KSU estimates.

² 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 April 8, 2005.

³ By law USDA does not publish an estimated weighted average cotton price received by farmers.

2004/05 USDA Program Rates and Counter Cyclical Payment Trigger Price

Crop	Target Price	Direct Payment		Counter Cyclical Trigger Price	Maximum Counter Cyclical Payment
		Rate	Loan Rate		
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D = A - B)	
Corn (bu)	2.63	0.28	1.95	2.35	0.40
Sorghum (bu)	2.57	0.35	1.95	2.22	0.27
Soybeans (bu)	5.80	0.44	5.00	5.36	0.36
Wheat (bu)	3.92	0.52	2.75	3.40	0.65
Barley (bu)	2.24	0.24	1.85	2.00	0.15
Oats (bu)	1.44	0.024	1.33	1.416	0.09
Minor oilseeds (cwt) ¹	10.10	0.80	9.30	9.30	0.00
Upland cotton (lb) ²	0.724	0.0667	0.52	0.6573	0.1373

¹ The trigger price for minor oilseeds is below the loan rate. Thus, there can be no counter-cyclical payment for minor oilseeds.

² USDA is prohibited by law from publishing a price estimate for cotton, but is required to publish an estimated counter-cyclical payment. That means USDA must estimate the national average price to pay advanced counter cyclical payments.