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EXTRA LONG STAPLE (ELS) COTTON ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation announced the extra-long staple (ELS) competitiveness payment program payment rate in effect from 12:01 a.m., Eastern Time, Friday, April 8, 2022, through midnight, Eastern Time, Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

ELS competitiveness payments are provided whenever, for 4 consecutive weeks, the lowest Friday through Thursday average adjusted price quotation for foreign growths (LFQ) is less than the Friday through Thursday average price quotation for U.S. Pima cotton, CFR Far East (USPFE); and the adjusted LFQ is less than 113 percent of the current 2021 crop year loan level for ELS cotton grade 2, staple 46, micronaire 3.5 or higher, strength 37.5 grams per tex and above (94.95 cents per pound). Future payments will be established if price conditions warrant. Relevant data for the ELS competitiveness program follow:

Fri/Thurs Period Ending	Adjusted	USPFE	LFQ	USPFE	Payment	Dates
	LFQ as % of ELS Loan Rate			Less LFQ		
..... cents/lb.						
03/17/22	277.02	348.20	282.60	65.60	0.00	(03/18-03/24/22)
03/24/22	280.60	350.00	286.00	64.00	0.00	(03/25-03/31/22)
03/31/22	290.08	350.00	295.00	55.00	0.00	(04/01-04/07/22)
04/07/22	290.08	350.00	295.00	55.00	0.00	(04/08-05/05/22)

The adjusted LFQ = LFQ adjusted for the transportation cost between the United States and the Far East.

The ELS transportation cost adjustment for the 2021/22 crop year will be 19.57 cents/lb. The first adjusted LFQ calculated using the 2021/22 ELS transportation cost adjustment will be that calculated for the week ending August 5, 2021.

To obtain an ELS agreement or to inquire regarding delivery of the ELS program, please contact the License and Storage Contract Branch, Warehouse and Commodity Management Division, Agricultural Marketing Service at eaap.els@usda.gov.