

Weekly Cotton Market Review

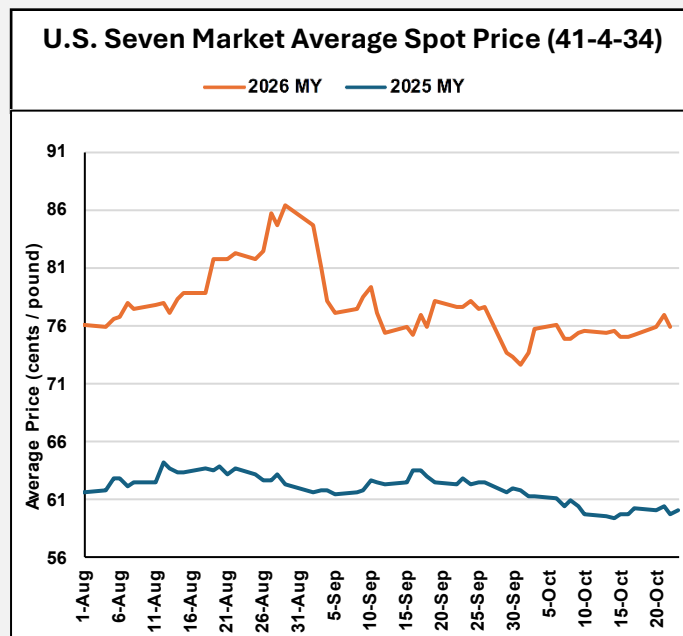
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Market Performance Highlights

Upland Cotton Price Trends

- 7-Market Weekly Avg. Spot Price (41-4-34):
75.89 cents/pound
- Change vs. Last Week: **down 41 points**
- Change vs. Last Year: **up from 60.14¢/lb**
- Weekly Range: **75.11¢ – 77.08¢**
- ICE DEC Futures Week Ending Settlement
Price: **80.79¢ (up from 80.06¢ last week)**



41-4-34 Prices								
Date	SE	ND	SD	ETX-STX	WTX-KS-OK	DSW	SJV	7-MKT AVG
Oct 16	79.00	77.75	77.75	73.75	72.75	72.25	72.5	75.11
Oct 19	79.13	77.88	77.88	73.88	72.88	72.38	72.63	75.24
Oct 20	79.88	78.63	78.63	74.63	73.63	73.13	73.38	75.99
Oct 21	81.33	79.58	79.58	75.83	74.83	74.08	74.33	77.08
Oct 22	80.29	78.54	78.54	74.79	73.79	73.04	73.29	76.04

31-3-36 Prices								
Date	SE	ND	SD	ETX-STX	WTX-KS-OK	DSW	SJV	7-MKT AVG
Oct 16	84.75	82.50	82.00	79.00	76.50	78.25	84.9	81.13
Oct 19	84.88	82.63	82.13	79.13	76.63	78.38	85.03	81.26
Oct 20	85.63	83.38	82.88	79.88	77.38	79.13	85.78	82.01
Oct 21	87.08	84.33	83.83	81.08	78.58	80.08	86.73	83.10
Oct 22	86.04	83.29	82.79	80.04	77.54	79.04	85.69	82.06

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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 16	80.00	83.24	84.93	85.41	79.31	79.00	75.11	91.10
Oct 19	80.13	83.43	85.09	85.56	79.35	79.08	75.24	90.95
Oct 20	80.88	84.18	85.86	86.32	80.09	79.37	75.99	91.15
Oct 21	81.83	85.20	86.84	87.26	80.23	79.50	77.08	91.75
Oct 22	80.79	84.48	86.15	86.61	79.84	79.37	76.04	92.75

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

USDA, Farm Service Agency Cotton Reports	
Prices are in effect from Oct. 23-29	
Adjusted World price 1/	65.01
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. 23-29	0.00

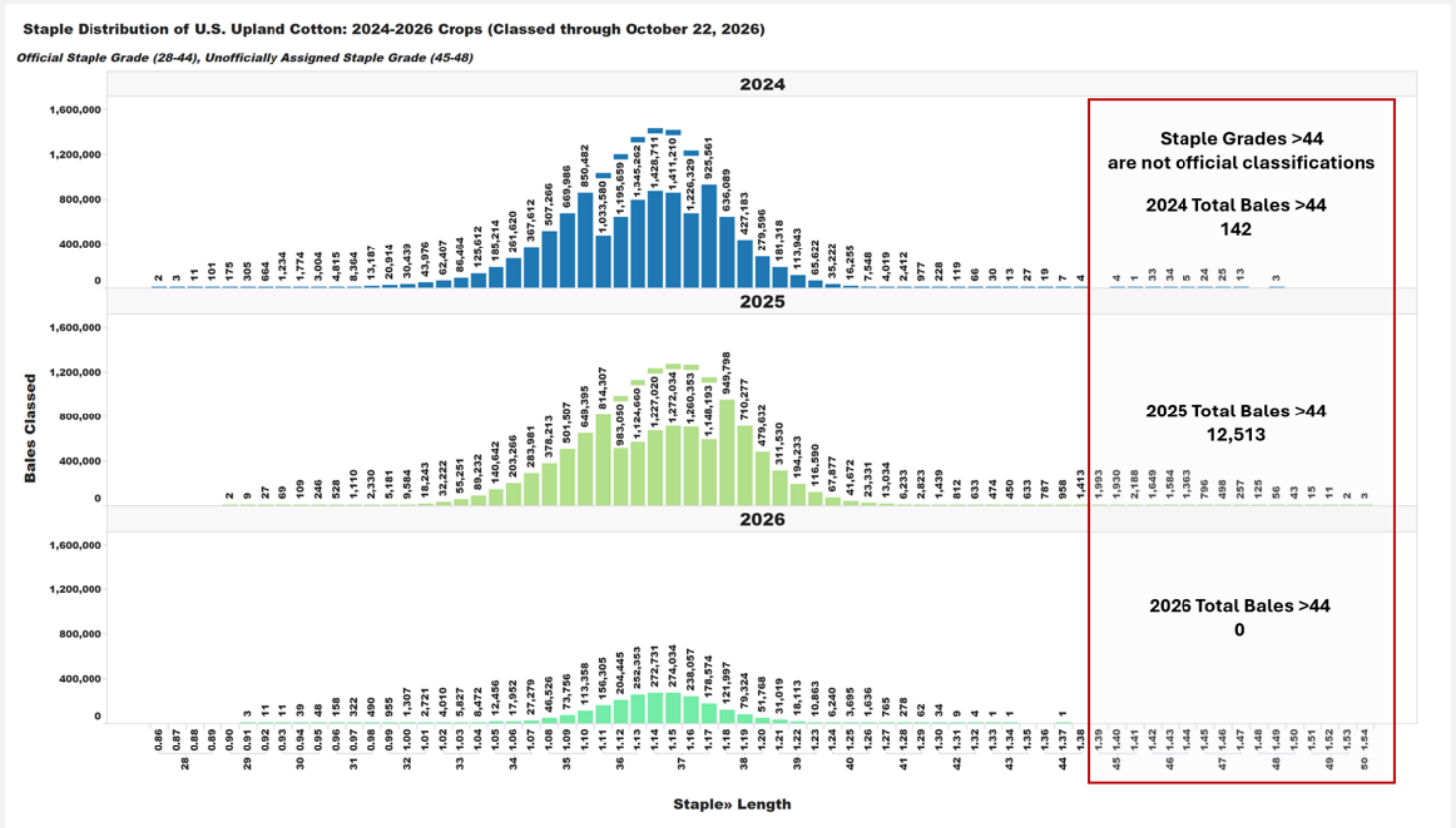
Source: USDA, Farm Service Agency
[Upland Cotton Reports](#), [ELS Cotton Announcement](#)

USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service Export Sales Reporting Division Warehouse Cotton Maturity		
Description	Through October 15, 2026	
	Week	Mkt. Year
Outstanding sales	-	3,583,200
Exports	196,400	1,865,600
Total export commitments	-	5,448,800
New sales	211,100	-
Net sales	199,600	-
Sales next marketing year	0	574,000

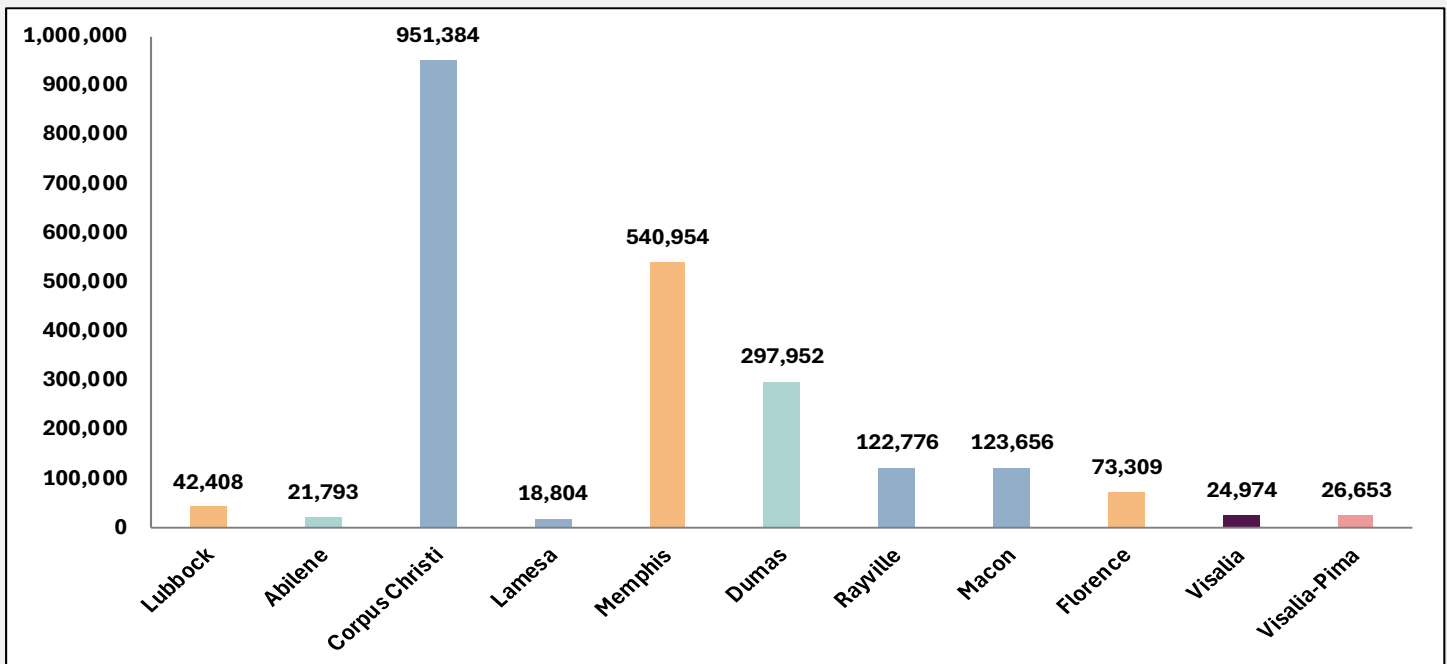
Source: USDA, Foreign Ag. Service,
[U.S. Export Sales Report](#)

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 22, 2026



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 higher. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive.

Dry and sunny weather dominated the weather pattern across the lower Southeast this week with mild afternoon temperatures prevailing throughout the period. Daytime high temperatures were mostly in the 60s and 70s. Nighttime lows were in the upper 40s to mid-50s. Around one-half to one inch of precipitation was received in the far western Florida Peninsula during the week. Elsewhere, mostly dry conditions persisted. Defoliation and harvest activities advanced without interruption. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) Crop Progress report released October 19, bolls opening advanced to 93 percent in Georgia and 90 percent in Alabama. Harvesting advanced to 38 percent completed in Alabama and 26 percent in Georgia.

Sunny and warm conditions prevailed across the upper Southeast during the period. Daytime high temperatures were in the 60s and 70s. Nighttime lows were in the 40s. Widespread showers brought light moisture to areas across North Carolina and coastal Virginia. Rainfall totals measured from around one-half to one inch of moisture. The moisture helped ease short-term moisture deficits across areas of Virginia and the Carolinas, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Defoliation and harvesting activities advanced as dry conditions allowed. According to NASS, harvesting advanced to 27 percent completed in Virginia and 16 percent in the Carolinas.

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 December 2026 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 Thailand and Vietnam inquired for a moderate volume of color 31, leaf 3, and staple 34 and longer for November/December shipment. Representatives for mills in Mexico inquired for a moderate volume of color 41 and 42, leaf 4, and staple 34 for November delivery. Peruvian mill buyers inquired for a moderate volume of color 42, leaf 4, and staple 35 for April/May 2027 shipment.

Trading

- A moderate volume of color 31, leaf 3, staple 36-38, mike 43-49, strength 30-33, and uniformity 80-83 sold for around 84.50 to 85.00 cents per pound, FOB car/truck, Georgia terms (Rule 5, compression charges paid, 30 days free storage).
- A moderate volume of color 31, leaf 3 and 4, staple 35-38, mike 43-52, strength 30-33, and uniformity 80-83 sold for around 83.25 to 84.25 cents, same terms as above.
- A moderate volume of color 41, leaf 4, staple 36-38, mike 43-50, strength 30-33, and uniformity 80-83 sold for around 82.00 cents, same terms as above.

South Central Market Regional Summary

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North Delta

Trading of spot cotton and CCC-loan equities was inactive. Supplies of available cotton were light. Demand was light. Average local spot prices were firm. No forward contracting was reported. Industry participants monitored cotton prices throughout the period, hoping for any indication of a modest upward movement.

Scattered rainfall moved into the region on Friday, October 16, lowering daytime high temperatures into the 60s. Sunny conditions persisted throughout most of the reporting period and raised daytime highs back into the 70s and 80s. Nighttime lows ranged from the 40s to the 50s. Accumulated precipitation totals varied from trace amounts up to around one-quarter of an inch. In the Bootheel and Mid-South regions, field activities continued as producers worked to harvest the remaining cotton acres. Modules were transported by truck to gins, and ginning facilities operated multiple shifts to accommodate incoming seed cotton supplies. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) Crop Progress report released October 19, harvest progress reached 63 percent complete in Arkansas, 42 in Missouri, and 46 percent in Tennessee.

South 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 was inactive. No forward contracting was reported.

Mostly sunny skies dominated the weather pattern throughout the reporting period. Daytime high temperatures in the 60s over the weekend reached the 70s and 80s by the end of the week. Nighttime lows ranged from the 30s to the 50s. No precipitation was reported during the period. A slow-soaking rain was needed to restore moisture to the soil. Harvesting activities continued to near completion. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) Crop Progress report released on October 19, cotton harvest reached 72 percent in Louisiana and 70 percent in Mississippi. Both states were closely aligned in progress and remained well ahead of the five-year average percentages. Ginning continued to gain momentum as additional facilities began operating on 24-hour shifts. Warehouses were receiving cotton from gins and shipping orders.

Trading

North Delta

No trading activity to report.

South Delta

No trading activity to report.

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

In East Texas, clear and sunny weather conditions prevailed as a cold front entered the region bringing in cooler, fall-like temperatures. Daytime highs peaked in the mid-80s, with nighttime lows dipping into 40s and 50s. Spotty showers produced only minimal rainfall accumulations. Harvest activities continued but were nearing completion. Unharvested fields were ready to be defoliated, or some producers were expected to wait on the first freeze to begin the process of leaf desiccation. Modules were transported to gin yards. Gins continued working through backlogs of modules. In South Texas, partly cloudy skies and slightly cooler temperatures prevailed. Daytime high temperatures were in the 70s to the 80s, and nighttime low temperatures dropped into the 50s before warming back up into the 70s as the week progressed. No rainfall was reported. Ginning operations continued in the South Texas region and were wrapped up in the Rio Grande Valley. Gins in the Upper Coast and Coastal Bend regions continued to work through modules on gin yards.

West Texas-Kansas-Oklahoma

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

Mid-week warm and sunny harvest weather turned cooler and damp across the West Texas region. Daytime highs ranged from the mid-50s to the mid-80s, while nighttime temperatures transitioned from the 30s to the 60s. Several locations recorded the first freeze or frost of the season before overnight temperatures returned to more seasonable levels. The brief, intermittent showers were welcomed but untimely, especially with additional rain in the forecast. Spraying defoliants and harvest activities expanded and made good progress as soils firmed following last period's historic rainfall. Concerns surfaced regarding fiber quality and regrowth that made desiccation difficult. Modules were transported to gin yards, and more gins began pressing operations, with a few expanding operating hours. Insurance adjusters evaluated field progress and made determinations as production estimates continued to decline.

Daytime temperatures in Kansas ranged from the upper 50s to the lower 80s, while nighttime lows dipped into the lower 30s and the upper 50s. Harvesting activities resumed at some locations once fields dried enough to support heavy machinery following recent, welcomed but untimely rainfall. Spraying progressed slowly in areas that had received heavier precipitation in the previous reporting period. Ginning was underway at some sites.

Harvest activities were slow to advance across Oklahoma after rainy weather caused interruptions, but fields were firming and a significant number of acres were expected to be harvested over the upcoming weekend. Daytime temperatures ranged from the lower 60s to the lower 80s, and overnight lows dipped into the upper 30s to the 50s. Ginning and module hauling were inconvenienced by saturated gin yards, and a handful of gins decided not to open operations.

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Trading

East Texas/South Texas

- A moderate volume lot containing mostly color 11 and 21, leaf 2 and 3, staple 36 and 37, mike averaging 43.9, strength averaging 30.8, and uniformity averaging 82.1 for around 80.00 cents per pound, FOB warehouse, (compression charges not paid).
- Mixed lots containing a heavy volume of color 41 and better, leaf 3-5, staple 35-37, mike 40-47, strength 30-34, and uniformity 80-83 sold for 74.00 to 75.75 cents, same terms as above.
- Lots containing a moderate volume of color 42 and better, leaf 2-5, staple 34-39, mike 38-45, strength 27-37, and uniformity 80-85 sold for 72.00 to 73.25 cents, same terms as above.

West Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma

- In Texas, an even-running lot containing a light volume of mostly color 21 and better, leaf 3 and better, staple 36-39, mike averaging 45.2, strength averaging 34.0, and uniformity averaging 81.0 sold for around 80.00 cents per pound, FOB cars/truck (compression charges not paid).
- In Kansas, a mixed lot containing a light volume of color 31-43, leaf 3-6, staple 32-35, mike averaging 44.5, strength averaging 30.6, and uniformity averaging 80.4 traded for around 67.25 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. No forward contracting was reported during the period. Average local prices were firm. Foreign mill inquiries were light.

Partly cloudy skies with light showers early in the week in Arizona transitioned into more severe weather as the week progressed, including flash flooding, tornadoes, and hailstorms in central Arizona. Other areas of the DSW received mostly cloudy conditions with chances for rainfall later in the period. This type of severe weather is unusual for Arizona, and damage was reported to power lines and homes in some of the cotton-growing areas of the state. Damage assessments will be ongoing to determine what damage, if any, was done to the crop. Daytime temperatures ranged from the upper 70s to the 80s and up into the 90s in Yuma, AZ. Nighttime lows were in the 50s to 70s. Ginning continued in Yuma, AZ.

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 early in the period gave way to scattered thunderstorms and cooler temperatures mid-week in the San Joaquin Valley. Daytime temperatures were in the lower 60s to the 90s. Nighttime lows were in the 50s. Harvest season activities were expanding throughout the SJV region. Modules were transported from fields to gin yards for processing. As modules began to accumulate, the number of gins in operation was increasing.

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.

In Arizona, severe weather including flash flooding, tornadoes, and hail activity was reported. Daytime highs ranged from the 60s to the 90s across the Far Western region, while nighttime lows cooled into the 50s and 70s. In central Arizona, damage was reported to power lines and homes in some of the cotton-growing areas of the state, including Overgaard, AZ. As a result, damage assessments will be made to determine what damage, if any, was done to the crop. In other parts of the region, the crop advanced steadily, and some areas expanded picker harvesting. Ginning continued in Yuma, AZ. In the SJV, harvest was expanding in Tulare and Kern Counties in California. Gins increased operations to accommodate accumulating modules on gin yards.

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

Mississippi Cotton Fields



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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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