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WEEKLY NATIONAL MARKET PRICE FOR WOOL AND MOHAIR

WASHINGTON, December 29, 2009 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation today announced two sets of posted prices--one set for 2009 wool and mohair and a second set for 2010 wool and mohair.

The first set, which follows, represents the regional posted prices for wool shorn in 2009; unshorn pelts from lambs, slaughtered in 2009; and the national posted price for 2009 mohair, shorn in 2009. The effective repayment rate is the lower of either the 30-day average or the weekly rate. The final date to request a marketing assistance loan or LDP for wool and mohair shorn in 2009 and unshorn pelts from lambs slaughtered in 2009 is Monday, February 1, 2010.

2009 Wool

Graded Wool Posted Prices (Per pound, Clean basis)

Micron	Repayment Rate	Weekly 30-Day Weighted		30-Day = Weighted** Average of				
		Rate *	Average	Dec.22	Dec.15	Dec. 8	Dec. 1	Nov. 24
Region 1								
Less than 18.6	\$3.82	\$3.82	\$3.90	\$3.82	\$3.88	\$3.98	\$3.95	\$3.86
18.6 to 19.5	\$3.52	\$3.52	\$3.58	\$3.52	\$3.56	\$3.66	\$3.59	\$3.49
19.6 to 20.5	\$3.14	\$3.14	\$3.18	\$3.14	\$3.16	\$3.24	\$3.20	\$3.11
20.6 to 22.0	\$3.02	\$3.02	\$3.04	\$3.02	\$3.04	\$3.11	\$3.01	\$2.99
22.1 to 23.5	\$2.88	\$2.88	\$2.89	\$2.88	\$2.89	\$2.95	\$2.85	\$2.84
23.6 to 25.9	\$2.39	\$2.39	\$2.42	\$2.39	\$2.40	\$2.46	\$2.43	\$2.42
26.0 to 28.9	\$1.37	\$1.37	\$1.38	\$1.37	\$1.38	\$1.38	\$1.39	\$1.40
29.0 and over	\$1.09	\$1.09	\$1.09	\$1.09	\$1.10	\$1.09	\$1.09	\$1.09
Region 2								
Less than 18.6	\$3.78	\$3.78	\$3.86	\$3.78	\$3.84	\$3.94	\$3.91	\$3.82
18.6 to 19.5	\$3.48	\$3.48	\$3.54	\$3.48	\$3.52	\$3.62	\$3.55	\$3.45
19.6 to 20.5	\$3.10	\$3.10	\$3.14	\$3.10	\$3.12	\$3.20	\$3.16	\$3.07
20.6 to 22.0	\$2.98	\$2.98	\$3.00	\$2.98	\$3.00	\$3.07	\$2.97	\$2.95
22.1 to 23.5	\$2.84	\$2.84	\$2.85	\$2.84	\$2.85	\$2.91	\$2.81	\$2.80
23.6 to 25.9	\$2.35	\$2.35	\$2.38	\$2.35	\$2.36	\$2.42	\$2.39	\$2.38
26.0 to 28.9	\$1.33	\$1.33	\$1.34	\$1.33	\$1.34	\$1.34	\$1.35	\$1.36
29.0 and over	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.06	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05
Region 3								
Less than 18.6	\$3.74	\$3.74	\$3.82	\$3.74	\$3.80	\$3.90	\$3.87	\$3.78
18.6 to 19.5	\$3.44	\$3.44	\$3.50	\$3.44	\$3.48	\$3.58	\$3.51	\$3.41
19.6 to 20.5	\$3.06	\$3.06	\$3.10	\$3.06	\$3.08	\$3.16	\$3.12	\$3.03
20.6 to 22.0	\$2.94	\$2.94	\$2.96	\$2.94	\$2.96	\$3.03	\$2.93	\$2.91
22.1 to 23.5	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.81	\$2.80	\$2.81	\$2.87	\$2.77	\$2.76
23.6 to 25.9	\$2.31	\$2.31	\$2.34	\$2.31	\$2.32	\$2.38	\$2.35	\$2.34
26.0 to 28.9	\$1.29	\$1.29	\$1.30	\$1.29	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$1.31	\$1.32
29.0 and over	\$1.01	\$1.01	\$1.01	\$1.01	\$1.02	\$1.01	\$1.01	\$1.01

Ungraded Wool Posted Prices (Per Pound, Greasy Basis)

Region	Repayment Rate	Weekly 30-Day Weighted		30-Day = Weighted** Average of				
		Rate *	Average	Dec.22	Dec.15	Dec. 8	Dec. 1	Nov. 24
Region 1	\$0.13	\$0.13	\$0.13	\$0.13	\$0.13	\$0.13	\$0.13	\$0.13
Region 2	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11
Region 3	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09

Mohair Posted Price (Per Pound):

Repayment Rate	Weekly 30-Day Weighted		30-Day = Weighted** Average of				
	Rate *	Average	Dec.22	Dec.15	Dec. 8	Dec. 1	Nov. 24
\$4.31	\$4.45	\$4.31	\$4.45	\$4.45	\$4.45	\$3.99	\$3.99

These prices become effective at 12:01 a.m., Eastern Time (ET), on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009, 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

To see the states comprising each region go to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=prsu&topic=col-nl-wm>

The second set, which follows, represents the posted prices for wool and mohair shorn in 2010 and unshorn pelts from lambs, slaughtered in 2010. The effective repayment rate is the lower of either the 30-day average or weekly rate.

There are no regional prices for wool and mohair shorn in 2010 and for unshorn wool from lambs slaughtered in 2010.

2010 Wool

Graded Wool Posted Prices (Per pound, Clean basis)

Micron	Repayment Rate	Weekly 30-Day Weighted		30-Day = Weighted** Average of				
		Rate *	Average	Dec.22	Dec.15	Dec. 8	Dec. 1	Nov. 24
Less than 18.6	\$3.78	\$3.78	\$3.86	\$3.78	\$3.84	\$3.94	\$3.91	\$3.82
18.6 to 19.5	\$3.48	\$3.48	\$3.54	\$3.48	\$3.52	\$3.62	\$3.55	\$3.45
19.6 to 20.5	\$3.10	\$3.10	\$3.14	\$3.10	\$3.12	\$3.20	\$3.16	\$3.07
20.6 to 22.0	\$2.98	\$2.98	\$3.00	\$2.98	\$3.00	\$3.07	\$2.97	\$2.95
22.1 to 23.5	\$2.84	\$2.84	\$2.85	\$2.84	\$2.85	\$2.91	\$2.81	\$2.80
23.6 to 25.9	\$2.35	\$2.35	\$2.38	\$2.35	\$2.36	\$2.42	\$2.39	\$2.38
26.0 to 28.9	\$1.33	\$1.33	\$1.34	\$1.33	\$1.34	\$1.34	\$1.35	\$1.36
29.0 and over	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.06	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05

2010 Ungraded Wool Posted Prices (Per Pound, Greasy Basis)

Region	Repayment Rate	Weekly 30-Day Weighted		30-Day = Weighted** Average of				
		Rate *	Average	Dec.22	Dec.15	Dec. 8	Dec. 1	Nov. 24
\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11

2010 Mohair Posted Price (Per Pound):

Repayment Rate	Weekly 30-Day Weighted		30-Day = Weighted** Average of				
	Rate *	Average	Dec.22	Dec.15	Dec. 8	Dec. 1	Nov. 24
\$4.31	\$4.45	\$4.31	\$4.45	\$4.45	\$4.45	\$3.99	\$3.99

These prices become effective at 12:01 a.m., Eastern Time (ET), on Friday, January 1, 2010, and are used to determine the loan repayment rates for marketing assistance loans and to determine loan deficiency payments for wool and mohair shorn in 2010.

* 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