



**United States
Department of
Agriculture**

May 12, 2015

Farm and Foreign
Agricultural
Services

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-15-024

Risk
Management
Agency

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices
All Other Interested Parties

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FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/Sydney Chattin, for.
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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	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	31	3	36		29		82		47		None				
	0.0415			+	0.0005	+	0.0005	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5625
State AZ	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	11 & 21	1-2	36		30		81		47		None				
	0.0510			+	0.0020	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5730
State AR	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	41	4	37		31		82		48		None				
	0.0200			+	0.0040	+	0.0005	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5445
State CA	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	11 & 21	1-2	37		34		82		43		None				
	0.0535			+	0.0045	+	0.0005	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5785
State FL	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	31	3	36		29		82		47		None				
	0.0415			+	0.0005	+	0.0005	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5625
State GA	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	31	3	36		29		82		47		None				
	0.0415			+	0.0005	+	0.0005	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5625
State KS	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	11 & 21	1-2	35		29		80		36		None				
	0.0405			+	0.0005	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5610

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State LA	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	41	4	35		29		81		50		None		NALR		
	0.0110			+	0.0005	+	0	+	-0.0260	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5055
State MS	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	41	4	36		30		82		48		None		NALR		
	0.0195			+	0.0020	+	0.0005	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5420
State MO	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	41	1-3	36		31		82		48		None		NALR		
	0.0245			+	0.0040	+	0.0005	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5490
State NM	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	11 & 21	1-2	37		29		81		44		None		NALR		
	0.0535			+	0.0005	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5740
State NC	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	41	4	36		29		82		47		None		NALR		
	0.0195			+	0.0005	+	0.0005	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5405
State OK	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	11 & 21	1-2	35		31		80		44		None		NALR		
	0.0405			+	0.0040	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5645
State SC	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	31	3	36		29		82		47		None		NALR		
	0.0415			+	0.0005	+	0.0005	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5625

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State TN	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	31	3	35		30		82		49		None		NALR		
	0.0320			+	0.0020	+	0.0005	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5545
State TX	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	11 & 21	1-2	35		30		80		44		None		NALR		
	0.0405			+	0.0020	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	\$0.52	=	\$0.5625
State VA	Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Uniformity		Mike		Extraneous Matter		2015 Upland Cotton NALR		Price B
	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	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Mike		Extraneous Matter		Price B	2015 ELS Cotton NALR
	01	2	48 & Longer		43		41		None			
	0.8170				+	0	+	0	+	0	=	\$0.8170
State CA	Color Grade	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Mike		Extraneous Matter		Price B	2015 ELS Cotton NALR
	02	2	48 & Longer		45 & Above		40		None			
	0.8150				+	0	+	0	+	0	=	\$0.8150
State NM	Grade Color	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Mike		Extraneous Matter		Price B	2015 ELS Cotton NALR
	01	2	48 & Longer		41		43		None			
	0.8170				+	0	+	0	+	0	=	\$0.8170
State TX	Color Grade	Leaf	Staple		Strength		Mike		Extraneous Matter		Price B	2015 ELS Cotton NALR
	02	2	48 & Longer		42		45		None			
	0.8150				+	0	+	0	+	0	=	\$0.8150