

# Weekly Cotton Market Review

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				41-4-34 Pric	es			
Date	SE	ND	SD	ETX-STX	WTX-KS-OK	DSW	SJV	7-MKT AVG
22-Aug	65.43	65.18	65.18	62.43	62.43	62.18	62.93	63.68
25-Aug	64.99	64.74	64.74	61.99	61.99	61.74	62.49	63.24
26-Aug	64.47	64.22	64.22	61.47	61.47	61.22	61.97	62.72
27-Aug	64.41	64.16	64.16	61.41	61.41	61.16	61.91	62.66
28-Aug	65.04	64.79	64.79	62.04	61.79	61.79	62.54	63.25
31-3-36 Prices								
Date	SE	ND	SD	ETX-STX	WTX-KS-OK	DSW	SJV	7-MKT AVG
22-Aug	71.18	69.93	69.43	69.68	67.68	68.18	75.33	70.20
25-Aug	70.74	69.49	68.99	69.24	67.24	67.74	74.89	69.76
26-Aug	70.22	68.97	68.47	68.72	66.72	67.22	74.37	69.24
27-Aug	70.16	68.91	68.41	68.66	66.66	67.16	74.31	69.18
28-Aug	70.79	69.54	69.04	69.29	67.04	67.79	74.94	69.78
			Future	es <b>Settlemen</b>	t			r Eastern Index 1/
Date	Oct-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	May-26	Jul-26	Oct-26		Current
22-Aug	66.43	68.01	69.74	71.01	71.71	70.03		78.90
25-Aug	65.99	67.32	69.12	70.45	71.20	69.66		-
26-Aug	65.47	66.71	68.53	69.88	70.64	69.30	78.90	
27-Aug	65.41	66.68	68.44	69.78	70.55	69.28	78.20	
28-Aug	66.04	67.30	69.08	70.41	71.21	69.91		78.20
Spot Transactions								
Date	SE	ND	SD	ETX-STX	WTX-KS-OK	DSW	SJV	PIMA
22-Aug	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-Aug	192	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26-Aug	0	1,051	0	0	0	0	0	0
27-Aug	0	1,611	0	98	0	0	0	0
28-Aug	0	0	0	874	225	0	0	0
Weekly Totals	192	2,662	0	972	225	0	0	0

Source: USDA, AMS, Cotton and Tobacco Program, 1/ Cotlook

Spot cotton trading was slow. Supplies and offerings were light. Demand was moderate. Average local spot prices were weak. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive. No interest in forward contracting was reported.

A mix of sun and clouds was observed across the lower Southeast with scattered afternoon rain events during the week. Daytime temperatures in low 90s early in the period dipped into the upper 70s later in the week. Nighttime lows were in the 60s and 70s. Widespread showers brought moisture to coastal areas from the Gulf of America to the Atlantic throughout the week. Precipitation totals measured from one to two inches, with heavier accumulations recorded in localized areas. The crop advanced at a slower pace under the unseasonably cool weather. Producers applied plant growth regulators and insecticides in fields that met threshold limits. Two-spot cotton leafhopper infestations negatively impacting yield potential in some fields in south Alabama, the Florida Panhandle, and south Georgia. Fieldwork advanced where soils were firm enough to support equipment. According to the National Agricultural Statistic's Services (NASS) crop progress report released August 25, boll-setting advanced to 95 percent completed in Georgia and 90 percent completed in Alabama. Cotton bolls opening reached 21 percent in Georgia and 15 percent in Alabama.

Sunny conditions prevailed across the upper Southeast with afternoon clouds observed during the week. Daytime temperatures were mostly in the 80s and 90s. Nighttime lows were mostly in the 60s. Moderate precipitation was received along coastal South Carolina during the period. Rainfall totals measured one to two inches, with heavier accumulations received in some locales. Producers applied plant growth regulators and insecticides in fields to combat cotton pests. According to NASS, boll-setting advanced to 96 percent completed in Virginia, 90 in South Carolina and 89 percent completed in North Carolina. Cotton bolls-opening reached 14 percent completed in Virginia, 12 in South Carolina, and 7 percent completed in North Carolina.

# Textile Mill

Domestic mill buyers inquired for a moderate volume of color 41, leaf 4, and staple 34 and longer for December 2025 through November 2026 delivery. No sales were reported. No additional inquiries were reported. Mill buyers maintained a cautious undertone as they balanced raw cotton purchases with yarn orders.

Demand through export channels was moderate. Agents for mills in India inquired for a moderate volume of color 31, leaf 3, and staple 37 for mid-October shipment. Representatives for mills in India also inquired for a moderate volume of American Pima color 2, leaf 2, and staple 48 for September shipment. No sales were reported.

# **Trading**

- A light volume of color 31 and 41, leaf 2 and 3, staple 36 and 37, mike 35-40, strength 27-30, and uniformity 79-81 sold for around 70.25 cents per pound, FOB car/truck (Rule 5, compression charges paid).
- A light volume of color 41 and 51, leaf 3 and 4, staple 36 and longer, mike 43-52, strength 28-32, and uniformity 80-83 sold for around 69.00 cents per pound, FOB car/truck, Georgia terms (Rule 5, compression charges paid, 30 days free storage).

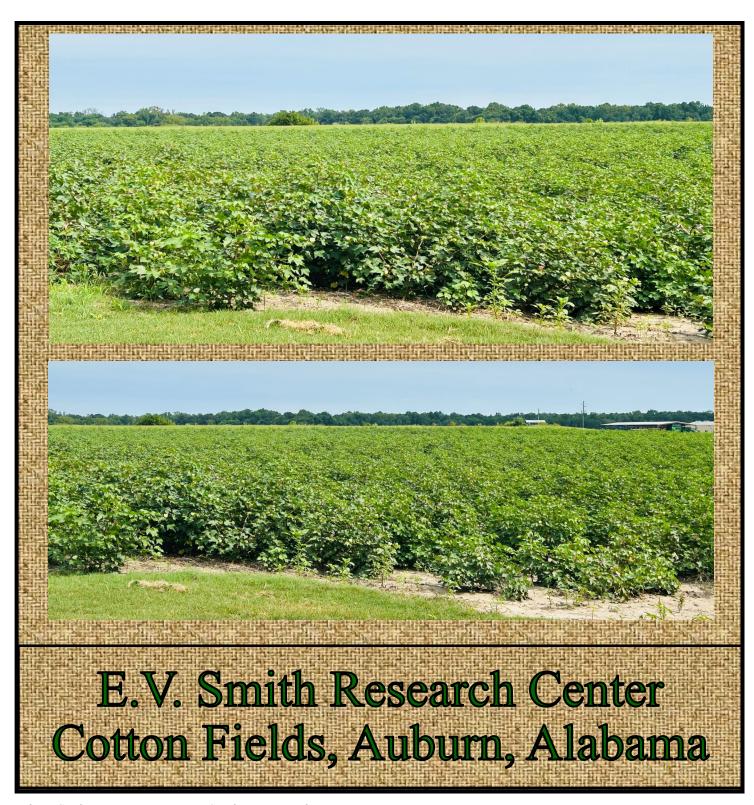


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#### North Delta

Spot cotton trading was slow. Supplies of available cotton were light. Demand was very light. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive. Average local spot prices were weak. There was no interest in forward contracting.

Mostly cloudy skies were consistent throughout the reporting period. A cold front moved through the region dropping daytime temperatures from the 80s down into the 60s. Remnants from seasonal tropical storms cooled nighttime temperatures into the 50s. Accumulated precipitation totals measured from trace amounts to less than one-quarter of an inch of rainfall. More rain is needed to restore moisture to topsoil. The U.S. Drought Monitor report released on August 28, reported abnormal drvness transitioned from moderate to severe drought. Soil moisture is reported at 92 percent in Arkansas and 63 percent in Tennessee. Outdoor activities were being done. Bolls are beginning to open in Arkansas fields. Producers regulated plant bug activity by applying insecticide to fields. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) Crop Progress report released on August 25, cotton bolls opening was at 31 percent in Arkansas, 3 in Missouri, and 20 percent in Tennessee. Cotton conditions were reported by NASS as mostly good to excellent in Arkansas and fair to good in Missouri and Tennessee. Virtual and in person industry meetings were planned and attended at state and national levels.

#### South Delta

Spot cotton trading was inactive. Supplies of available cotton were light. Demand was very light. Trading of CCC-loan equities was slow. Average local spot prices were weak. No forward contracting was reported.

Intervals of clouds and sunshine characterized the weather pattern during the period. Daytime high temperatures were in the 90s. Cool winds migrated through the territory dropping highs into the 70s and overnight lows into the 50s. Spotty rainfall totals measured from trace amounts to one-quarter of an inch of rain. A soaking downpour is needed to restore moisture to the soil. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor report released on August 28, topsoil moisture levels were approximately at 53 percent in Mississippi. Fieldwork was being done. Mississippi, irrigation continued to help the crops grow and mature. No plant bug activity was reported. Growers have estimated harvest to begin in the first week of September. Cotton bolls continued to open in Louisiana. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) Crop Progress report released on August 25, cotton setting bolls was at 87 percent in Louisiana and 82 percent in Mississippi. Both areas were near the five-year average. NASS reported cotton bolls openings were at 34 percent in Louisiana and 28 percent in Mississippi. Cotton bolls opening was below the five-year average in Louisiana by 10 percent, and above the five-year average in Mississippi by one percent. Virtual and in person industry meetings were planned and attended at state and national levels.

# **Trading**

#### North Delta

- A heavy lot of 2024-crop cotton containing mostly color 31 and 41, leaf 2-4, staple 35-37, mike 36-48, strength 36-31, and uniformity sold for around 65.25 cents per pound, FOB car/truck (Rule 5, compression charges paid).
- A heavy volume of CCC-loan equities traded for 1.00 cent.

#### South Delta

• No trading activity was reported.

#### **Southwestern Markets Regional Summary**

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#### East Texas-South Texas

Spot cotton trading was slow. Supplies and producer offerings were light. Demand was very light. Average local spot prices were weak. Producer interest in forward contracting was light. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive. Foreign mill inquiries were moderate. Interest was best from Mexico, Pakistan, and Vietnam.

Sunny skies gave way to cloudy and scattered, rainy weather activity early in the period in the East Texas region. Daytime high temperatures were in the mid-to-high 90s before a cold-front cooled temperatures into the mid-70s as the week progressed. Nighttime low temperatures were in the low-to-mid 60s. Accumulated rainfall totals ranged from trace amounts to nearly one and one-quarter inches of moisture in the Brazos River Bottoms, with additional chances for showers in the nearby forecast. According to local experts, the crop in the Brazos River Bottoms is progressing well, and bolls are opening fast as fields enter the final weeks of maturation. Fair weather has provided idyllic conditions in central Texas for bolls to fill in and open properly. Defoliation is estimated to begin in as early as two weeks. Spotty showers brought rainfall to much of the South Texas region. Daytime high temperatures ranged from the upper 80s to the upper 90s, with nighttime low temperatures in the mid-70s to low 80s. Total accumulated moisture measured from one-quarter of an inch up to over one and one-half inches of rain. Fieldwork and harvest activities continued across the South Texas region as producers worked around scattered rainfall. According to local experts, harvest in the lower Rio Grande Valley was nearing completion. Trucks were running and transporting modules from fields to gin yards. Gins were operating at full scale processing bales on yards.

#### West Texas-Kansas-Oklahoma

Spot cotton trading was slow. Supplies and producer offerings were light. Demand was light. Average local spot prices were weak. Producer interest in forward contracting was light. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive. Foreign mill inquiries were light to moderate. Interest was best from Mexico, Pakistan, and Vietnam.

In Texas, a mild cold-front entered the region, with a cooler cold-front in the weekend forecast plus good chances for widespread rainfall. Daytime high temperatures were in the low 70s to mid-90s, and overnight lows were in the 50s to 70s. Rainfall will benefit some stands but comes too late to help other stands. Cotton fields on the High Plains are nearing or have reached cutout. Irrigation continued but producers carefully considered the age of the youngest bolls to determine optimal schedules to shut off wells. The last effective bloom date was reached this period or will in the next reporting period. Insect populations increased in some locations. Scouting continued and treatments were applied as needed. Industry experts provided education on the cotton jassid entering the region. Stakeholders remained engaged through recent meetings and observations.

In Kansas, stands made good progress, with daytime high temperatures in the upper 60s to low 90s, and overnight lows in the 50s to 60s. Thunderstorms brought more than one and one-half inches of beneficial rainfall. The crop advanced, and producers were enthused. Consideration was given to raising estimates. A warming trend is needed along with a late season freeze for the bolls to fully mature. In Oklahoma, daytime temperatures were in the mid-70s to mid-90s, and overnight lows were in the 60s and 70s. Most of the rainfall missed the cotton growing areas. Final irrigation was applied from the lake, and the wells will soon be shut down. The last effective bloom date has passed, and the focus will be on developing the bolls. Insect populations remained light, but stinkbug pressure increased.

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# **Trading**

#### East Texas/South Texas

- A light volume of color 11, leaf 2, staple 37, mike averaging 46.0, strength averaging 31.4, and uniformity averaging 82.6 sold for around 66.00 cents per pound, FOB warehouse (compression charges not paid).
- A light volume of color 31, leaf 3 and 4, staple 38, mike averaging 42.9, strength averaging 32.9, and uniformity averaging 82.7 sold for around 64.00 cents, same terms as above.

#### West Texas, Kansas & Oklahoma

- In Kansas, a light volume of 2024-crop cotton color 21, 31, and 22, leaf 2-4, staple 37-38, mike averaging 37.4, strength averaging 30.8, and uniformity averaging 81.8 sold for around 63.25 cents per pound, FOB car/truck, (compression charges not paid).
- A light volume of 2024-crop cotton color 52 and 53, leaf 3-4, staple 37-38, mike averaging 36.5, strength averaging 29.8, uniformity averaging 81.6, and 25 percent extraneous matter sold for around 52.50 cents, same terms as above.

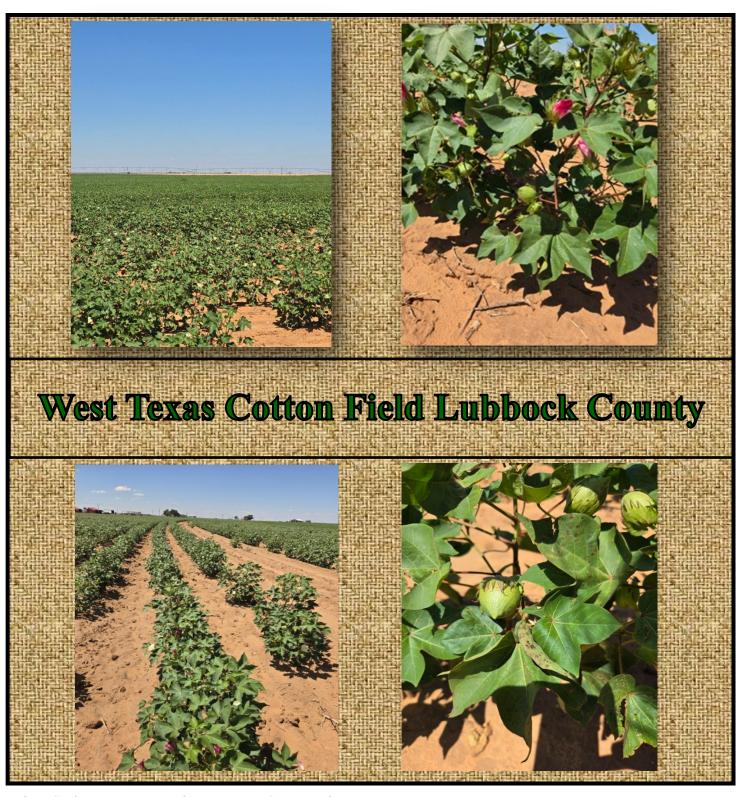


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#### **Desert Southwest (DSW)**

Spot cotton trading was inactive. Supplies and producer offerings were light. Demand was light. Producer interest in forward contracting was light. Average local prices were weak. No Forward contracting or domestic mill activity was reported. Foreign mill inquiries were light.

Weather conditions throughout Arizona were partly cloudy for most of the period. Excessive heat warnings were issued as daily high temperatures reached 112 degrees. Nighttime lows were in the 80s and 90s. Monsoon activity brought dust storms, thunderstorms, and rain showers. Rain totals measured over one inch. Warm temperatures advanced boll-openings. The overall crop progressed well throughout Arizona. In Yuma, AZ, producers prepared for harvest season. Fields were being defoliated, and harvesting is expected to commence in the next two weeks. In New Mexico and El Paso, TX, sunny to partly cloudy conditions were prevalent. Daily temperatures were in the low to mid-90s. Nighttime lows were in the 60s and 70s. Scattered rain showers brought less than one-quarter of an inch of moisture to the territory. Whiteflies were present and treatments were applied where needed. The overall crop progressed well.

# San Joaquin Valley (SJV)

Spot cotton trading was inactive. Supplies and demand were light. No forward contracting or domestic mill activity was reported. Average local prices were weak. Foreign mill inquiries were light.

Sunny skies and hot temperatures were the norm during the period. Daily temperatures were in the mid-to-upper 90s. Nighttime lows were in the 60s and 70s. No significant amount of rain was reported during the period. Fields were irrigated and blooming

expanded. Insect pressures were light, and treatments were applied as necessary. The California Department of Food and Agriculture's Pink Bollworm Program report for 2025 Acreage, mapped approximate SJV acreage at 99,336 acres. This total is comprised of 8,362 acres of Upland. The total cotton acreage for California was mapped at around 106,980 acres.

#### American Pima (AP)

Spot cotton trading was inactive. Supplies were moderate. Demand was light. No forward contracting or domestic mill activity was reported. Average local spot prices were steady. Foreign mill inquiries were light.

In the San Joaquin Valley, daily temperatures were in the 90s. Nightly lows were in the 60s. No significant amount of rain was reported during the period. Fields were irrigated and blooming expanded. Insect pressures were light, treatments were applied as necessary. The California Department of Food and Agriculture's Pink Bollworm Program report for 2025 Acreage, mapped approximate SJV Pima acreage at 90,974 acres. The total cotton acreage for California was mapped at around 106,980 acres.

In Arizona, daily temperatures reached into the 110s. Excessive heat warnings were issued. Nightly lows were in the 80s and 90s. Rain totals of less than one-quarter of an inch were recorded during the period. In Yuma, AZ, producers prepared for harvest season. Fields were being defoliated, and harvesting is expected to commence in the next two weeks. In New Mexico and El Paso, TX, sunny to partly cloudy conditions were prevalent. Daily temperatures were in the low to mid-90s. Nighttime lows were in the 60s and 70s. Treatments were applied to control whitefly populations in some fields.

#### **Trading**

**Desert Southwest** 

• No trading activity was reported.

San Joaquin Valley

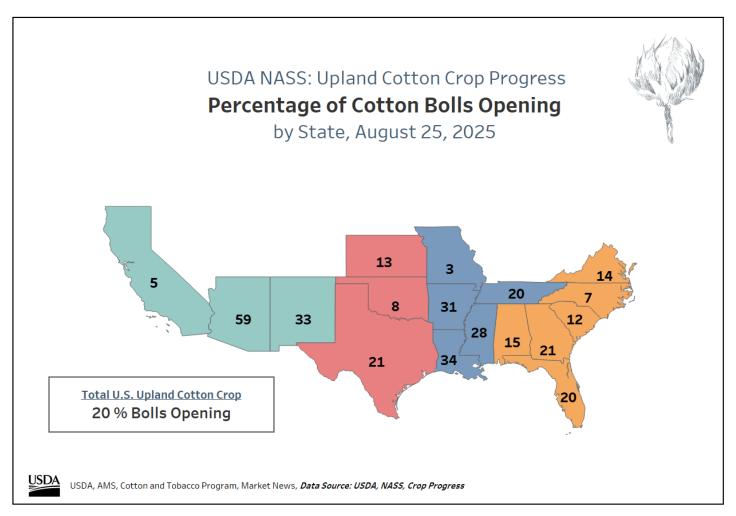
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American Pima

No trading activity was reported.

# **Percentage of Cotton Bolls Opening**

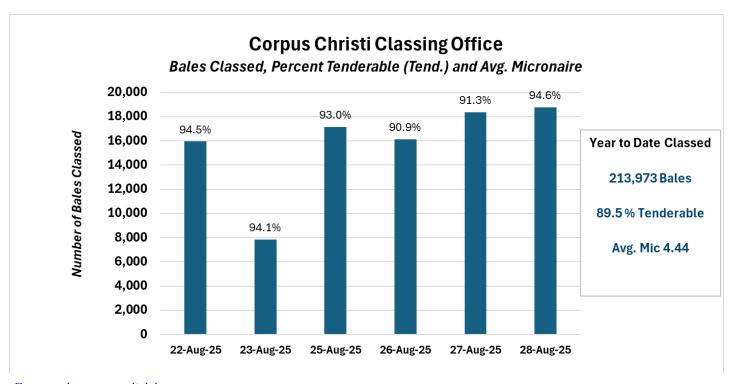
The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service's Crop Progress report, released on August 25, estimated that 20 percent of the U.S. upland cotton crop had bolls opening, two percent behind the five—year average.



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# **Corpus Christi Bales Classed**

The Corpus Christi Classing Office classed 94,510 bales for the week ending August 28. For the week ending August 28, the office reported a total of 42.8 percent for color 31, 48.6 percent for leaf 3, staple averaging 37.54, mike averaging 4.33, strength averaging 32.47, and uniformity averaging 82.87. Total classed during the season was 213,973.



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#### **Number of Bales in Certificated Stocks**

Delivery Points	Stocks as of 8-28-2025	Awaiting Review	Non-Rain Grown Cotton	
Dallas/FT. Worth, TX	15,425	15,425 0		
Galveston, TX	9	0	0	
Greenville, SC	0	0	0	
Houston, TX	28	0	0	
Memphis, TN	12	0	0	
Total	15,474	0	0	

Source: USDA, AMS and ICE U.S. Futures

World market prices for upland cotton, in cents per pound, in effect from 12:01 a.m., EDT, Friday through midnight, EDT, Thursday

	2024-2025 & 2025-2026						
Description	July	August	August	August	August	August 29	
	25-31	1-7	8-14	15-21	22-28	Sept 4	
Adjusted world price 1/	54.95	54.52	54.39	55.05	55.53	54.94	
Course count adjustment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fine count adjustment 2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fine count adjustment 2025	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

1/ Color 41, leaf 4, staple 34, mike 35-36 & 43-49, strength readings of 26.0-28.9 grams per tex, length uniformity of 80.0-81.9 percent. Source: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

Description	2024-2025 Through August 22, 2024		2025-2026	
			Through August 21, 2025	
	Week	Mkt. Year	Week	Mkt. Year
Outstanding sales	-	3,974,900	-	3,033,600
Exports	144,200	465,900	112,700	378,500
Total export commitments	-	4,440,800	-	3,412,100
New sales	157,600	-	182,800	
Buy-backs and cancellations	22,400	-	3,500	-
Net sales	135,200	-	179,300	-
Sales next marketing year	700	339,500	0	217,100

Net sales of Upland totaling 179,300 RB for 2025/2026 primarily for Vietnam (88,400 RB, including 200 RB switched from Japan), Bangladesh (37,800 RB), Pakistan (13,300 RB), Mexico (7,500 RB), and Nicaragua (7,300 RB), were offset by reductions for Peru (1,700 RB) and El Salvador (100 RB). Exports of 112,700 RB were primarily to Vietnam (41,000 RB), Bangladesh (11,500 RB), India (10,900 RB), Mexico (7,600 RB), and Turkey (6,500 RB). Net sales of Pima totaling 3,900 RB for 2025/2026 were reported for India (1,800 RB), Peru (1,100 RB), Bangladesh (600 RB), Vietnam (300 RB), and Japan (100 RB). Exports of 14,000 RB were primarily to India (6,700 RB), Vietnam (3,100 RB), Pakistan (1,300 RB), Costa Rica (900 RB), and Peru (900 RB).

Exports for Own Account: For 2025/2026, the current outstanding balance of 3,200 RB is all Vietnam.

Source: Export Sales Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

NOTE: Data may not add due to rounding.

				AMERICAN	PIMA SPOT QU	VOTATIONS
Color	Leaf		Staple			
		44	46	48	50	The current Pima spot quotations
1	1	145.75	151.50	153.25	153.25	represent prices from local sales,
	2	145.50	151.25	153.00	153.00	
	3	138.75	146.50	147.50	147.50	export sales, and offerings last
	4					reported on July 23, 2025
	5					
	6					
2	1	145.50	151.25	153.00	153.00	
	2	145.25	151.00	152.75	152.75	
	3	138.50	146.25	147.25	147.25	Mike
	4	128.50	136.75	137.75	137.75	Range Diff.
	5					26 & Below -2000
	6					27-29 -1500
3	1	137.25	145.00	146.00	146.00	30-32 -1000
	2	134.75	142.50	143.50	143.50	33-34 -500
	3	132.50	140.25	141.25	141.25	35 & Above 0
	4	123.50	131.25	132.25	132.25	
	5	107.50	114.75	115.75	115.75	
	6					Strength
4	1	118.50	126.25	128.00	128.00	(Grams per Tex)
	2	118.25	126.00	127.25	127.25	Range Diff.
	3	117.00	124.75	125.75	125.75	34.9 & Below -1650
	4	112.00	119.75	120.75	120.75	35.0 – 35.9 -1400
	5	100.75	108.50	109.50	109.50	36.0 – 36.9
	6					37.0 – 37.9 – 800
5	1	05.25	105.25	105.25	105.25	38.0 – 38.9
	2	95.25 95.25	105.25	105.25	105.25	
	3	95.25	104.75	105.00	105.00	40.0 & Above 0
	4	95.25	99.25 99.00	99.25 99.00	99.25	Extuorecone Metter
	5	95.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	Extraneous Matter
-	6					Type - Level Diff.
6	1	97.50	00.50	00.50	00.50	Prep - Level 1 -810
	2	87.50 87.50	90.50	90.50	90.50	Prep - Level 2 -1095
	3	87.50 87.50	90.50 90.50	90.50 90.50	90.50 90.50	Other - Level 1 -715 Other - Level 2 -1035
	5	87.50 87.25	90.30	90.50	90.30	Other - Level 2 -1035 Plastic - Level 1 -4000
	6	86.75	90.23 89.75	90.23 89.75	90.23 89.75	Plastic - Level 2 -4000

<sup>1/</sup> Pima spot quotations for color-leaf-staple combinations not quoted will be included as sales of those qualities which are reported.