

Weekly Cotton Market Review

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Market Performance Highlights

Upland Cotton Price Trends

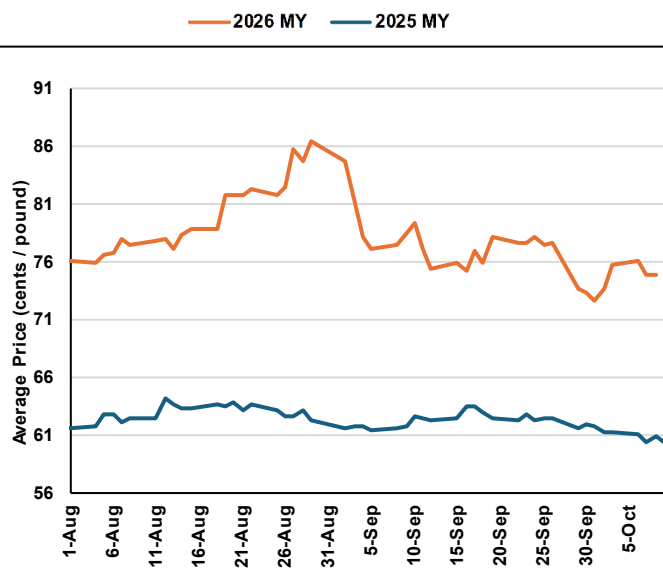
- 7-Market Weekly Avg. Spot Price (41-4-34):

75.08 cents/pound

- Change vs. Last Week: **up 8 points**
- Change vs. Last Year: **up from 60.88¢/lb**
- Weekly Range: **73.77¢ – 76.10¢**
- ICE DEC Futures Week Ending Settlement

Price: **79.94¢ (up from 77.76¢ last week)**

U.S. Seven Market Average Spot Price (41-4-34)



41-4-34 Prices

Date	SE	ND	SD	ETX-STX	WTX-KS-OK	DSW	SJV	7-MKT AVG
Oct 2	77.38	76.63	76.63	71.88	71.38	71.13	71.38	73.77
Oct 5	79.36	78.61	78.61	73.86	73.36	73.11	73.36	75.75
Oct 6	79.71	78.96	78.96	74.21	73.71	73.46	73.71	76.10
Oct 7	78.53	77.78	77.78	73.03	72.53	72.28	72.53	74.92
Oct 8	78.44	77.69	77.69	73.19	72.44	72.19	72.44	74.87

31-3-36 Prices

Date	SE	ND	SD	ETX-STX	WTX-KS-OK	DSW	SJV	7-MKT AVG
Oct 2	83.13	81.38	80.88	77.13	75.13	77.13	83.78	79.79
Oct 5	85.11	83.36	82.86	79.11	77.11	79.11	85.76	81.77
Oct 6	85.46	83.71	83.21	79.46	77.46	79.46	86.11	82.12
Oct 7	84.28	82.53	82.03	78.28	76.28	78.28	84.93	80.94
Oct 8	84.19	82.44	81.94	78.44	76.19	78.19	84.84	80.89

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ICE Futures Settlement Prices							7-Market Avg Spot Price	Far Eastern A Index 1/
	Oct-26	Dec-26	Mar-27	May-27	Jul-27	Oct-27		
Oct 2	75.15	78.88	81.54	83.13	83.54	76.88	73.77	88.35
Oct 5	77.13	80.86	83.71	85.27	85.71	79.10	75.75	89.35
Oct 6	77.48	81.21	84.17	85.84	86.24	79.31	76.10	91.45
Oct 7	76.30	80.03	83.12	84.83	85.24	78.71	74.92	91.70
Oct 8	76.21	79.94	83.03	84.74	85.17	79.02	74.87	90.65

1/ Far Eastern A Index furnished by Cotton Outlook of Liverpool.

USDA, Farm Service Agency Cotton Reports	
Prices are in effect from Oct. 9-15	
Adjusted World price 1/	63.81
Fine Count Adjustment '25	0.00
Fine Count Adjustment '26	0.00
Course Count Adjustment	0.00
Loan Deficiency Payment	0.00
ELS Competitiveness Payment, effective Sep. 18-Oct. 15	0.00

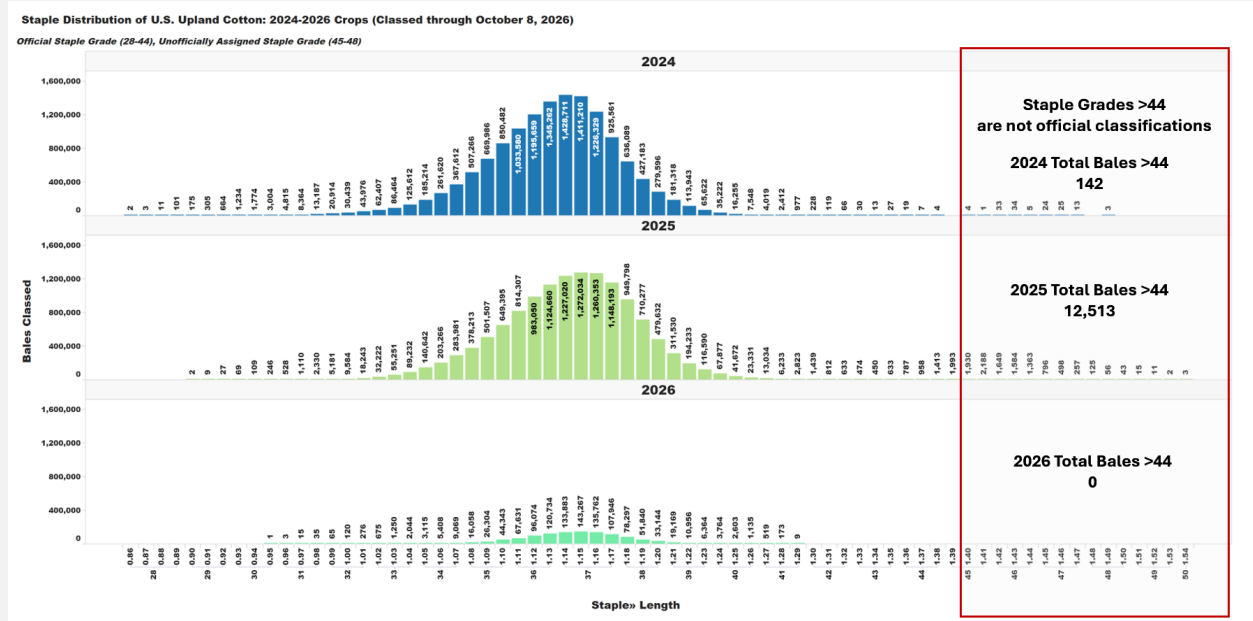
Source: USDA, Farm Service Agency
[Upland Cotton Reports](#), [ELS Cotton Announcement](#)

USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service Export Sales Reporting Division Warehouse Cotton Maturity		
Description	Through October 1, 2026	
	<u>Week</u>	<u>Mkt. Year</u>
Outstanding sales	-	3,573,600
Exports	161,600	1,528,700
Total export commitments	-	5,102,300
New sales	214,500	-
Net sales	165,100	-
Sales next marketing year	56,100	566,800

Source: USDA, Foreign Ag. Service,
[U.S. Export Sales Report](#)

USDA, AMS, U.S. Upland Cotton Crop Staple Distribution

The chart below displays the number of bales for each length measurement, shown in increments of 1/100th inch, along with the corresponding staple lengths. Length measurements are grouped by official U.S. Upland Cotton staple lengths, listed in 32nds of an inch, from 24 to 44. For measurements above 1.35 inches (staples longer than 44), implied staple lengths are provided. These implied values are for informational use only and are not official designations.



Southeastern Market Regional Summary

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Spot cotton trading was moderate. Supplies and producer offerings were light. Demand was moderate. Average local spot prices were steady. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive.

Sunny to overcast conditions were observed across the lower Southeast during the period. Daytime high temperatures were mostly in the 80s to low 90s. Nighttime lows were in the 60s and 70s. Widespread showers brought moisture to areas throughout the region. The heaviest rainfall totals were recorded along the Gulf and Atlantic coastal areas. Weekly accumulated precipitation measured from around two to five inches of rain. The heavy rainfall supported widespread drought improvements across southern Alabama, the Florida Panhandle, and southern Georgia, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Worsening dryness was reported in areas of the northern half of Georgia that missed significant precipitation. Producers monitored hurricane Isaias which is anticipated to make landfall this weekend along the Gulf Coast and has the potential to negatively impact fields. Producers would welcome a period of sunny weather to help bleach discolored lint. Defoliation and harvest activities advanced at a slower pace as dry conditions allowed. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) Crop Progress report released October 5, bolls opening advanced to 85 percent in Georgia, 83 percent in Alabama, and 85 percent in Alabama. Harvesting advanced to 18 percent completed in Alabama and 10 percent in Georgia.

Sunny to cloudy conditions prevailed across the upper Southeast during the period. Daytime high temperatures were mostly in the 80s with nighttime lows in the 50s and 60s. Widespread thunderstorms brought moisture to cotton-growing areas of the eastern Carolinas and Virginia. Weekly accumulated precipitation totals measured from around one to three inches of rain. The moisture improved droughty conditions along coastal South Carolina with small patches of improvement recorded farther north where heavy precipitation was spotty, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Defoliation and harvest activities continued at a slow pace as dry conditions allowed. According to NASS, cotton bolls opening reached 94 percent in Virginia, 91 in South Carolina, and 85 percent in North Carolina. Harvesting advanced to 10 percent completed in Virginia, 5 in North Carolina, and 4 percent completed in South Carolina.

Textile Mill

Domestic mill buyers inquired for a moderate volume of color 31 and 41, leaf 3 and 4, and staple 36 and 37 for November through December 2027 delivery. No sales were reported and no additional inquiries were reported. Finished product demand was slow. Mill buyers maintained a cautious undertone as they balanced raw cotton purchases with yarn orders.

Demand through export channels was slow to moderate. Agents for mills in Vietnam inquired for a moderate volume of color 31, leaf 3, and staple 36 for prompt shipment. No additional inquiries were reported.

Trading

- A heavy volume of color 31, leaf 3, staple 36 and 37, mike 43-49, strength 28-32, and uniformity 81-83 sold for around 79.50 cents per pound, FOB car/truck, Georgia terms (Rule 5 compression charges paid, 30 days free storage).

South Central Market Regional Summary

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North Delta

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

Scattered rainfall early in the period lowered daytime high temperatures into the 70s. Mostly sunny skies prevailed throughout the remainder of the week, helping unseasonably warm temperature highs reach into the 80s and 90s. Overnight lows ranged from the 50s to 60s. Accumulated precipitation totals ranged from around one-quarter to one and one-half inches of rain. Producers hoped for rainfall to taper off, but chances for rain remain in the nearby forecast. According to meteorologists, Hurricane Isaias is expected to enter the region on Friday, October 9, affecting portions of Memphis and Arkansas. A substantial downpour in the Bootheel during the week hampered outdoor activities and restricted traffic in and out of fields. Field activities continued in Arkansas and Tennessee, consisting of harvesting and hauling cotton modules to gin yards. Producers reported good quality and yields in harvested fields. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Crop Progress report released on October 5, cotton harvest was 30 percent complete in Arkansas and 22 percent complete in Tennessee, both well ahead of the five-year average.

South Delta

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

Abundant sunshine during the week warmed daytime temperatures from the 70s into the 80s and 90s. Stray showers early in the period dropped overnight lows into the 50s, which later rose back up into the 60s. Precipitation totals measured from around one-quarter to one and one-half inches of rain. According to meteorologists, Hurricane Isaias has begun to intensify into a Category 2 storm and is expected to make landfall on Friday, October 9, and carry over into the early morning hours of Saturday, October 10. The hurricane is forecast to push tropical storm conditions through the Louisiana and Mississippi territories. Growers continued fieldwork as weather permitted in preparation for the approaching storm. As reported by the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Crop Progress report released on October 5, cotton harvested was 48 percent in Louisiana and 40 percent in Mississippi. Louisiana was in line with the five-year average, while Mississippi remained well ahead of the five-year average. Gins continued operating as cotton modules accumulated on gin yards.

Trading

North Delta

- A heavy volume even-running lot containing color 41, leaf 4, staple 38, mike 37-49, strength 29-33, and uniformity 81-84, sold for around 75.00 cents per pound, FOB car/truck (Rule 5, compression charges paid).

South Delta

- An even-running old-crop lot containing color 41, leaf 4, staple 38, mike 43-49, strength 29-33, and uniformity 81-84, sold for around 75.00 cents per pound, FOB car/truck (Rule 5, compression charges paid).

Southwestern Markets Regional Summary

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East Texas-South Texas

Spot cotton trading was active. Supplies and producer offerings were moderate. Demand was light. Average local spot prices were steady. Trading of CCC-loan equities was slow. No forward contracting was reported. Foreign mill inquiries were light.

In East Texas, weekend rainfall tapered off, giving way to sunshine and drier conditions early in the period. Daytime high temperatures were in the 80s to the 90s. Nighttime lows were in the 60s and 70s. Heavy showers produced moisture totals ranging from two inches up to over five inches of precipitation in areas of the Brazos River Bottoms, leaving soil saturated and fields muddy, making it difficult for equipment to move through fields. Producers continued harvest as weather conditions permitted. Gins worked long hours to process modules staged on yards. In South Texas, heavy thunderstorm activity resulted in dreary skies and wet weather conditions during the period. Daytime high temperatures were in the 80s to the 90s, with nighttime low temperatures ranging from the 60s to the 70s. Accumulated rainfall totals ranged from three-quarters of an inch up to over five and one-half inches of precipitation, which will be beneficial for improving soil and drought conditions but makes fieldwork difficult. Harvest was drawing nearer to completion in areas of the Upper Coast and Coastal Bend. Post-season preparations were ongoing. Ginning operations continued as gins worked through bales lining yards. Industry meetings were held and attended both in person and virtually.

West Texas-Kansas-Oklahoma

Spot cotton trading was inactive. Supplies and producer offerings were light. Demand was very light. Average local spot prices were steady. Producer interest in forward contracting was light. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive. Foreign mill inquiries were light.

Cooler harvest weather prevailed across west Texas and eastern New Mexico, with daytime highs ranging from the lower 60s to lower 90s and nighttime temperatures dipping into the 50s and 60s. Field activity accelerated under the favorable conditions, and gins reported increased module flow as harvesting expanded. Harvest aids were applied, and reports indicated that producers were eager to advance harvest operations. Modules were trucked to gin yards. Gins began offering pressing services, and some expected to begin two and three-shift operations. Insurance adjusters evaluated field progress and made determinations as production estimates continued to decline. Meetings were held both in person and virtually.

Daytime temperatures in Kansas ranged from the low 70s to the upper 90s, while nighttime lows dipped into the 40s and 50s. Welcomed rainfall moved through the region and benefited both dryland and irrigated stands ahead of harvest. Soils firmed early in the period, and stands in central Kansas were prepared with boll openers and defoliation treatments. Harvest activity was expected to expand over the next 7 to 10 days. Ginning was underway farther east, and early dryland yield reports ranged from 500 to 1,000 pounds of lint per acre.

Harvest activity advanced across Oklahoma under clear weather conditions. Daytime temperatures ranged from the upper 60s to lower 90s, while overnight lows dipped into the 50s and 60s. Producers applied harvest aids, with most treatments delivered by ground rigs and some aerial applications early in the period. Modules were staged in fields and continued to accumulate at gin yards as harvest progressed. Ginning had commenced.

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Trading

East Texas/South Texas

- Mixed lots containing a heavy volume of color 41 and better, leaf 2-4, staple 36-38, mike 38-47, strength 29-35, and uniformity 79-84 sold for 77.00 to 79.75 cents per pound, FOB warehouse, (compression charges not paid).
- Lots containing a heavy volume of color 22 and better, leaf 2-4, staple 35-39, mike 42-46, strength 28-32, and uniformity 80-82 sold for 74.50 to 75.75 cents, same terms as above.
- A lot containing a heavy volume of color 21 and 31, leaf 4, staple 37-39, mike averaging 42.2, strength averaging 34.1, and uniformity averaging 83.4 sold for around 74.25 cents, same terms as above.
- A lot containing a light volume of color 21 and 22, leaf 3, staple 36 and 37, mike 43, strength 30-31, uniformity 80-82 and 100 percent extraneous matter (bark) traded for 70.50 cents, same terms as above.

West Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma

- Lots containing a light volume of 2025-crop cotton color 31 and better, leaf 2 and 3, staple 35-37, mike averaging 40.0, strength averaging 32.5, and uniformity averaging 80.6 sold for 67.00 to 69.75 cents per pound, FOB cars/truck (compression charges not paid).

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Desert Southwest (DSW)

Spot cotton trading was inactive. Supplies and producer offerings were light. Demand was light. No forward contracting was reported. Average local spot prices were steady. Foreign mill inquiries were light.

In the DSW, sunny and dry conditions returned to the region. Daytime highs ranged from the 80s to the 100s. Nightly lows ranged from the 50s to the 70s. Spotty showers produced a light amount of moisture in El Paso, TX, this week. Growers in Yuma, AZ, prepared fields post-harvest by shredding stalks and prepping fields for the winter season. Ginning continued. In the Safford Valley, rainfall has delayed the start of defoliation applications for producers. In El Paso, TX, and New Mexico, experts reported bacterial blight in some fields after a continuously wet period lingered in the region, leaving fields saturated. Some acreage is expected to be lost as a result of the negative conditions.

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 steady. Foreign mill inquiries were light.

In the SJV, mainly sunny and open skies prevailed during the period. Daytime temperatures warmed back into the 90s and low 100s, while nighttime lows were in the 60s to 70s. No precipitation was reported. Harvest continued in Tulare County, and modules were transported to gin yards as ginning commenced at some facilities in the region. Growers in Kern County applied defoliants, with some completing their first application and others beginning a second. Picking was expected to begin as early as next week. Regional gins anticipated pressing services starting in late October.

American Pima (AP)

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

Daytime highs in the Far West ranged from the 80s to the 100s. In Yuma, AZ, producers prepared for the winter season by cutting and shredding stalks. Ginning continued to progress, processing modules lining gin yards. In the Safford Valley, the crop was finishing out well, but recent rain delayed defoliation and field activities. Bolls were cracking open. Picking is expected to begin in mid-November, according to local sources. Producers prepared to begin harvest. In El Paso, TX, and New Mexico, sources reported instances of bacterial blight as a result of the wet, late-season rainy conditions that have negatively impacted some parts of the region this growing season. Harvest was expanding in the SJV. Ginning began in Tulare County. According to local sources, producer sentiment on yields vary from field to field, with some fields yielding lower than anticipated and others yielding up to four bales per acre in some areas. Producers in Kern County were spraying defoliants ahead of harvest. Ginning was expected to begin in late October.

Trading

Desert Southwest

No trading activity was reported.

San Joaquin Valley

No trading activity was reported.

American Pima

No trading activity was reported.

Desert Southwest Market

El Paso, TX Cotton Field



Photo courtesy of the Pima Crop Improvement Association

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