

***Program Announcement***

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

WASHINGTON, May 23, 2006-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 2005 crop, which will become effective today at 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time (ET). Rough rice prices increased \$0.10 per cwt for all three grain lengths. The long grain MLG/LDP rate was reduced to zero.

	-----World Price-----		MLG/LDP Rate
	Milled Value	Rough	Rough
	(\$/cwt)	(\$/cwt)	(\$/cwt)
<b>Long Grain</b>	<b>10.62</b>	<b>6.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Medium Grain</b>	<b>10.50</b>	<b>6.76</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Short Grain</b>	<b>10.44</b>	<b>6.77</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Brokens</b>	<b>5.31</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>----</b>

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	56.05/12.21	6.55
Medium Grain	60.02/8.61	6.18
Short Grain	59.63/10.22	6.23

The next program announcement is scheduled for May 30, 2006. Further program information is available from Bill Chambers, (202) 720-3134, e-mail address [William.Chambers@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:William.Chambers@wdc.usda.gov).