

Program Announcement

**PREVAILING WORLD MARKET RICE PRICES
AND LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENT RATES**

WASHINGTON, February 4, 2009-The Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation today announced the following prevailing world market prices of milled and rough rice, adjusted for U.S. milling yields and location, and the resulting marketing loan gain (MLG) and loan deficiency payment (LDP) rates applicable to the 2008 crop, which will become effective today at 7:00 a.m., Eastern Time (ET). The changes in the announced prices and rates reflect technical changes due to milling yield information available for the 2008 crop.

	-----World Price-----		MLG/LDP Rate
	Milled Value (\$/cwt)	Rough (\$/cwt)	Rough (\$/cwt)
Long Grain	19.66	12.87	0.00
Medium/Short Grain	19.40	12.93	0.00
Brokens	13.23	----	----

This week's prevailing world market prices and MLG/LDP rates are based on the following U.S. milling yields and the corresponding loan rates:

	U.S. Milling Yields	Loan Rate
	Whole/Broken (lbs/cwt)	(\$/cwt)
Long Grain	58.03/11.06	6.54
Medium/Short Grain	60.55/8.95	6.52

The next program announcement is scheduled for February 11, 2009. Further program information is available from Bill Chambers, (202) 720-3134, e-mail address William.Chambers@wdc.usda.gov.

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