Weekly Cotton Market Review

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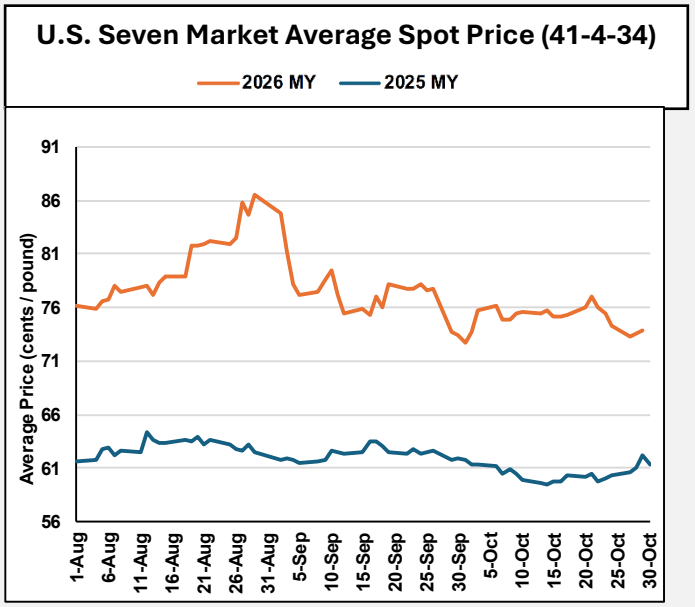
Market Performance Highlights

Upland Cotton Price Trends

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

  74.10 cents/pound

- Change vs. Last Week: **down 179 points**
- Change vs. Last Year: **up from 61.10¢/lb**
- Weekly Range: **73.35¢ – 75.45¢**
- ICE DEC Futures Week Ending Settlement Price: **78.50¢ (down from 80.79¢ last week)**



41-4-34 Prices								
Date	SE	ND	SD	ETX-STX	WTX-KS-OK	DSW	SJV	7-MKT AVG
Oct 23	79.70	77.95	77.95	74.20	73.20	72.45	72.7	75.45
Oct 26	78.56	76.81	76.81	73.31	72.06	71.31	71.56	74.35
Oct 27	77.56	75.81	75.81	72.31	71.06	70.31	70.56	73.35
Oct 28	77.65	75.90	75.90	72.40	71.65	70.40	70.65	73.51
Oct 29	78.00	76.25	76.25	72.75	72.00	70.75	71	73.86

31-3-36 Prices								
Date	SE	ND	SD	ETX-STX	WTX-KS-OK	DSW	SJV	7-MKT AVG
Oct 23	85.45	82.70	82.20	79.45	76.95	78.45	85.1	81.47
Oct 26	84.31	81.56	81.06	78.56	75.81	77.31	83.96	80.37
Oct 27	83.31	80.06	80.06	77.56	74.81	76.31	82.96	79.30
Oct 28	83.40	80.15	80.15	77.65	75.40	76.40	83.05	79.46
Oct 29	83.75	80.50	80.50	78.00	75.75	76.75	83.4	79.81

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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 23	80.20	83.94	85.61	86.09	79.56	79.22	75.45	91.95
Oct 26	79.06	82.86	84.52	85.01	78.95	78.42	74.35	91.45
Oct 27	78.06	81.82	83.39	83.89	77.83	77.33	73.35	90.70
Oct 28	78.15	81.90	83.54	84.05	78.00	77.55	73.51	89.70
Oct 29	78.50	82.25	83.86	84.33	78.27	77.76	73.86	89.85

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

Farm Service Agency Cotton Reports	
Prices are in effect from Oct. 30-Nov. 5	
Adjusted World price 1/	64.51
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-Nov. 12	0.00

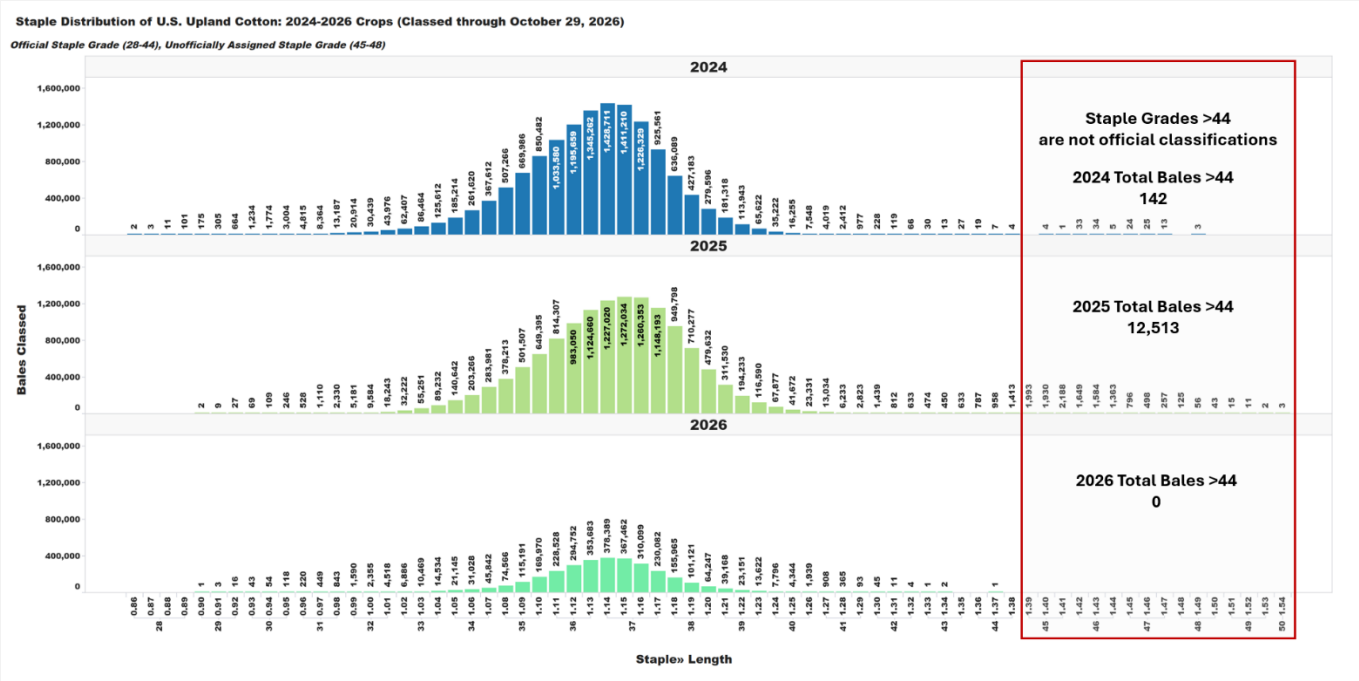
Source: USDA, Farm Service Agency
Upland Cotton Reports, ELS Cotton Announcement

USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service Export Sales Reporting Division Warehouse Cotton Maturity		
Description	Through October 22, 2026	
	Week	Mkt. Year
Outstanding sales	-	3,638,900
Exports	160,800	2,026,300
Total export commitments	-	5,665,200
New sales	218,600	-
Net sales	216,500	-
Sales next marketing year	38,300	612,300

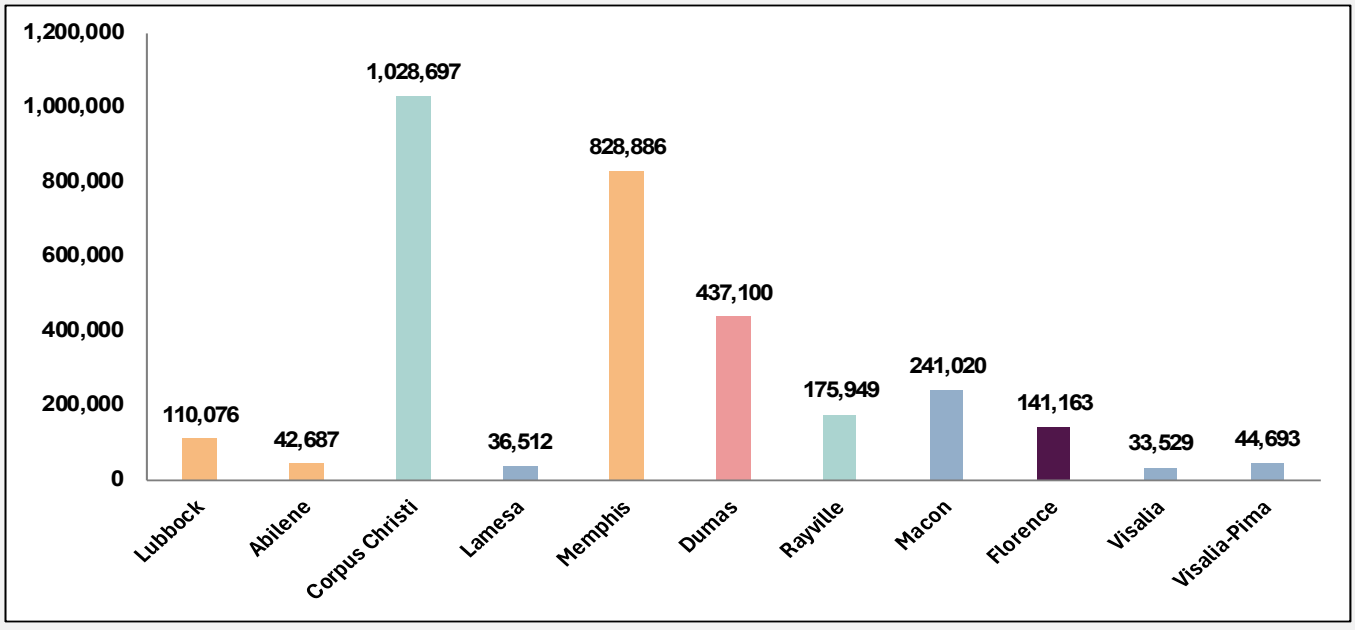
Source: USDA, Foreign Ag. Service,
U.S. Export Sales Report

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 29, 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 were light. Demand was moderate. Producer offerings were light. Average local spot prices were lower. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive.

Sunny and dry conditions were observed during the period across the lower Southeast. Daytime high temperatures were mostly in the 70s. Nighttime lows were in the 50s. Producers took advantage of the dry weather conditions to apply defoliants and advance harvesting. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) Crop Progress report released on October 26, harvesting advanced to 47 percent completed in Alabama and 33 percent in Georgia. Modules were accumulating on gin yards and ginning continued without interruption.

Cloudy conditions with intermittent sunshine were observed across the upper Southeast during the period. Daytime high temperatures dipped into the 50s and 60s during the week. Nighttime lows were in the 40s. Mostly dry conditions allowed defoliation and harvest activities to expand at a good pace. According to NASS, harvesting advanced to 38 percent completed in Virginia, 28 in South Carolina, and 23 percent in North 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 fourth quarter 2027 delivery. No sales were reported and no additional inquiries were reported. Yarn demand was slow. Mill buyers maintained a cautious undertone as they balanced raw cotton purchases with yarn demand.

Inquiries through export channels were moderate. Agents for mills in Vietnam inquired for a moderate volume of color 31, leaf 3, and staple 37 for November 2026 through September 2027 shipment. Representatives for mills in Mexico inquired for moderate volume of color 41, leaf 4, and staple 34 for November delivery. No sales were reported.

Trading

- A mixed lot containing a light volume of color 43 and better, leaf 2-6, staple 34-36, mike 43-49, strength 27-33, and uniformity 80-83, sold for around 72.75 cents per pound, FOB car/truck (Rule 5 compression charges paid).

South Central Market Regional Summary

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North Delta

Spot cotton trading was inactive. Supplies and producer offerings were light. Demand was light. Trading of CCC-loan equities was active. Average local spot prices were lower. No interest in forward contracting was reported. Local experts continued to monitor cotton prices throughout the period, looking for signs of a modest increase.

Mostly sunny conditions, interrupted by occasional cloud cover, prevailed throughout much of the reporting period. Daytime high temperatures in the upper 70s reached into the lower 80s. Nighttime lows climbed from the upper 40s into the lower 50s throughout the period. Weather conditions remained dry throughout the reporting period. Rainfall was expected to move into the region on Saturday, October 31. Fieldwork progressed well, and producers began shredding cotton stalks in preparation for the next crop. There were no reports of plowed-under acreage. Late-planted cotton still in the field was nearing the completion of defoliation and approached harvest readiness. Gins were running swiftly and efficiently throughout the territory. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Crop Progress report released on October 26, cotton harvested advanced to 81 percent in Arkansas, 64 in Missouri, and 67 percent in Tennessee. All states were well ahead of the five-year average. Sample haulers picked up sample receipts from gins and module trucks transported seed cotton to gins.

South Delta

Spot cotton trading was inactive. Supplies of available cotton were light. Demand was light. Average local spot prices were lower. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive. No forward contracting was reported. Local experts, however, continued to monitor cotton prices throughout the period for indications of a modest increase.

Sunshine, following partly cloudy skies, pushed daytime highs from the 70s into the 80s. Nighttime lows were in the 40s and 50s. No rain was reported during the period. Rainfall was needed to replenish soil moisture amid increasing dryness. Burn bans were in effect throughout the region. As cotton bales multiplied on gin yards, ginning operations ran at a steady pace. Sample haulers collected and delivered samples daily to the classing offices for classing services. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Crop Progress report released on October 26, cotton harvested was at 81 percent in Louisiana and advanced to 83 percent in Mississippi. Mississippi stayed ahead of the five-year average as Louisiana gradually approached the average.

Trading

North Delta

- A light volume of CCC-loan equities traded for around 20.25 cents per pound.
- A mixed lot containing a heavy volume of CCC-loan equities traded for around 20.00 cents.
- A heavy volume mixed lot of CCC-loan equities traded for around 18.75 cents.

South Delta

No trading activity was reported.

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 lower. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive. Forward contracting activity was inactive. Foreign mill inquiries were heavy, with mills from various countries seeking to take advantage of lower market levels.

In East Texas, cloudy skies with spotty showers were observed this week. Daytime highs ranged from the 70s to the 80s, with nighttime lows slightly warmer in the 50s and 60s. Intermittent, light rain produced only trace amounts of moisture. Producers applied a second round of harvest aids in late-maturing fields. Harvest activities progressed as conditions allowed. Pressing operations moved forward as gins worked through modules stored on yards.

In South Texas, sunny and partly cloudy skies prevailed in the lower Rio Grande Valley and Coastal Bend, with rain showers in parts of the Upper Coast beginning mid-week. Daytime high temperatures were in the 70s to the 80s, with nighttime low temperatures in the 60s. Accumulated rainfall totals ranged from trace amounts to over one-half of an inch of moisture. A second round of defoliation was needed in some fields to stop regrowth and kill harvested stalks after rainfall. Producers shredded fields and prepared for the winter months. Ginning continued across the region. A small number of gins in the Coastal Bend finished the season. Larger gins worked through modules stacked on gin yards; some were expected to finish around the Thanksgiving holiday.

West Texas-Kansas-Oklahoma

Spot cotton trading was slow. Supplies and producer offerings were moderate. Demand was light. Average local spot prices were lower. Producer interest in forward contracting was light. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive. Foreign mill inquiries were heavy, with mills from various countries seeking to take advantage of lower market levels.

Daytime highs ranged from the low 60s to the mid-80s, while nighttime temperatures settled in the 50s and 60s. Light to moderate rainfall over several days brought cooler conditions and periodically delayed harvesting activities, with additional moisture in the nearby forecast. Fieldwork followed a stop-and-go pattern around the welcomed but untimely rain events. Not all areas received precipitation, and amounts varied from a trace to more than three inches, in addition to the over ten inches reported in the previous period. Spraying harvest aids and harvesting activities expanded at some locations and made steady progress as soils firmed, though high humidity caused occasional delays. Modules were hauled to gin yards where conditions allowed, and more gins initiated pressing operations, with a few increasing operating hours. Sample receipts increased at classing offices, and classing services expanded.

Daytime temperatures in Kansas ranged from the mid-60s to the lower 80s, while nighttime lows dipped into the 50s. Several locations received more than two inches of precipitation over multiple days, with additional rainfall in the forecast. Harvesting resumed in some areas once fields dried sufficiently to support heavy machinery. A second application of defoliant was required in certain fields. Ginning was underway at some sites, and modules accumulated slowly on gin yards, although not all gins were operating.

Harvest progress was slow across Oklahoma after recent rainfall left soils soft and saturated. Water levels at Altus Lake increased, which could benefit next year's crops if winter moisture continued. Daytime temperatures ranged from the lower 70s to the lower 80s, while overnight lows dipped into the 50s and 60s. Ginning and module hauling were hindered by soggy conditions, and most locations projected ginning to wrap up around the Christmas holiday. Warehouse space began filling as bale arrivals increased.

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Trading

East Texas/South Texas

- Mixed lots containing a moderate volume of color 31 and better, leaf 2-4, staple 35-38, mike 37-52, strength 28-32, and uniformity 79-84, traded for 77.25 to 79.75 cents per pound, FOB warehouse, (compression charges not paid).
- A lot containing a heavy volume of color 22 and better, leaf 2-4, staple 37 and 38, mike averaging 40.0, strength averaging 31.9, and uniformity averaging 81.2 sold for around 77.00 cents, same terms as above.
- A lot containing a moderate volume of color 31 and better, leaf 2 and 3, staple 34-36, mike averaging 42.1, strength averaging 30.5, and uniformity averaging 81.1 sold for around 76.7 cents, same terms as above.
- Lots containing a light volume of color 42 and better, leaf 2-5, staple 35-40, mike 37-52, strength 29-33, and uniformity 80-85 sold for around 75.50 cents, same terms as above.

West Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma

- In Texas, lots containing a light volume of mostly color 21-32, leaf 2-7, staple 33-34, mike 41-44, strength 27-34, and uniformity 79-82 sold for 67.50 to 73.25 cents per pound, FOB cars/truck (compression charges not paid).
- In Kansas, a mixed lot containing a light volume of color 42, 52, 43, and 53, leaf 4-7, staple 35, mike averaging 46.1, strength averaging 30.3, and uniformity averaging 81.1 traded for around 65.00 cents, same terms as above.
- In Oklahoma, a lot containing a light volume of color 12-33, leaf 2-3, staple 35-37, mike averaging 31.7, strength averaging 33.3, and uniformity averaging 80.9 sold for around 71.00 cents, same terms as above.

Western Market Regional Summary

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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 lower. Foreign mill inquiries were light.

Sunshine and partly cloudy skies returned to the DSW early in the period for most of the region, however, parts of New Mexico and western Texas received scattered showers late in the week. Daytime temperatures ranged from the 70s to the 80s. Nighttime lows were in the 40s to 60s. Total accumulated precipitation totals ranged from trace amounts up to three-quarters of an inch in some cotton-producing areas of the region. Harvest had begun in the Safford Valley, and late fields were defoliated. Modules were transported to gin yards to await processing. In El Paso, TX, the storms that passed through the region last week missed the cotton-producing areas of the region, according to local experts, and no damage was reported. Field conditions were reported as fair and harvest activities were underway for some producers.

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 lower. Foreign mill inquiries were light.

Mostly sunny conditions were observed in the San Joaquin Valley this week. Daytime temperatures were in the 70s, with nighttime lows in the 40s and 50s. Accumulated moisture totals ranged from trace amounts up to three-quarters of an inch in some cotton-producing areas of the region. Harvest activities expanded. Producers worked around scattered showers but continued to make progress in fields. Stalks were shredded and fields prepared for winter. Modules were transported to gins for processing.

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 moderate.

Predominately sunny conditions were reported in the Far West, but scattered showers brought moisture to some areas throughout the region during the period. Daytime highs ranged from the 70s to the 80s, with nighttime lows in the 40s to the 60s. In the DSW, activities range from defoliation in late fields to the start of harvest for some producers in the Safford Valley. Module trucks transported seed cotton to gin yards to be ginned. No ginning activity was reported. In El Paso, TX, harvest had begun. No damage was reported as a result of the region's intense storms last week. In the SJV, producers worked around spotty rainfall in fields to maintain harvesting momentum. Pressing operations advanced as gins processed modules on yards.

Trading

Desert Southwest

No trading activity was reported.

San Joaquin Valley

No trading activity was reported.

American Pima

No trading activity was reported.

Southeastern Market

Statesboro, Georgia Cotton Fields

Photos Courtesy of Danny Pino, Southeastern Market Reporter





Desert Southwest Market

El Paso, Texas Cotton Fields

Photos Courtesy of Jonathan Consford, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, IPM Program Specialist for El Paso and Far West Texas







Staying Up to Date on Published Cotton Reports

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service

Daily Quality Reports by Office and State – Updates daily by 10:00 am central, during classing season

Monthly Quality of Cotton Classed – Released Oct. 30, 2026, Updates the last Friday of the month

Daily Spot Cotton Quotations – Updates daily by 2:30 pm central

Monthly Cotton Price Statistics – Released Oct. 6, 2026

For more reports, please visit the Market News website

USDA Farm Service Agency

Upland Cotton Report – Updates every Thursday

ELS Cotton Report – Updates every Thursday

Warehouse Cotton Maturity (PSL-43R) – Updates monthly

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service

Exports Sales Report – Updates every Thursday

USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

Farm Prices Received – Released Oct. 30, 2026, at 2:00 pm central, Updates monthly

Cotton Ginnings Report – Released Oct. 22, 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. 26 at 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

Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Update, Updates every Tuesday

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Fertilizer Prices in New Orleans, LA, Released October 2026 – Updates Quarterly