

2018 Upland Cotton Loan Chart Now Available

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The United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency released the 2018-crop Upland Cotton Loan Premium and Discount tables on Monday, April 16, and they contain a significant number of changes compared to the 2017 tables.

Release of the revised premium and discount tables follow the earlier announcement that the Base Loan rate for Upland Cotton would return to 52 cents per pound for the 2018 crop.

The general trend for the adjustments to the 2018 tables was to make the premiums smaller for most of the predominant Color/Leaf/Staple combinations. Most of the adjustments ranged from 5-55 points with changes in the higher-grade combinations generally seeing the largest reductions.

While changes to premiums and discounts in the White and Light Spotted grades for all Leaf and Staple combinations were within the ranges noted above, shorter staple, higher leaf grade combinations tended to see smaller changes than longer, cleaner cotton combinations.

Changes in the 2018 premiums and discounts for Bark and Extraneous matter, Micronaire, Strength, and Length Uniformity were also mixed. The Strength table took back the improvements from last year with slightly higher discounts for Strength readings below 25 grams per tex, while the Length Uniformity table was unchanged.

The most noticeable differences in this section of the loan table are the higher discounts for Micronaire readings below 3.5 which increased from 40 to 115 points. Cotton with Micronaire readings between 3.5 and 5.2, including the premium range of 3.7 and 4.2, saw no change in the 2018 Micronaire table.

The table below provides comparisons between 2017 and 2018 loan values for White Grades 11-41 and Light Spot grades 12-42, Staple 34 through 38 and higher.

Complete 2018 Loan Premium and Discount tables and loan charts with calculated values based on the 2018 schedule of premiums and discounts will be posted on the Plains Cotton Growers website at: <http://www.plainscotton.org>.

COMPARISON OF LOAN PREMIUMS AND DISCOUNTS FOR SELECTED GRADE, STAPLE LENGTH, AND LEAF CONTENT COMBINATIONS OF 2018-CROP AMERICAN UPLAND COTTON

Base Loan Rate: U.S.= 52.00 €/pound

Color	Staple Leaf	34			35			36			37			38+		
		2017 Loan	2018 Loan	Change	2017 Loan	2018 Loan	Change	2017 Loan	2018 Loan	Change	2017 Loan	2018 Loan	Change	2017 Loan	2018 Loan	Change
SM & better 11 & 21	Leaf 1-2	125	110	-15	350	295	-55	470	425	-45	520	485	-35	535	495	-40
	3	100	85	-15	285	230	-55	400	360	-40	445	410	-35	460	425	-35
	4	60	45	-15	195	150	-45	310	285	-25	340	320	-20	340	320	-20
	5	-70	-75	-5	105	70	-35	180	160	-20	190	170	-20	190	170	-20
	6	-280	-280	0	-210	-220	-10	-175	-175	0	-170	-175	-5	-170	-175	-5
	7	-380	-380	0	-320	-320	0	-285	-275	10	-280	-275	5	-280	-275	5
MID 31	Leaf 1-2	85	65	-20	285	235	-50	420	380	-40	450	420	-30	460	435	-25
	3	80	65	-15	255	205	-50	375	340	-35	405	380	-25	415	390	-25
	4	40	25	-15	140	90	-50	235	210	-25	260	240	-20	270	250	-20
	5	-125	-130	-5	45	10	-35	110	85	-25	120	95	-25	120	95	-25
	6	-295	-295	0	-245	-260	-15	-215	-225	-10	-210	-220	-10	-210	-220	-10
	7	-385	-385	0	-345	-350	-5	-315	-320	-5	-315	-315	0	-315	-315	0
SLM 41	Leaf 1-3	40	30	-10	140	95	-45	240	210	-30	260	235	-25	270	240	-30
	4	Base	Base	Base	95	60	-35	185	155	-30	205	180	-25	215	185	-30
	5	-205	-200	5	-95	-100	-5	-25	-20	5	-20	-15	5	-20	-15	5
	6	-375	-370	5	-315	-315	0	-275	-270	5	-275	-270	5	-275	-270	5
	7	-490	-490	0	-425	-425	0	-405	-400	5	-400	-395	5	-400	-395	5
	SM & better 12 & 22	Leaf 1-2	65	50	-15	215	175	-40	325	300	-25	335	305	-30	340	315
3		50	40	-10	170	130	-40	280	255	-25	295	265	-30	300	275	-25
4		-60	-60	0	110	75	-35	235	215	-20	245	225	-20	250	230	-20
5		-255	-260	-5	-105	-95	10	-70	-50	20	-65	-45	20	-65	-45	20
6		-435	-430	5	-350	-350	0	-335	-320	15	-325	-315	10	-325	-315	10
7		-535	-535	0	-470	-465	5	-450	-435	15	-445	-430	15	-445	-430	15
MID 32	Leaf 1-2	-50	-55	-5	25	25	0	90	90	0	95	90	-5	95	95	0
	3	-75	-80	-5	-10	-10	0	75	70	-5	75	70	-5	75	75	0
	4	-170	-175	-5	-75	-75	0	5	-5	-10	5	-5	-10	5	-5	-10
	5	-330	-330	0	-245	-245	0	-210	-200	10	-210	-200	10	-210	-200	10
	6	-485	-485	0	-430	-430	0	-410	-405	5	-410	-405	5	-410	-405	5
	7	-595	-595	0	-535	-535	0	-520	-510	10	-520	-510	10	-520	-510	10
SLM 42	Leaf 1-3	-215	-235	-20	-130	-155	-25	-55	-75	-20	-55	-75	-20	-55	-75	-20
	4	-250	-270	-20	-180	-210	-30	-110	-130	-20	-110	-130	-20	-110	-130	-20
	5	-405	-420	-15	-310	-325	-15	-295	-305	-10	-295	-305	-10	-295	-305	-10
	6	-540	-565	-25	-490	-510	-20	-470	-485	-15	-470	-485	-15	-470	-485	-15
	7	-665	-690	-25	-595	-615	-20	-585	-595	-10	-585	-595	-10	-585	-595	-10