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## USDA ANNOUNCEMENT

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## **UPLAND COTTON ANNOUNCEMENT – February 8, 2024**

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The Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation announced the adjusted world price (AWP) for Strict Low Middling (SLM) 1-1/16 inch (leaf grade 4, micronaire 3.5-3.6 and 4.3-4.9, strength 26.0-28.9 grams per tex, length uniformity of 80.0-81.9 percent upland cotton (base quality), adjusted to U.S. quality and location, fine count adjustment (FCA), coarse count adjustment (CCA), and marketing loan gain/loan deficiency payment (LDP) rate that will be in effect from 12:01 a.m., Eastern Time, Friday, February 9, 2024, through midnight: Eastern Time, Thursday, February 15, 2024. The next announcement of the AWP, FCA, CCA, and LDP rate for upland cotton will be on Thursday, February 9, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

	<u>Cents/lb.</u>
Adjusted World Price (AWP)	70.04
Fine Count Adjustment (FCA) 2022 Crop	0.88
Fine Count Adjustment (FCA) 2023 Crop	1.13
Coarse Count Adjustment (CCA)	0.00
Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Rate	0.00

This week's AWP, FCA, and CCA are determined as follows:

AWP calculation:	Far East (FE) Price Adjustments:	94.31
	Avg. cost to market SLM 1-1/16 inch cotton	-21.82 -2.45
	Sum of Adjustments	-24.27
	ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE	70.04

FCA calculation:						
		2022	2023			
Loan Schedule Premium for S	M 1-1/8" Cotton	2.20	2.45			
Less Market Premium (cannot be less than zero)1.32		1.32				
FINE COUNT ADJUSTME	NT (cannot be less than	0.88	1.13			
Market Premium for SM 1-1/8" Cotton:						
H	FE Fine Count Price			95.63		
H	FE Price			94.31		
]	Total:			1.32		
CCA calculation:						
	FE Price			94.31		
	FE Coarse Count Price			-97.69		
Adjustment to SLM 1-1/32 inch cotton		-5.60				
COARSE COUNT		0.00				
ADJUSTMENT (cannot be less						

than zero)

If sufficient data are not available to determine a CCA for the week, regulations governing the CCA require that the latest available CCA will remain in effect. The current CCA of 0.00 cents per pound will remain in effect through 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Thursday, February 15, 2024.

The Agricultural Act of 2014 provides that the AWP may be further adjusted if the Secretary determines adjustment is necessary to 1) minimize potential loan forfeitures, 2) minimize accumulation of Government stocks, 3) ensure free and competitive marketing of upland cotton, both domestically and internationally, and 4) ensure an appropriate transition between current-crop and forward-crop price quotations. No adjustment has been made this week.

Because the AWP for the period exceeds 52.00 cents per pound, which is the base quality loan rate, the loan repayment rate during this period is equal to the loan rate, adjusted for the specific quality plus applicable interest and storage charges. The marketing loan gain/loan deficiency payment rate of 0.00 is the difference, if positive, between the base loan rate of 52.00 cents and the AWP.