Weekly Cotton Market Review

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Market Performance Highlights

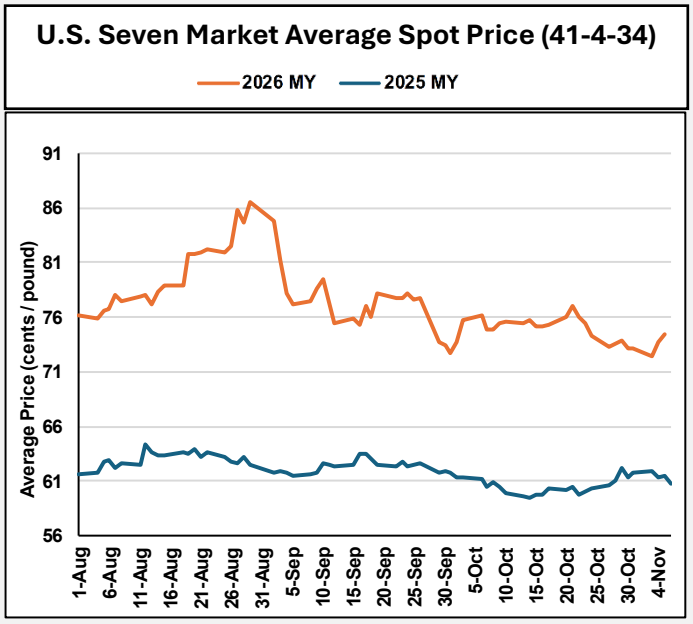
Upland Cotton Price Trends

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

  73.36 cents/pound

- Change vs. Last Week: **down 74 points**
- Change vs. Last Year: **up from 61.43¢/lb**
- Weekly Range: **72.47¢ – 74.42¢**
- ICE DEC Futures Week Ending Settlement

  Price: **78.71¢ (up from 78.50¢ last week)**



41-4-34 Prices

Date	SE	ND	SD	ETX-STX	WTX-KS-OK	DSW	SJV	7-MKT AVG
Oct 30	77.33	75.58	75.58	72.08	71.33	70.08	70.33	73.19
Nov 2	77.16	75.41	75.41	71.91	71.66	69.91	70.16	73.09
Nov 3	76.54	74.79	74.79	71.29	71.04	69.29	69.54	72.47
Nov 4	77.61	75.86	75.86	72.36	72.86	70.36	70.61	73.65
Nov 5	78.21	76.46	76.46	73.46	74.21	70.96	71.21	74.42

31-3-36 Prices

Date	SE	ND	SD	ETX-STX	WTX-KS-OK	DSW	SJV	7-MKT AVG
Oct 30	83.08	79.83	79.83	77.33	75.08	76.08	82.73	79.14
Nov 2	82.66	79.66	79.66	77.16	75.41	75.91	82.56	79.00
Nov 3	82.04	79.04	79.04	76.54	74.79	75.29	81.94	78.38
Nov 4	83.11	80.11	80.11	77.61	76.61	76.36	83.01	79.56
Nov 5	83.71	80.71	80.71	78.71	77.96	76.96	83.61	80.34

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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 30	77.83	81.59	83.23	83.73	77.66	77.35	73.19	90.20
Nov 2	77.66	81.49	83.13	83.64	77.76	77.36	73.09	89.55
Nov 3	77.04	80.90	82.55	83.05	77.49	76.67	72.47	89.40
Nov 4	78.11	81.96	83.56	84.02	77.87	77.21	73.65	88.90
Nov 5	78.71	82.55	84.06	84.49	78.48	77.62	74.42	89.90

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

Farm Service Agency Cotton Reports	
Prices are in effect from Nov. 6-Nov. 12	
Adjusted World price 1/	63.57
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

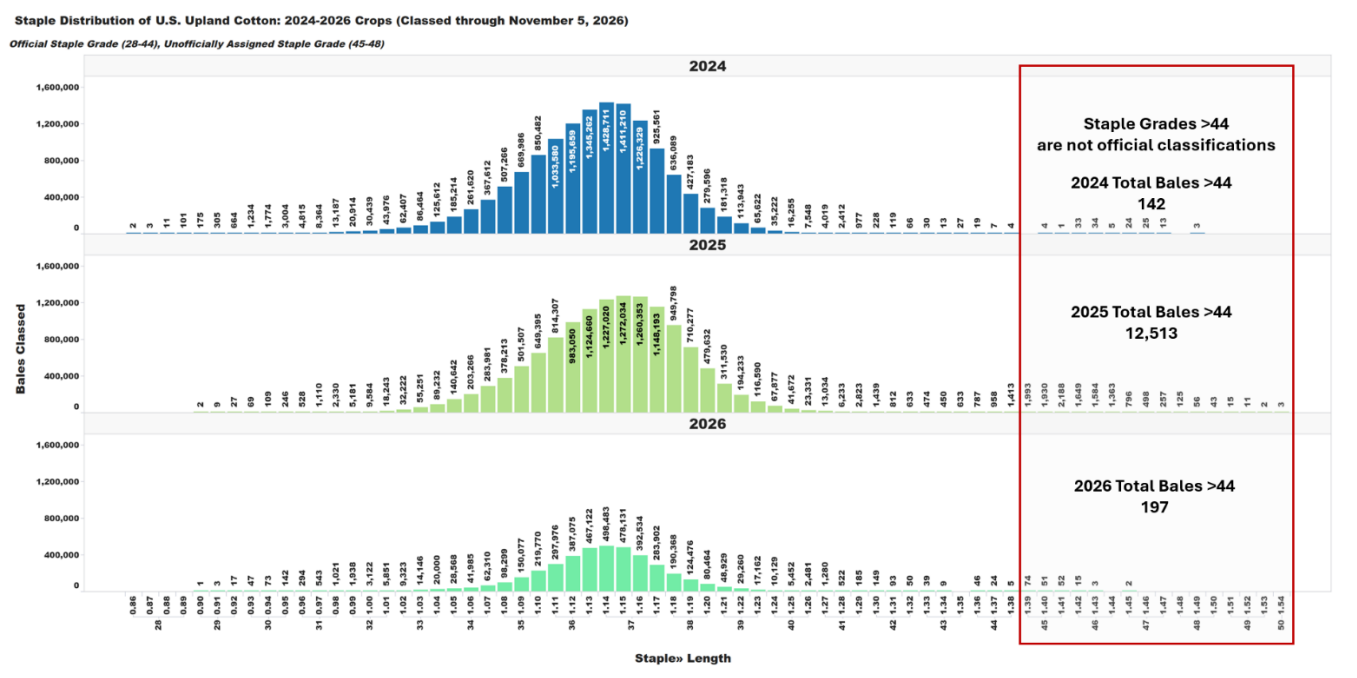
Source: USDA, Farm Service Agency
Upland Cotton Reports, ELS Cotton Announcement

USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service Export Sales Reporting Division Warehouse Cotton Maturity		
Description	Through October 29, 2026	
	Week	Mkt. Year
Outstanding sales	-	3,778,600
Exports	137,800	2,164,100
Total export commitments	-	5,942,700
New sales	292,200	-
Net sales	277,500	-
Sales next marketing year	0	612,300

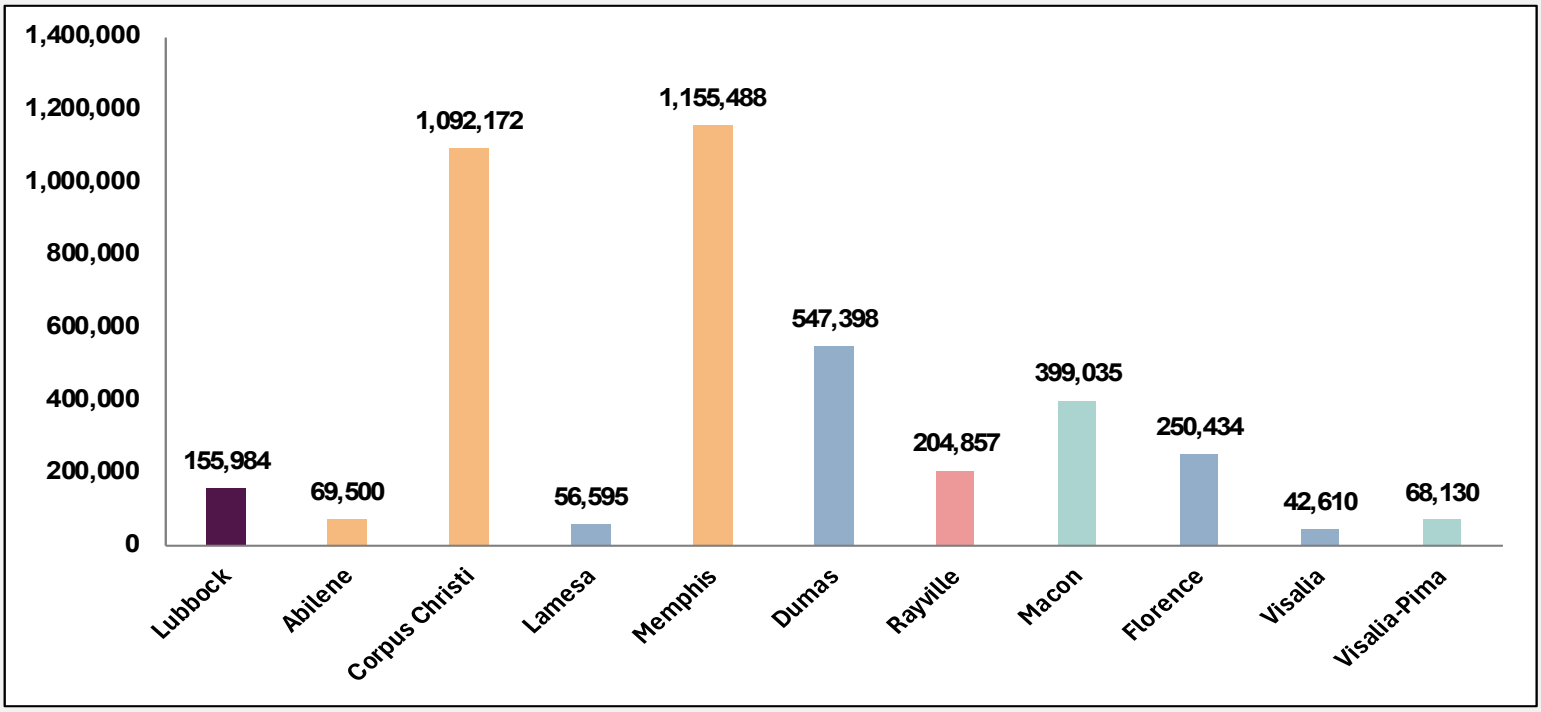
Source: USDA, Foreign Ag. Service
U.S. Export Sales Report

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 – November 5, 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 active. Supplies were moderate. Demand was moderate. Producer offerings were moderate. Average local spot prices were lower. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive.

Overcast skies and periods of rainfall prevailed across the lower Southeast during the period. Daytime highs ranged from the lower 60s to the mid-80s, while overnight lows were mostly in the 40s to 60s. In the aftermath of the recent hurricane and subsequent thunderstorms, fields dried and firmed in some areas, allowing fieldwork to resume, while excessive moisture continued to impede progress elsewhere. Producers took advantage of periods of favorable weather to apply defoliants and advance harvesting activities where conditions permitted. Damage assessments remained underway, and some acreage was inspected for insurance purposes. Production estimates were revised lower. Modules were transported to gin yards, and ginning operations resumed. Bale pressing progressed slowly, and not all gins had initiated pressing operations. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Crop Progress report released November 2, cotton harvested reached 62 percent in Alabama and 47 percent in Georgia.

In the upper Southeast, cloudy conditions and intermittent storms prevailed during the period. Daytime highs ranged from the upper 60s to the mid-80s, while nighttime lows were in the 30s to 60s. Periodic thunderstorms hampered fieldwork and slowed module transportation. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Crop Progress report released November 2, cotton harvested reached 48 percent in Virginia, 43 percent in South Carolina, and 41 percent in North Carolina.

Textile Mill

Demand from mill buyers was light. No domestic sales were reported, and no domestic inquiries were reported. Yarn demand remained slow to moderate. The undertone from mill buyers remained cautious.

Inquiries through export channels were heavy. Agents for mills in Taiwan inquired for a moderate volume of color 31, leaf 3, and staple 36 for prompt December 2026 shipment. Representatives for mills in Mexico inquired for a moderate volume of color 41, leaf 4, and staple 34 for prompt December 2026 delivery. Representatives for mills in Vietnam inquired for moderate volume of color 31, leaf 3, and staple 35 for January 2027 through September 2027 shipment. No sales were reported.

Trading

- An even-running lot containing a moderate volume of color 31 and 41, leaf 2-4, staple 36-38, mike 47-49, strength 29-33, and uniformity 78-81, sold for around 82.75 cents per pound, FOB car/truck (Rule 5 compression charges paid).
- Lots containing a heavy volume of color 21-51, leaf 2-4, staple 34-39, mike 37-49, strength 29-33, and uniformity 78-82 sold for 81.50 to 81.75 cents, same terms as above.

South Central Market Regional Summary

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North Delta

Trading of spot cotton was inactive. Supplies and producer offerings were light. Demand was light. Trading of CCC-loan equities was slow. Average local spot prices were lower. Limited forward contracting was reported as the season concluded. ICE Futures trended higher on November 4. Local market participants continued to closely monitor fluctuations in cotton prices.

Daytime highs were in the 60s and 70s, while overnight lows ranged from the 50s to 60s. A period of chilly rainfall entered the region November 1 and persisted through November 3, bringing overnight lows into the 40s mid-week. Precipitation totals measured from one and one-quarter of an inch up to three and one-half inches of rain. Fieldwork remained at a standstill until soils dried following the heavy rainfall received during the reporting period. Generally sunny skies in the near-term forecast were expected to support field drying and aid harvesting efforts in areas where cotton remained unharvested. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Crop Progress report released November 2, cotton harvest advanced to 92 percent in Arkansas, 87 percent in Missouri, and 80 percent in Tennessee, compared with 81 percent, 64 percent, and 67 percent, respectively, the previous week. All states remained ahead of the five-year average. Cotton modules accumulated on gin yards. Gins continued to operate daily.

South Delta

Trading of spot cotton and CCC-loan equities was inactive. Supplies and producer offerings were light. Demand was light. Average local spot prices were lower. Limited forward contracting was reported as the season concluded. Local market participants monitored cotton price movements for indications of improved marketing opportunities.

Daytime high temperatures were in the 70s, with overnight lows in the 60s. Heavy rainfall entered the territory on October 31 and persisted through November 3, lowering daytime highs into the 60s and nighttime lows into the 40s and 50s. Accumulated rain totals measured from around one-half of an inch up to one and three-quarters of an inch of rainfall. Sunshine gave way to damp conditions, and producers hoped for a return to drier weather to allow harvest activities to resume. Producers performed equipment maintenance while preparing to finalize harvest activities by month's end, weather permitting. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Crop Progress report released November 2, cotton harvest advanced to 91 percent in Louisiana and 95 percent harvested in Mississippi, compared with 81 percent and 83 percent, respectively, the previous week and well ahead of the five-year average. Gins in Louisiana were expected to be completed by the second week of November.

Trading

North Delta

- An even-running lot containing a heavy volume of color 31 and better, leaf 3 and better, staple 34, mike averaging 45.2, strength averaging 30.0, and uniformity averaging 80.5 traded for around 79.25 cents per pound, FOB car/truck (Rule 5, compression charges paid).
- A lot containing a moderate volume of mostly color 11 and 21, leaf 1-3, staple 34, mike 43-48, strength 29-31, and uniformity 79-81 sold for around 79.25 cents, same terms as above.
- A heavy volume mixed lot of CCC-loan equities traded for around 22.50 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 moderate, with mills from various countries seeking to take advantage of lower market levels.

In East Texas, sunny but overcast conditions were interrupted by showers this week. Daytime highs ranged from the 70s to the 80s, with nighttime lows ranging from the 40s to the 70s. Rainfall activity produced accumulated moisture totals ranging from trace amounts up to one and one-quarter of an inch of rain. Producers completed post-harvest offseason preparations, shredding stalks and cultivating soil. Ginning operations continued to process modules stored on gin yards. Samples were transported to the classing office for classing services. In South Texas, overcast conditions dominated the skies throughout the region, with areas of the Upper Coast and Coastal Bend receiving rainfall early in the reporting period. Daytime high temperatures were in the 80s to the 90s, with nighttime low temperatures in the 60s to the 70s. Accumulated moisture totals ranged from trace amounts up to over two and one-quarter inches of moisture. Gins worked through modules on yards. Many are nearing the end of the season, but some expect to continue until late November. The Corpus Christi Classing Office reported a season total of 27.6 percent for color 31, 46.5 percent for leaf 3, staple averaging 36.9, mike averaging 43.4, strength averaging 31.5, and uniformity averaging 82.0 for week ending October 5.

West Texas-Kansas-Oklahoma

Spot cotton trading was slow. Supplies and producer offerings were moderate. Demand was 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 moderate, with mills from various countries seeking to take advantage of lower market levels.

In Texas, daytime highs ranged from the mid-50s to the mid-80s, while nighttime temperatures fluctuated between the 30s and 60s. Light to moderate rainfall temporarily interrupted harvesting activities, with precipitation ranging from trace amounts to approximately two and one-half inches of moisture. As fields dried and soils firmed under sunnier conditions, aerial applications of defoliants proceeded where needed. Stripper harvesting resumed by mid-week. Wet field conditions briefly hampered module transportation; however, ginning operations remained uninterrupted as gins worked through seed cotton supplies on gin yards. A few gins processed available module inventories and awaited additional module deliveries before resuming operations. Many sources reduced production estimates further. Recent rainfall delayed insurance adjustment activities.

In Kansas, daytime temperatures ranged from the upper 50s to the mid-70s, while nighttime lows settled in the 30s and 50s. Several locations received up to two inches of moisture over multiple days. Harvesting activities were delayed until soils dried and firmed sufficiently to support field equipment. Ginning was underway at some locations, and modules accumulated slowly on gin yards, although not all gins were operating. Local sources reported pockets of irrigated fields yielding three and one-half to four bales per acre.

In Oklahoma, harvest progress was slow after recent rainfall left soils soft and saturated. Water levels at Altus Lake increased slightly, which could benefit next year's crops. Daytime temperatures ranged from the mid-60s to the lower 80s, while overnight lows dipped into the 40s and 60s. Local experts reported fields were slow to defoliate, and regrowth remained a concern in some areas. Module transportation was hindered by soggy conditions. Warehouses received increasing numbers of bales as ginning operations advanced slowly, although not all gins had begun pressing bales.

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Trading

East Texas/South Texas

- A lot containing a heavy volume of color 12 and 22, leaf 2 and 3, staple 37 and 38, mike averaging 39.9, strength averaging 31.5, and uniformity averaging 81.3 sold for around 77.25 cents per pound, FOB warehouse, (compression charges not paid).
- Mixed lots containing a moderate volume of color 32 and better, leaf 2-4, staple 36 and 37, mike 38-49, strength 30-35, and uniformity 79-84 sold for around 76.00 to 76.50 cents, same terms as above.
- A lot containing a heavy volume of color 12 and 22, leaf 2-4, staple 37 and 38, mike averaging 37.7, strength averaging 33.8, and uniformity averaging 82.1 sold for around 74.00 cents, same terms as above.

West Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma

- In Texas, a lot containing a light volume of color 21-31, leaf 2-3, staple 35-36, mike averaging 43.0, strength averaging 32.9, and uniformity averaging 80.0 sold for around 74.75 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 5-7, staple 36 and 37, mike averaging 38.9, strength averaging 35.3, and uniformity averaging 81.9 traded for around 64.50 cents, same terms as above.
- In Oklahoma, a lot containing a light volume of color 22-33, leaf 2-4, staple 37-38, mike averaging 45.2, strength averaging 38.0, and uniformity averaging 81.7 sold for around 70.00 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.

Untimely rainfall was received in Safford, AZ, and Las Cruces, NM, during the final weekend of October. Daytime temperatures ranged from the 60s to the 80s. Nighttime lows ranged from the 40s to 60s. Total accumulated precipitation totals ranged from trace amounts up to one and one-quarter inches of rain in cotton-producing areas of the region. Saturated, muddy field conditions stalled progress in fields in Safford Valley. Producers waited for dry and open weather to allow soil to firm before returning to fields. The untimely rainfall may result in decreased yields, according to local sources. Ginning had begun in the region. Harvest continued in El Paso, TX.

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.

In the SJV, open skies and sunny weather ruled during the period, with intermittent rainfall bringing some precipitation to the region. Daytime temperatures were in the 60s and 70s. Overnight lows were in the 40s. Accumulated rainfall totals measured from trace amounts up to over one-half of an inch of moisture. Weekend precipitation temporarily delayed harvest progression. However, as conditions allowed, producers resumed picking, moving quickly to make up for delays. Lower yields were reported in some fields, but overall producers have been pleased with the quality of the crop. Modules were transported to gins for pressing. Gins processed accumulated modules on 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 moderate.

Daytime highs in the Far West ranged from the 60s to the 80s, with nighttime lows in the 40s to the 60s. In the DSW, heavy weekend rains slowed harvest activities until fields could dry out and soils firm enough to support equipment. Flooding may result in decreased yields, according to local sources. Ginning began in the region. Harvesting activities continued in El Paso, TX. In the SJV, harvest was delayed as weekend rainstorms crossed the region, but picking resumed once suitable conditions returned. Pressing operations continued in the SJV.

Trading

Desert Southwest

No trading activity was reported.

San Joaquin Valley

No trading activity was reported.

American Pima

No trading activity was reported.

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 Nov. 3, 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 Nov. 2, 2026, 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

USDA, AMS, Agricultural Transportation

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