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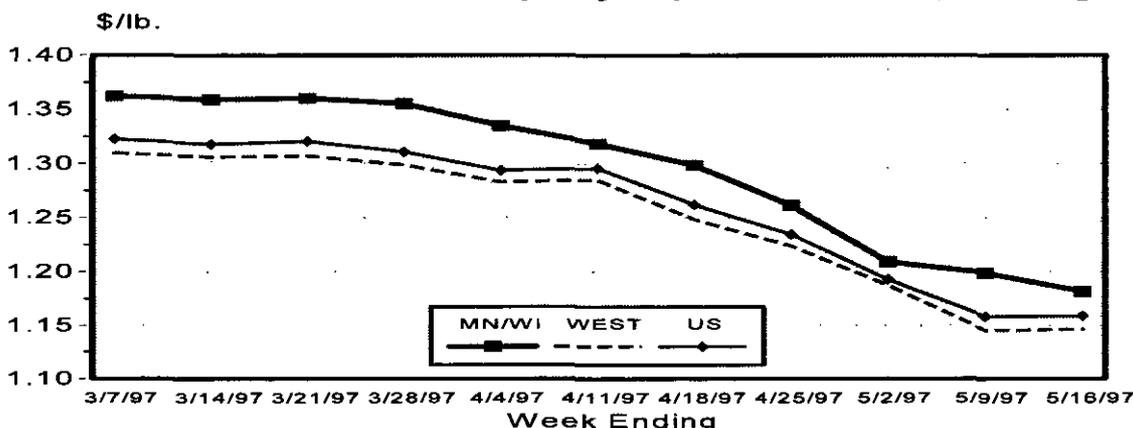
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West 3/	1.1466	1.1455	1.1873	1.2237	1.2485
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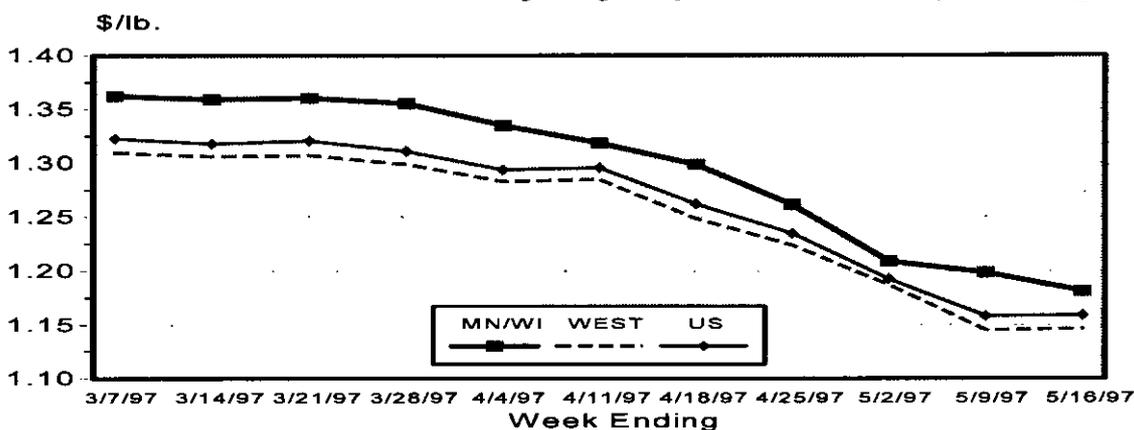
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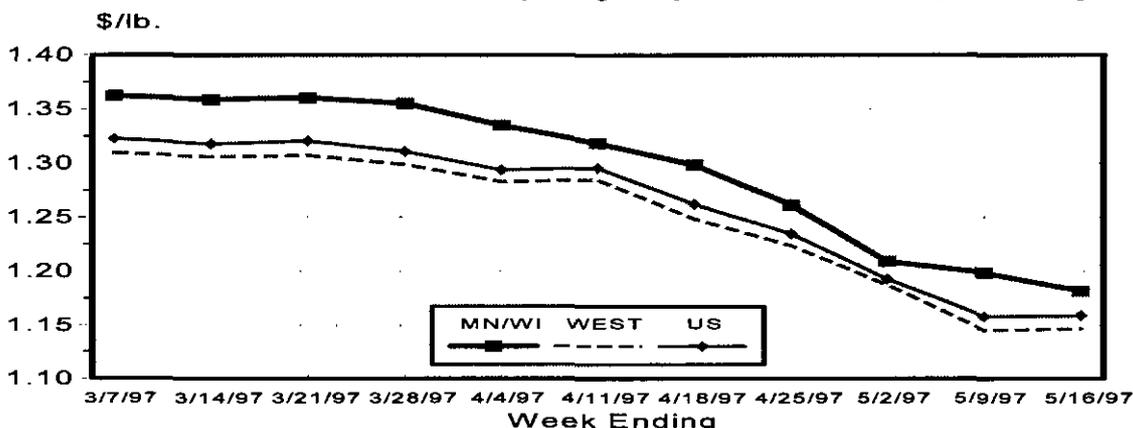
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