

United States Department of Agriculture	May 12, 2015	5
Farm and Foreign Agricultural	INFORMAT	TIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-15-024
Services	TO:	All Approved Insurance Providers
Risk		All Risk Management Agency Field Offices
Management Agency		All Other Interested Parties
Beacon Facility	FROM:	Tim B. Witt /s/Sydnee Chattin, for.
Mail Stop 0801 P.O. Box 419205		Deputy Administrator
Kansas City, MO 64141-6205	SUBJECT:	2015 Price B for Cotton Quality Adjustment

### **BACKGROUND:**

Consistent with the Special Provisions statement in lieu of section 10(d)(1) of the Upland and ELS Cotton Crop Provisions, Price B will be established by adding premiums or discounts associated with the predominant cotton quality characteristics as determined by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to the Upland and ELS Cotton National Average Loan Rate. The predominant quality characteristics of cotton in each state are determined from the most recent three years of Agricultural Marketing Service cotton classing data.

### **ACTION:**

Approved Insurance Providers must use the applicable Price B for quality adjustment purposes from the attached Upland and ELS Cotton Quality tables for the 2015 crop year.

### **DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2015

# ATTACHMENT 2015 Upland Cotton Price B by state

State AL         Color         Leaf         Stapk         Strength         Uniformity         Mike         Extraneous Matter         2015 Upknd Colon         Price B           31         3         36         29         82         47         None         NALR         Price B           0.0415         +         0.0005         +         0.0005         +         0         +         0         +         \$0.522         \$0.5625           State AZ         Color         Leaf         Stapk         Strength         Uniformity         Mike         Extraneous Matter         2015 Upknd Nater         Price B           AZ         11 & 21         1-2         36         30         81         47         None         NALR         Price B           AZ         11 & 21         1-2         36         30         81         47         None         NALR         Price B           AAR         Color         Leaf         Stapk         Strength         Uniformity         Mike         Extraneous Matter         2015 Upknd         Price B           State         Color         Leaf         Stapk         Strength         Uniformity         Mike         Extraneous Matter         2015 Upknd         Price B																
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State TN	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity 82		Mike		Extraneous Matter None		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
		0.0320	<u>.</u>	+	0.0020	+	0.0005	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5545
State	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton		Price B
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		0.0405		+	0.0020	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5625
State	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton		Price B
VA	41	4	36		29		82		47		None		NALR		
		0.0195		+	0.0005	+	0.0005	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5405

# ATTACHMENT 2015 ELS Cotton Price B by State

State AZ	Color Grade 01	Leaf 2 0.817	Staple 48 & Longer 0	+	Strength 43 0	+	Mike 41 0	+	Extraneous Matter None 0		<b>Price B</b> \$0.8170	 2015 ELS Cotton NALR \$0.7977
State CA	Color Grade 02	Leaf 2 0.8150	Staple 48 & Longer 0	+	Strength 45 & Above 0	+	Mike 40 0	+	Extraneous Matter None 0	=	<b>Price B</b> \$0.8150	 2015 ELS Cotton NALR \$0.7977
State NM	Grade Color 01	Leaf 2 0.817	Staple 48 & Longer	+	Strength 41 0	+	Mike 43 0	+	Extraneous Matter None 0		<b>Price B</b> \$0.8170	 2015 ELS Cotton NALR \$0.7977
State TX	Color Grade 02	Leaf	Staple		Strength	•	Mike		Extraneous Matter None		Price B	2015 ELS Cotton NALR