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WEEKLY NATIONAL MARKET PRICE FOR WOOL AND MOHAIR

Washington, February 21, 2012 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation today announced the national posted prices for wool and mohair. The effective repayment rate is the lower of either the 30-day average or weekly rate.

2012 Wool

Graded Wool Posted Prices (per pound, clean basis)

Micron	Repayment	Weekly	30-Day Weighted	30-Day = Weighted ** Average of				
	Rate	Rate *	Average	Feb. 14	Feb. 7	Jan. 31	Jan. 24	Jan. 17
Less than 18.6	\$5.92	\$6.20	\$5.92	\$6.26	\$5.88	\$5.79	\$5.75	\$5.88
18.6 to 19.5	\$5.57	\$5.77	\$5.57	\$5.86	\$5.52	\$5.45	\$5.44	\$5.56
19.6 to 20.5	\$5.25	\$5.41	\$5.25	\$5.51	\$5.22	\$5.15	\$5.12	\$5.27
20.6 to 22.0	\$5.08	\$5.29	\$5.08	\$5.39	\$5.05	\$4.97	\$4.92	\$5.00
22.1 to 23.5	\$4.91	\$5.20	\$4.91	\$5.31	\$4.91	\$4.80	\$4.69	\$4.68
23.6 to 25.9	\$3.75	\$3.90	\$3.75	\$3.93	\$3.76	\$3.69	\$3.65	\$3.61
26.0 to 28.9	\$2.10	\$2.28	\$2.10	\$2.19	\$2.11	\$2.07	\$2.04	\$2.07
29.0 and over	\$1.69	\$1.87	\$1.69	\$1.79	\$1.68	\$1.65	\$1.64	\$1.71

2012 Ungraded Wool Posted Prices (per pound, greasy basis)

Repayment	Weekly	30-Day Weighted	30-Day = Weighted** Average of				
Rate	Rate *	Average	Feb. 14	Feb. 7	Jan. 31	Jan. 24	Jan. 17
\$0.57	\$0.57	\$0.57	\$0.57	\$0.57	\$0.57	\$0.57	\$0.57

2012 Mohair Posted Price (per pound)

Repayment	Weekly	30-Day Weighted	30-Day = Weighted** Average of				
Rate	Rate *	Average	Feb. 14	Feb. 7	Jan. 31	Jan. 24	Jan. 17
\$4.77	\$5.41	\$4.77	\$5.41	\$4.57	\$4.57	\$4.57	\$4.57

These prices become effective at 12:01 a.m., Eastern Time, on Wednesday, February 22, 2012, and are used to determine alternative loan repayment rates for marketing assistance loans and to determine loan deficiency payments.

* Weekly rate is based on the current price

** weights = 7/30 for each of the 4 most recent weeks plus 2/30 for the earliest week