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Feed Molasses (minimum 79.5 brix, 43% sugars, except where noted) offers only (premiums and discounts to apply) and tank car or truck, fob terminal, prompt delivery, dollars/ton. 1/

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The Houston area prices were steady to 9.00 higher from the previous report. Domestic and international supplies are light to moderate. Most pasture in good to excellent condition throughout the country. Supplements continue to be limited as cow calf producers utilize pastures. Current feed yard demand and usage is moderate. However, as cattle are pulled off wheat pastures and taken to feed yards supplement demand will begin increasing. As molasses prices continue to rise producers look at alternative supplement additives.

Type and Market Area	As of Noon: 04/15/2005	Previous Report 04/01/2005	Last Year 04/19/2004
Cane Blackstrap-			
New Orleans	no quote	no quote	52.50-55.00
Houston	109.00-112.50	100.00-112.50	60.00
	mostly 110.00-112.50	mostly 107.00-112.50	
South Florida	no quote	no quote	62.50

1/ Per ton prices are based on 171 gallons for blackstrap molasses. To compute cents per gallon prices on cane molasses divide dollars per ton by 171 gallons (\$ per ton divided by 171 gallons = cents per gallon). Ton- 2,000 lbs; Gallon= U.S. gallon.

2/ Above prices reflect both contract and spot prices from the previous 15 days.

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For Molasses Tables which were found on this report please go to the USDA, Farm Service Agency Sweetener Market Data Monthly Reports Website listed below.

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/AO/epas/dsa/sugar/scontent.htm>

Molasses Imported by Customs District in Metric Tons				
Country	Customs District	February 2005	Jan/Feb 2005 Cumulative	Year Ago Cumulative
Australia	Baltimore	0	0	13493
	Los Angeles	0	0	23677
	New Orleans	0	0	9301
	New York City	0	0	14252
	San Francisco	0	0	79184
	Seattle	0	89	0
Canada	Maine	0	0	224
	Seattle	24	49	361
Colombia	Baltimore	0	0	4823
	Houston	0	0	141314
	New Orleans	0	0	25931
Costa Rica	Puerto Rico	6252	6252	50328
Dominican Republic	Houston	11153	11153	0
	Puerto Rico	12865	12865	126280
El Salvador	Baltimore	0	0	29675
	Houston	21898	21898	57070
	Puerto Rico	0	0	14665
Guatemala	Baltimore	16282	39887	44083
	Houston	0	24298	64463
	Los Angeles	0	0	6565
	New Orleans	0	0	37489
	New York City	0	0	25880
	Puerto Rico	8407	8407	10719
	San Francisco	0	0	20902
	Tampa	0	0	12077
Honduras	Baltimore	0	0	28235
	Houston	12748	12748	55013
	New Orleans	0	0	16391

Mexico	Houston	97506	117973	145226
	New Orleans	9965	20967	78900
	New York City	0	0	3043
	Nogales	1592	1592	0
	Puerto Rico	0	0	10714
	San Diego	1	1	0
Peru	Houston	0	0	3892
Poland	Wilmington, N.C.	24812	50819	49276
Thailand	San Francisco	0	0	16330
Others		22827	73425	352857
Total		246330	402421	1519251

Source: Bureau of Census, Compiled by USDA, LS Market News