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UPLAND COTTON ANNOUNCEMENT – March 12, 2020

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The Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation announced the adjusted world price (AWP) for Strict Low Middling (SLM) 1-1/16 inch (leaf grade 4, micronaire 3.5-3.6 and 4.3-4.9, strength 26.0-28.9 grams per tex, length uniformity of 80.0-81.9 percent) upland cotton (base quality), adjusted to U.S. quality and location, the fine count adjustment (FCA), the coarse count adjustment (CCA), and the loan deficiency payment (LDP) rate that will be in effect from 12:01 a.m., Eastern Time, Friday, March 13, 2020, through midnight, Eastern Time, Thursday, March 19, 2020. The next announcement of the AWP, FCA, CCA, and LDP rate for upland cotton will be on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

	<u>Cents/lb.</u>
Adjusted World Price (AWP)	53.04
Fine Count Adjustment (FCA) 2018 Crop	0.37
Fine Count Adjustment (FCA) 2019 Crop	0.22
Coarse Count Adjustment (CCA)	0.00
Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Rate	0.00

This week's AWP, FCA, and CCA are determined as follows:

AWP calculation:	Far East (FE) Price	70.29
	Adjustments:	
	Avg. costs to market	-15.20
	SLM 1-1/16 inch cotton	-2.05
	Sum of Adjustments	-17.25
	ADJUSTED WORLD PRICE	53.04

FCA calculation:	2018	2019
Loan Schedule Premium for SM 1-1/8" Cotton	2.20	2.05
Less Market Premium (cannot be less than zero)	1.83	1.83
FINE COUNT ADJUSTMENT (cannot be less than zero)	0.37	0.22

Market Premium for SM 1-1/8" Cotton:

FE Fine Count Price	72.12
FE Price	-70.29
Total:	1.83

CCA calculation:

FE Price	70.29
FE Coarse Count Price	69.88
Adjustment to SLM 1-1/32 inch cotton	-4.95
COARSE COUNT	0.00
ADJUSTMENT (cannot be less than zero)	

If sufficient data are not available to determine a CCA for the week, regulations governing the CCA require that the latest available CCA will remain in effect. The current CCA of 0.00 cents per pound will remain in effect through midnight, Thursday, March 19, 2020.

The Agricultural Act of 2014 provides that the AWP may be further adjusted if the Secretary determines adjustment is necessary to 1) minimize potential loan forfeitures, 2) minimize accumulation of Government stocks, 3) ensure free and competitive marketing of upland cotton, both domestically and internationally, and 4) ensure an appropriate transition between current-crop and forward-crop price quotations. No adjustment has been made this week.

Because the AWP for the period exceeds 52.00 cents per pound, which is the base quality loan rate, the loan repayment rate during this period is equal to the loan rate, adjusted for the specific quality plus applicable interest and storage charges. Note that the "costs to market" adjustment for the 2019/20 crop year is 15.20 cents/lb and is included in the calculation of the AWP.