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#### WEEKLY NATIONAL MARKET PRICE FOR WOOL AND MOHAIR

Washington December 19, 2017 - The U. S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation today announced 2018 loan rates (unchanged from 2017) and posted prices for wool and mohair. The effective repayment rate is the lower of either the 30-day average or weekly rate.

Loan rates and prices are as follows:

Loan rates for					
2018 Graded Wool	Loan Price				
	(per pound, clean basis)				
Less than 18.6	\$ 3.88				
18.6 to 19.5	\$ 3.38				
19.6 to 20.5	\$ 2.94				
20.6 to 22.0	\$ 2.72				
22.1 to 23.5	\$ 2.56				
23.6 to 25.9	\$ 2.33				
26.0 to 28.9	\$ 1.78				
29.0 and over	\$ 1.38				
2018 Ungraded Wool (per pound, greasy basis)	\$ 0.40				
Mohair	\$ 4.20				

## 2017 Graded Wool Posted Prices (per pound, clean basis)

Microns	Repayment	Weekly	30-Day Weighted	30-Day = Weighted ** Average of			f	
	Rate	Rate *	Average	Dec. 12	Dec. 5	Nov. 28	Nov. 21	Nov. 14
Less than 18	\$6.34	\$6.46	\$6.34	\$6.29	\$6.32	\$6.32	\$6.40	\$6.46
18.6 to 19.5	\$5.57	\$5.86	\$5.57	\$5.60	\$5.56	\$5.52	\$5.58	\$5.64
19.6 to 20.5	\$4.94	\$5.29	\$4.94	\$5.00	\$4.92	\$4.88	\$4.94	\$4.96
20.6 to 22.0	\$4.47	\$4.77	\$4.47	\$4.50	\$4.46	\$4.44	\$4.46	\$4.51
22.1 to 23.5	\$4.08	\$4.23	\$4.08	\$4.10	\$4.10	\$4.12	\$4.02	\$4.07
23.6 to 25.9	\$3.49	\$3.65	\$3.49	\$3.50	\$3.46	\$3.48	\$3.50	\$3.54
26.0 to 28.9	\$2.00	\$2.12	\$2.00	\$2.03	\$1.94	\$1.96	\$2.03	\$2.13
29.0 and ove	\$1.30	\$1.37	\$1.30	\$1.32	\$1.22	\$1.26	\$1.36	\$1.42

#### 2017 Ungraded Wool Posted Prices (per pound, greasy basis)

	Repayment	Weekly	30-Day Weighted	d 30-Day = Weighted ** Average or			f	
	Rate	Rate *	Average	Dec. 12	Dec. 5	Nov. 28	Nov. 21	Nov. 14
Region 2	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.55

### 2017 Mohair Posted Price (per pound)

Repayment	Weekly	30-Day Weighted	eighted 30-Day = Weighted ** Average of				
Rate	Rate *	Average	Dec. 12	Dec. 5	Nov. 28	Nov. 21	Nov. 14
\$6.46	\$6.76	\$6.46	\$6.76	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$6.09	\$6.09

These prices become effective at 12:01 a.m., Eastern Time, on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 and are used to determinal alternative loan repayment rates for marketing assistance loans and to determine loan deficiency payments.

<sup>\*</sup> Weekly rate is based on the current price

<sup>\*\*</sup> weights = 7/30 for each of the 4 most recent weeks plus 2/30 for the earliest week