

Weekly Cotton Market Review

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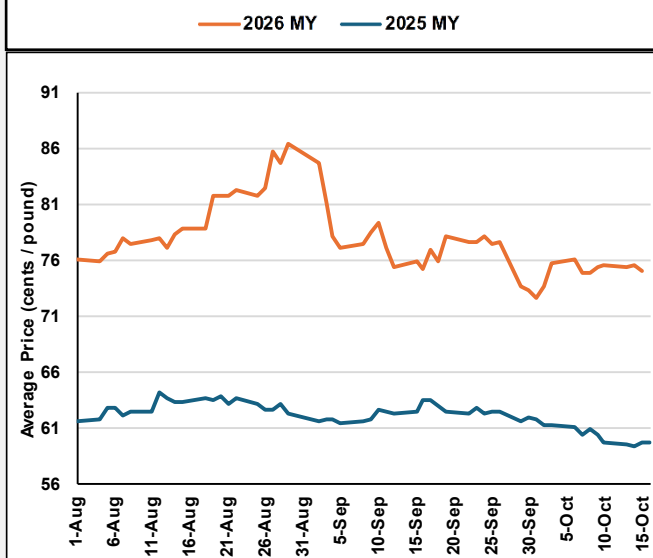
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Market Performance Highlights

Upland Cotton Price Trends

- 7-Market Weekly Avg. Spot Price (41-4-34):
75.48 cents/pound
- Change vs. Last Week: **up 48 points**
- Change vs. Last Year: **up from 59.69¢/lb**
- Weekly Range: **75.17¢ – 75.66¢**
- ICE DEC Futures Week Ending Settlement
Price: **80.06¢ (up from 79.94¢ 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-MKTAVG
Oct 9	79.04	78.29	78.29	73.79	73.04	72.79	73.04	75.47
Oct 12	79.10	78.35	78.35	74.35	73.10	72.85	73.1	75.60
Oct 13	79.01	78.26	78.26	74.26	73.01	72.76	73.01	75.51
Oct 14	79.16	78.41	78.41	74.41	73.16	72.91	73.16	75.66
Oct 15	79.06	77.81	77.81	73.81	72.81	72.31	72.56	75.17

31-3-36 Prices

Date	SE	ND	SD	ETX-STX	WTX-KS-OK	DSW	SJV	7-MKTAVG
Oct 9	84.79	83.04	82.54	79.04	76.79	78.79	85.44	81.49
Oct 12	84.85	83.10	82.60	79.60	76.85	78.85	85.5	81.62
Oct 13	84.76	83.01	82.51	79.51	76.76	78.76	85.41	81.53
Oct 14	84.91	83.16	82.66	79.66	76.91	78.91	85.56	81.68
Oct 15	84.81	82.56	82.06	79.06	76.56	78.31	84.96	81.19

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ICE Futures Settlement Prices							7-Market Avg Spot Price	Far Eastern A Index 1/
	Dec-26	Mar-27	May-27	Jul-27	Oct-27	Dec-27		
Oct 9	80.54	83.59	85.30	85.75	79.81	78.72	75.47	90.65
Oct 12	80.60	83.81	85.48	85.93	80.00	79.05	75.60	91.15
Oct 13	80.51	83.83	85.48	85.92	79.90	79.06	75.51	91.25
Oct 14	80.66	84.00	85.69	86.13	79.74	79.04	75.66	91.25
Oct 15	80.06	83.42	85.12	85.56	79.43	78.79	75.17	91.45

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

USDA, Farm Service Agency Cotton Reports	
Prices are in effect from Oct. 16-22	
Adjusted World price 1/	64.61
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 Oct. 16-22	0.00

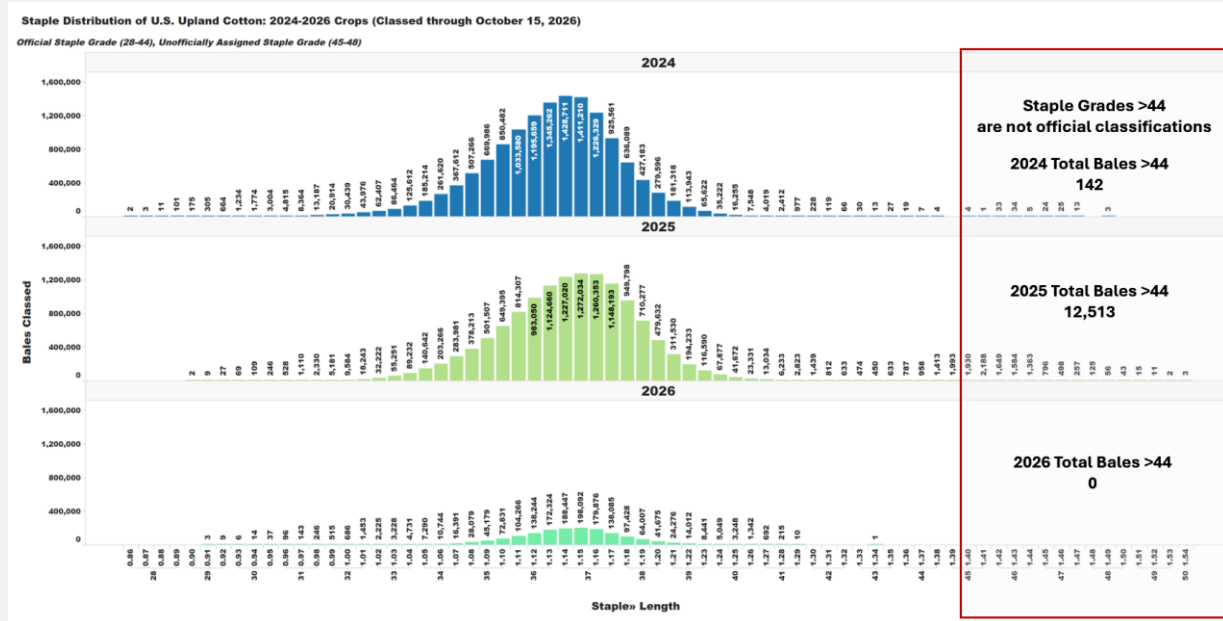
Source: USDA, Farm Service Agency
[Upland Cotton Reports](#), [ELS Cotton Announcement](#)

USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service Export Sales Reporting Division Warehouse Cotton Maturity		
Description	Through October 8, 2026	
	<u>Week</u>	<u>Mkt. Year</u>
Outstanding sales	-	3,579,900
Exports	140,600	1,669,200
Total export commitments	-	5,249,100
New sales	149,400	-
Net sales	146,900	-
Sales next marketing year	7,200	574,000

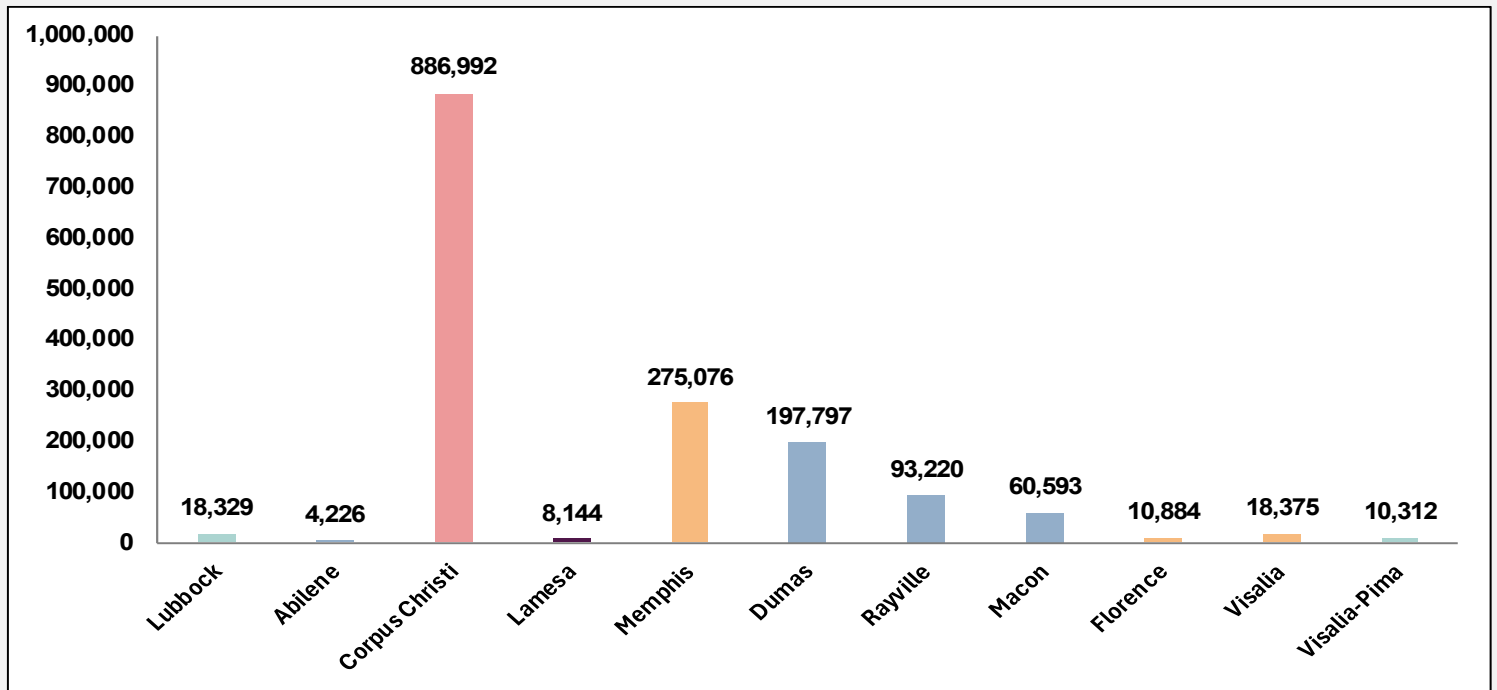
Source: USDA, Foreign Ag. Service,
[U.S. Export Sales Report](#)

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.



USDA, AMS, Bales Classed by Office, Season to Date – October 15, 2026



Weekly Cotton Quality Report by Office: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/cnwwqo.pdf>

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 firm. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive.

Hurricane Isaias made landfall Friday night along the Florida Panhandle and brought heavy rains, strong winds, and flash flooding to the Gulf Coast; leaving almost 700,000 people without power. The storm center moved across the Florida Panhandle and Alabama and quickly weakened to a post-tropical storm as it moved inland. Rainfall accumulations measured one to five inches. Cotton was blown around in fields and producers were concerned about fiber stringing out where the heaviest rainfall occurred. The storm brought abundant tropical moisture across the region, which substantially improved drought conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Plentiful sunshine was observed across the lower Southeast during much of the remainder of week with occasional passing cloud cover. Producers welcomed sunny weather which will help bleach out stained lint. Daytime high temperatures in the 70s over the weekend warmed into the 90s as the week progressed. Nighttime lows were in the upper 50s to lower 60s. The wet weather delayed defoliation and harvesting in some areas. Modules were accumulating on gin yards and ginning was getting underway. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) Crop Progress report released October 13, bolls opening advanced to 89 percent in Georgia and 87 percent in Alabama. Harvesting advanced to 28 percent completed in Alabama and 16 percent in Georgia.

Rainfall and overcast conditions over the weekend gave way to plentiful sunshine as the week progressed across the upper Southeast. Daytime high temperatures in the 70s warmed into the 80s and 90s later in the period. Nighttime lows were in the 50s and 60s. The remnants of Isaias brought heavy rainfall, flooding, and spawned 19 tornadoes across the Carolinas, according to the National Weather Service. Precipitation totals measured one to four inches. The widespread precipitation supported substantial drought improvements across the Carolinas and Virginia, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Defoliation and harvesting were delayed by the wet conditions, but advanced as dry conditions allowed. According to NASS, cotton bolls opening reached 97 percent in Virginia, 96 in South Carolina, and 90 percent in North Carolina. Harvesting advanced to 18 percent completed in Virginia, 13 in North Carolina, and 12 percent completed in South Carolina.

Textile Mill

Domestic mill buyers inquired for a moderate volume of color 41 and better, leaf 4 and better, and staple 36 and longer for fourth quarter 2026 through 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. Representatives for mills in Mexico inquired for a moderate volume. No additional inquiries were reported.

Trading

- A light volume of color 31, leaf 3, staple 35 and longer, mike 43-49, strength 28-32, and uniformity 80-83 sold for around 83.00 to 83.75 cents per pound, FOB car/truck (Rule 5 compression charges paid).
- Similar lots containing color mostly 41 and 42, leaf 5 and better, staple mostly 35 and 36, mike 43-49, strength 29-32, and uniformity 80-83 sold for around 81.25 cents, same terms as above.

South Central Market Regional Summary

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North Delta

Spot cotton trading was inactive. Supplies of available cotton were light. Demand was light. Average local spot prices were firm. Trading of CCC-loan equities were inactive. Merchants purchased a light volume of cotton forfeited to the CCC-catalog. No Forward contracting was reported. Local experts continued to monitor the price of cotton in hopes of a slight increase.

Sunny conditions prevailed during most of the reporting period, with only occasional passing clouds. Hurricane Isaias brought scattered weekend showers that briefly lowered daytime temperatures into the 60s, after which sunshine restored highs to the 80s and 90s. Overnight lows ranged from the upper 50s to the 60s. Some locations received around one-half of an inch of rain. Fieldwork was being done. Harvesting equipment was seen rolling in fields. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Crop Progress report released on October 13, cotton harvested reached 45 percent in Arkansas, 20 in Missouri, and 35 percent in Tennessee. In portions of the Mid-South and the Bootheel, defoliants were applied as needed to later-planted cotton as the crop approached full maturity. Module trucks were in route to retrieve accumulated cotton modules from field locations. Some gins operated on a single shift, while others maintained two-shift schedules.

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Intermittent, partly cloudy skies during the week lowered daytime highs into the 70s, while renewed sunshine later pushed temperatures back into the 90s. Nighttime lows were in the 60s. Rainfall totals measured from trace amounts to less than one-quarter of an inch. Hurricane Isaias veered off its expected path, eliminating the hope of relief from droughty conditions across the territory. Fieldwork continued across the region. Most of Louisiana's cotton has been harvested. Producers worked to gather remaining fields and applied defoliants to later-planted acreage. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Crop Progress report released on October 13, cotton harvested was 64 percent in Louisiana and 57 percent in Mississippi. Louisiana was in line with the five-year average, while Mississippi remained well ahead of the five-year average. Both measures had advanced compared to the previous week. Gins continued collecting cotton modules while operating on single and two-shift schedules.

Trading

North Delta

- A mixed lot of old-crop cotton containing color 52 and better, leaf 3-5, staple 37 and 38, mike 43-49, strength 29-33, uniformity 82-85, and 75 percent extraneous matter plastic, sold for around 30.00 cents per pound, FOB warehouse (compression charges not paid).

South Delta

No trading activity to report.

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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 higher. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive. Forward contracting activity was inactive. Foreign mill inquiries were light. Inquiries were best from Pakistan and Vietnam.

In East Texas, clear conditions prevailed with a few passing clouds observed during the period. Seasonably hot daytime temperatures were in the 90s. Nighttime lows were in the 70s to low 80s. Light scattered showers brought intermittent rainfall to cotton growing areas of the Upper Coast and Coastal Bend. Precipitation totals measured from trace amounts to around one-half of an inch of moisture. In drier areas, sunny and breezy conditions helped soft soils to firm. Producers continued harvest at a slower pace as weather conditions permitted and harvest neared completion. Modules continued to arrive on gin yards and ginning advanced as modules staged on yards were processed. In South Texas, similar weather conditions prevailed. Daytime high temperatures were in the 90s, with nighttime low temperatures in the 70s. Scattered isolated thunderstorms brought light rainfall to areas of the Rio Grande Valley. Fields were prepped for winter. Gins continued to work through backlogs of modules on gin yards and some gins finalized the season.

West Texas-Kansas-Oklahoma

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

Warm, sunny harvest weather turned cooler and damp mid-period across west Texas. Daytime highs ranged from the mid-60s to the lower 90s, while nighttime temperatures shifted from the 70s to the 40s. Harvesting accelerated and made good progress early in the period before thunderstorms with hail and blustery winds hindered activities. Fiber quality could be affected by discolored lint in opened bolls and regrowth that makes desiccation difficult. Modules were trucked to gin yards and more gins began pressing operations. A few gins expanded operating hours. Insurance adjusters evaluated field progress and made determinations as production estimates continued to decline.

Daytime temperatures in Kansas ranged from the mid-50s to lower 90s, while nighttime lows dipped into the 40s and 60s. Mid-week thunderstorms interrupted harvesting and ginning progress. Rainfall amounts received ranged from a trace up to over three inches, and southcentral and southeastern Kansas received heavier amounts of precipitation. Fieldwork progressed ahead of the storm front, but stalled in most locations as the period ended. Ginning was underway at some sites, though gin yards remained muddy.

Harvest activity advanced across Oklahoma ahead of rainy weather that stalled all field activities by the end of the reporting period. Daytime temperatures ranged from the low 70s during the thunderstorms to lower 90s, and overnight lows dipped into the 50s and 70s. A wave of heavy rainfall delivered a historic amount of precipitation over 10 inches to western and central Oklahoma. Other important cotton growing areas received less than three inches, except in the Panhandle which accumulated less than one-half of an inch of moisture. Ginning was inconvenienced by saturated gin yards. As the period closed, harvesting and module hauling were paused until soils firm enough to support heavy equipment. Damage assessments were ongoing.

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Trading

East Texas/South Texas

- Mixed lots containing a heavy volume of color 41 and better, leaf 2-4, staple 35-38, mike 43-49, strength 30-32, and uniformity 81-83 sold for 75.00 to 78.75 cents per pound, FOB warehouse, (compression charges not paid).
- Lots containing a heavy volume of color 22 and better, leaf 2-4, staple 37-40, mike 37-49, strength 30-33, and uniformity 80-83 sold for around 78.50 cents, same terms as above.
- A light volume of color 21, leaf mostly 2, staple 36-37, mike averaging 54.0, strength averaging 82.6, and uniformity averaging 82.5 sold for around 73.50 cents, same terms as above.

West Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma

- An even-running lot containing a heavy volume of 2025-crop cotton color 31 and better, leaf 3 and better, staple 38 and longer, mike 35-47, strength 31-38, and uniformity 79-84 sold for around 80.50 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 during the period. Average local prices were firm. Foreign mill inquiries were light.

Sunny conditions dominated the weather pattern with light moisture early in the reporting period across the Desert Southwest. Daytime temperatures ranged from the upper 70s to the lower 90s, while nighttime lows shifted to the 50s and 70s. Yuma, AZ was the exception, reaching 106 degrees on October 9, 2026. Ginning continued in Yuma, where harvesting was completed for the season. Producers began planting lettuce and cabbage crops. In El Paso, TX, and Las Cruces, NM, stands progressed and recent moisture and cooler temperatures helped ease heat stress. Producers secured supplies and prepared to apply harvest aids. Slight chances of rain were in the nearby forecast. Ginning was expected to begin in early November.

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 firm. Foreign mill inquiries were light.

Sunny conditions dominated the weather pattern across the San Joaquin Valley. Daytime temperatures fluctuated between the lower 70s to lower 100s, and nighttime lows were in the 40s and 60s. No rainfall was reported and stands advanced. Harvesting made good progress in Tulare County and expanded in Kern County. Ginning expanded and modules were trucked from the fields to the gin yards.

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. Mill inquiries were light.

Plentiful sunshine persisted across the California, Arizona, New Mexico, and far west Texas growing areas. Stray showers developed at times and delivered light rainfall in parts of Arizona and New Mexico. No precipitation was reported in California. Daytime highs ranged from the upper 70s to the lower 100s in portions of Arizona and California, while nighttime lows cooled into the 40s and 70s. The crop advanced steadily across the region, and some areas expanded picker harvesting. Harvesting was completed in Yuma, AZ, while no harvesting had begun in Safford, AZ or in El Paso, TX. Modules were moved to gin yards in Tulare and Kern Counties in California as preparations continued for increased ginning activity.

Trading

Desert Southwest

No trading activity was reported.

San Joaquin Valley

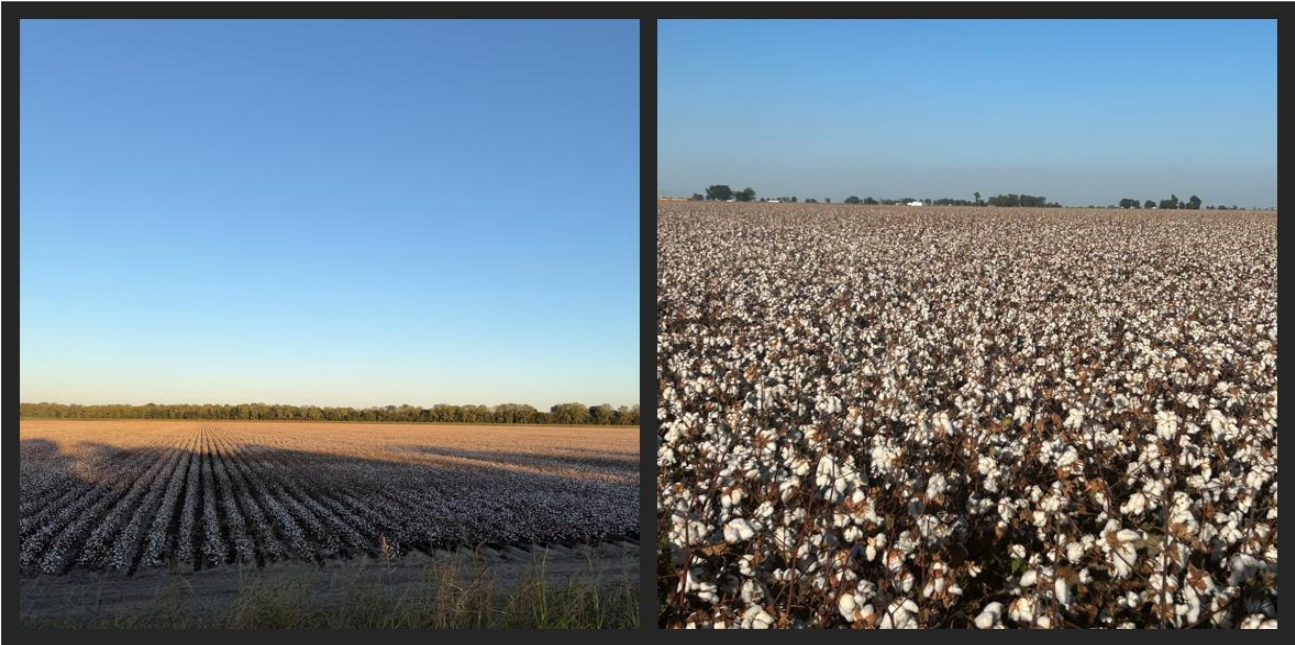
No trading activity was reported.

American Pima

No trading activity was reported.

South Central Market

Arkansas Cotton Fields



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Mississippi Cotton Modules



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[Farm Prices Received](#) – Released Sept. 29, 2026, at 2:00 pm central, Updates monthly

[Cotton Ginnings Report](#) – Released Oct. 9, 2026, at 11:00 am central, Updates 2x per month during ginning season

[Crop Production](#) – Released Oct. 9, 2026, at 11:00 am central, Updates Monthly

[Crop Progress Report](#) – Released Oct. 13 at 4 3:00 pm central, Updates Weekly

USDA Economic Research Service

[Cotton and Wool Outlook](#) – Released Oct. 14, 2026, Updates Monthly

USDA World Agricultural Outlook Board

[WASDE Report](#) – Released Oct. 9, 2026

U.S. Agricultural Commodities Drought Monitor

[Cotton Areas in Drought Map](#) – Updates Weekly

[Drought Outlooks](#) – Updates Monthly

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Precipitation Maps](#) – Updates Monthly

U.S. Energy Information Administration

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[Fertilizer Prices in New Orleans, LA](#), Released July 2026 – Updates Quarterly