Weekly Cotton Market Review

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Market Performance Highlights

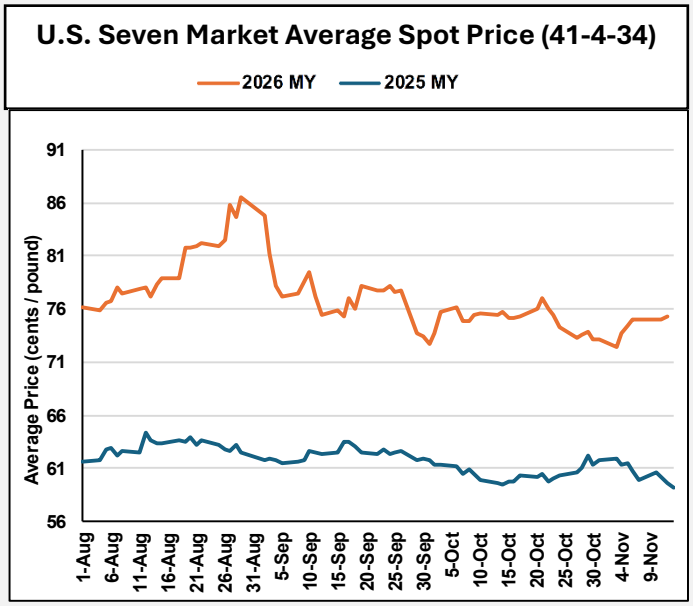
Upland Cotton Price Trends

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

  75.07 cents/pound

- Change vs. Last Week: **up 171 points**
- Change vs. Last Year: **up from 59.88¢/lb**
- Weekly Range: **74.98¢ – 75.28¢**
- ICE DEC Futures Week Ending Settlement

  Price: **78.67¢ (down from 78.71¢ last week)**



41-4-34 Prices								
Date	SE	ND	SD	ETX-STX	WTX-KS-OK	DSW	SJV	7-MKT AVG
Nov 6	79.36	77.36	77.36	73.86	74.61	71.36	71.61	75.07
Nov 9	79.03	77.53	77.53	74.03	74.78	71.03	71.28	75.03
Nov 10	78.94	77.69	77.69	73.94	74.69	70.94	71.19	75.01
Nov 11	78.77	77.52	77.52	73.77	74.52	71.27	71.52	74.98
Nov 12	78.92	77.67	77.67	73.92	75.67	71.42	71.67	75.28

31-3-36 Prices								
Date	SE	ND	SD	ETX-STX	WTX-KS-OK	DSW	SJV	7-MKT AVG
Nov 6	84.86	81.61	81.61	79.11	78.36	77.36	84.01	80.99
Nov 9	84.53	81.78	81.78	79.28	78.53	77.03	83.68	80.94
Nov 10	84.44	82.19	82.19	79.19	78.44	76.94	83.59	81.00
Nov 11	84.27	82.02	82.02	79.02	78.27	77.27	83.92	80.97
Nov 12	84.42	82.17	82.17	79.17	79.42	77.42	84.07	81.26

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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		
Nov 6	79.11	82.79	84.35	84.75	78.44	77.73	75.07	90.40
Nov 9	78.78	82.60	84.15	84.55	78.35	77.62	75.03	90.70
Nov 10	78.69	82.51	84.09	84.54	78.32	77.59	75.01	90.85
Nov 11	78.52	82.39	84.06	84.51	78.29	77.61	74.98	90.85
Nov 12	78.67	82.51	84.21	84.68	78.58	77.60	75.28	90.80

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

Farm Service Agency Cotton Reports	
Prices are in effect from Nov. 13-Nov. 19	
Adjusted World price 1/	64.34
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 Nov. 13-Dec. 10	0.00

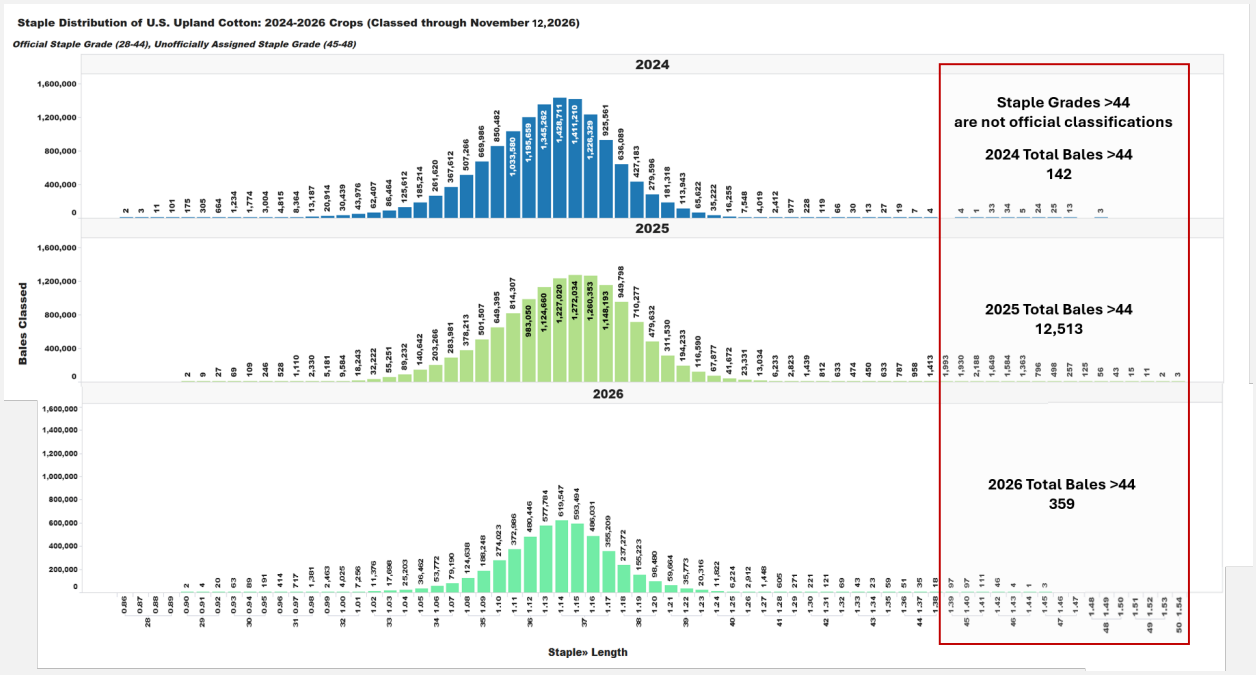
Source: USDA, Farm Service Agency
Upland Cotton Reports, ELS Cotton Announcement

USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service Export Sales Reporting Division Warehouse Cotton Maturity		
Description	Through November 5, 2026	
	Week	Mkt. Year
Outstanding sales	-	3,764,500
Exports	171,400	2,335,500
Total export commitments	-	6,100,000
New sales	162,300	-
Net sales	157,300	-
Sales next marketing year	30,800	643,100

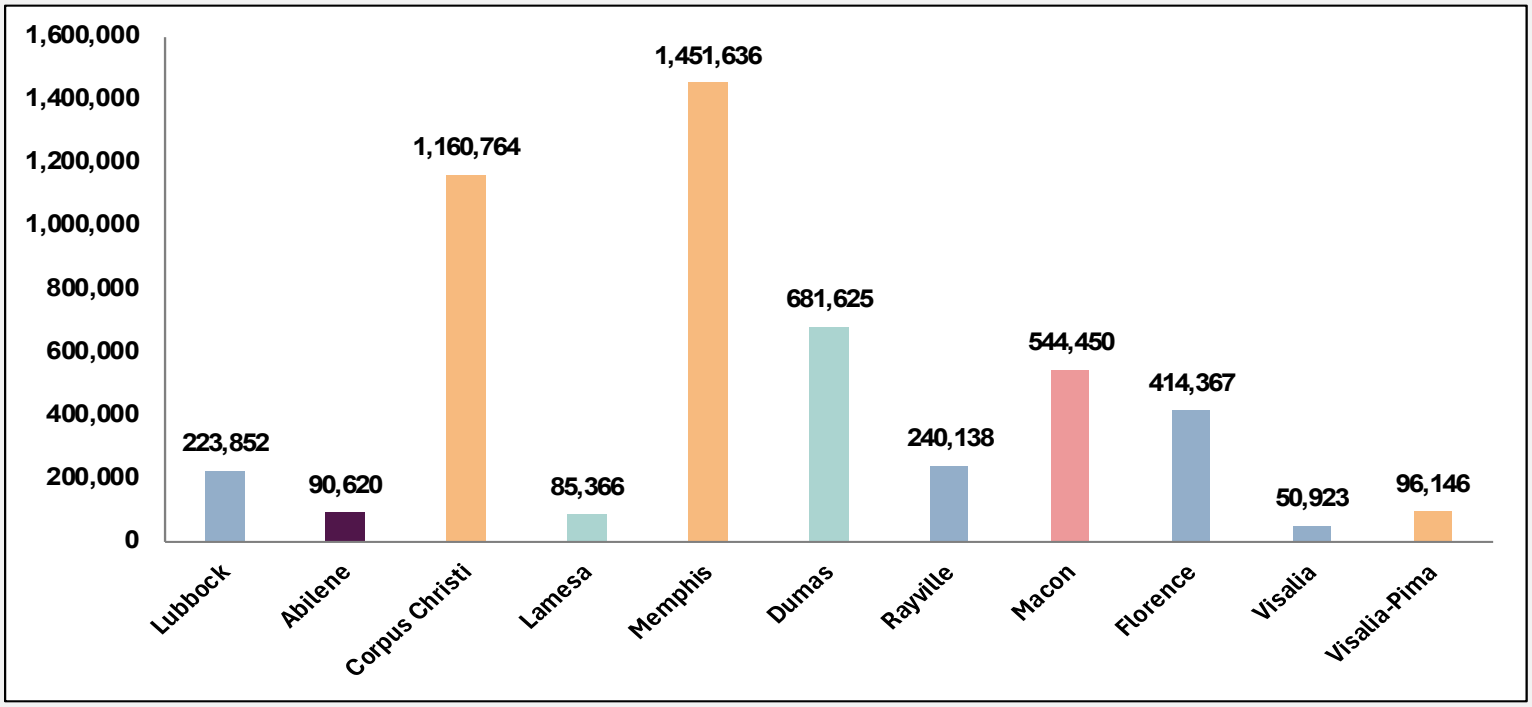
Source: USDA, Foreign Ag. Service
U.S. Export Sales Report

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 12, 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 slow. Supplies and producer offerings were moderate. Demand was light. Average local spot prices were higher. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive.

Sunny skies prevailed during most of the reporting period. Daytime high temperatures were in the lower-to-upper 70s. Nighttime lows were in the lower 40s and 50s. A slight chance of rain entered the region on November 12. Precipitation totals measured less than one-quarter of an inch of rain. Field activities consisted of harvesting cotton that remained in fields. Producers hoped for a period of dry conditions to allow fieldwork and make up for lost time. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Crop Progress report released on November 9, cotton harvested reached 68 percent in Alabama and 59 percent in Georgia. Alabama is equivalent to the five-year average, while Georgia is slightly ahead of the five-year average. Producers attended local meetings on state and national levels.

In the upper Southeast, intervals of sunny and cloudy skies entered the territory mid-week. Mostly sunny skies persisted throughout the reporting period. Daytime highs were in the 60s and 70s. Nighttime lows in the 30s reached into the 40s. Accumulated precipitation totals measured from trace amounts to around three-quarters of an inch. Soil moisture was improved. As the peanut season concludes, producers can now focus on cotton. As reported by the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Crop Progress Report released on November 9, cotton harvested had reached 63 percent in Virginia, 56 in North Carolina, and 60 percent in South Carolina. South Carolina was well ahead of the five-year average, while North Carolina was behind the five-year average. Virginia advanced significantly and is now in line with the five-year average. Producers attended local meetings on state and national levels.

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

- A heavy volume lot containing color 21 and 31, leaf 5 and better, staple 36 and 37, mike 35-49, strength 26-33, and uniformity 80-83 sold for around 85.25 cents per pound, FOB car/truck (Rule 5 compression charges paid).
- A light volume of mixed lots containing mostly color 52 and better, leaf 3-5, staple 37-38, mike 37-42, strength 31-33, and uniformity 80-83 sold for 80.00 to 83.00 cents, same terms as above.
- A heavy volume of mixed lots containing color 41 and better, leaf 5 and better, staple 36-38, mike 37-50, strength 25-31, and uniformity 80-82 sold for around 81.00 cents, same terms as above.

South Central Market Regional Summary

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North Delta

Spot cotton trading was active. Supplies and producer offerings were light. Demand was light. Trading of CCC-loan equities was active. Merchants purchased a light volume of cotton forfeited to the CCC-catalog. Average local spot prices were higher. Market participants hoped for a higher price as they prepared to roll into the March 2027 futures contract.

Intervals of sunny and cloudy skies characterized the weather pattern during the reporting period. Daytime temperatures ranged from the lower 60s to the 70s. Cold fronts pushed through the region late in the reporting period, causing nighttime low temperatures to dip into the 30s before rebounding back into the 40s. Less than one-quarter of an inch of rain was received in isolated areas. Fieldwork neared completion as cropland was prepared for the upcoming planting season. A light volume of cotton remained unharvested. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Crop Progress report released on November 9, harvesting reached 97 percent in Arkansas, 93 in Missouri, and 90 percent in Tennessee. All were well ahead of the five-year average. Gin operations continued to gain momentum and were expected to finish their seasons by late December 2026 or early January 2027.

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 higher. Market participants hoped for a higher price as they prepared to roll into the March 2027 futures contract.

Mainly sunny skies with occasional cloudiness persisted throughout most of the reporting period. Daytime high temperatures were in the 60s and 70s. Nighttime low temperatures ranged from the lower 30s early in the period to the lower 40s and 50s by week's end. Less than one-quarter of an inch of precipitation was received in isolated areas. Field activities, including harvesting, stalk-shredding, and fall fieldwork made good progress. Most cropland has been prepared for the upcoming season. Outdoor activities in some areas were slowed by equipment malfunctions. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Crop Progress report released on November 9, cotton harvesting was nearly complete in Louisiana at 96 percent, slightly ahead of the five-year average, and reached 97 percent in Mississippi, well ahead of the five-year average. A small number of gins in Louisiana completed pressing operations. Sample haulers continued transporting sample receipts from gins to the classing offices.

Trading

North Delta

- Mixed lots containing a heavy volume of mostly color 21 and 31, leaf 2-4, staple 36 and 37, mike 35-48, strength 27-32, and uniformity 79-83 sold for 85.00 to 85.25 cents per pound, FOB car/truck (Rule 5, compression charges paid).
- A heavy volume of mixed lots containing mostly color 31 and better, leaf 2-4, staple 36 and 37, mike 42-50, strength 26-30, and uniformity 80-83 sold for around 84.00 to 84.50 cents, same terms as above.
- A light volume of 2025-crop CCC-catalog cotton, color 42 and better, leaf 2 and 4, staple 36-38, mike 40-48, strength 28-32, uniformity 80-82, and 100 percent extraneous matter (plastic) sold for around 25.00 cents, FOB warehouse (compression charges not paid).

South Delta

- A lot containing a heavy volume of mostly color 21 and 31, leaf 2 and 3, staple 36 and 37, mike 43-49, strength 30-33, and uniformity 80-83 sold for around 85.50 cents per pound, FOB car/truck (Rule 5, compression charges paid).
- A lot containing a moderate volume of color 21 and 31, leaf mostly 2-4, staple 36 and 37, mike averaging 45.2, strength averaging 31.3, and uniformity averaging 81.9 sold for around 84.50 cents, same terms as above.
- A lot containing a heavy volume of color 21 and 31, leaf 2-5, staple 36-39, mike 40-45, strength 28-31, and uniformity 80-83 sold for around 83.50 cents, same terms as above.

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 higher. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive. No forward contracting was reported, but producers delivered on previously established contracts. Foreign mill inquiries were light. Interest was best from India, Pakistan, and Peru.

In East Texas, overcast skies and scattered showers transitioned into sunny and clear conditions late in the period. Daytime highs ranged from the 60s to the 70s. Nighttime lows were in the 40s to the 50s. Accumulated moisture totals ranged from trace amounts up to three-quarters of an inch in some areas. Ginning continued across the region but was winding down. The season was complete for some gins, and more were expected to conclude operations this weekend. Other gins in the Blackland Prairies report modules lining yards awaiting processing. These gins were expected to finish by early December. In South Texas, dreary skies and precipitation were received early in the period before clearer and sunny conditions returned to the region. Daytime high temperatures were slightly cooler this week in the 60s to the 80s. Nighttime low temperatures were in the 50s to the 70s. Rainfall varied across the region, with rain measurements ranging from two and one-quarter inches up to over three inches of precipitation. Fields have been prepared for the winter months. Ginning continued but activity is slowing down as more gins finish processing seed cotton supplies on yards.

West Texas-Kansas-Oklahoma

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. Foreign mill inquiries were light. Interest was best from India, Pakistan, and Peru.

In Texas, daytime highs ranged from the mid-50s to mid-70s, with nighttime temperatures in the 30s to 50s. Fog, light rainfall, and high humidity shortened daily harvest windows; however, harvesting advanced despite intermittent fieldwork interruptions. Damp field conditions occasionally delayed module transportation, but most ginning operations continued uninterrupted. Sources lowered production estimates further. A cold front accompanied by widespread rainfall was forecast for the upcoming weekend.

In Kansas, daytime temperatures ranged from the lower 50s to mid-70s, with nighttime lows in the 30s and 40s. Several locations received less than one-half of an inch of precipitation, and chances for additional rainfall were forecast for the weekend. Defoliation remained problematic as warmer than normal temperatures, frequent rainfall, and regrowth slowed progress. Some producers applied a second defoliant treatment, while others waited for a hard freeze to aid leaf drop before harvest. Bolls remained exposed to varying weather conditions after being open for an extended period. Some spray rigs had already been serviced and placed in winter storage. All gins were operating, and modules accumulated slowly on gin yards.

In Oklahoma, defoliation challenges persisted, and harvest progress remained slow. Daytime temperatures ranged from the lower 60s to mid-70s, with overnight lows in the 30s and 40s. Regrowth remained a concern in some areas, and yield estimates continued to decline. Local sources reported small bolls with little to no seed in the locks. Modules were transported to area gins, though not all were operating. Rain was forecast for the upcoming weekend.

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Trading

East Texas/South Texas

- Lots containing a heavy volume of color 22 and better, leaf 1-4, staple 35-40, mike 41-52, strength 27-35, and uniformity 79-84 sold for around 77.00 to 77.25 cents per pound, FOB warehouse, (compression charges not paid).
- Mixed lots containing a heavy volume of color 41 and better, leaf 1-4, staple 36-39, mike 35-50, strength 30-34, and uniformity 80-84 sold for around 71.25 to 72.50 cents, same terms as above.
- A heavy volume of color 31 and better, leaf 2-4, staple 36-40, mike averaging 44.0, strength averaging 34.7, and uniformity averaging 83.0 sold for around 66.75 cents, same terms as above.

West Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma

- In Texas, a mixed lot containing a moderate volume of color 32 and better, leaf 5 and better, staple 35-38, mike 36-46, strength 29-34, and uniformity 79-83 sold for around 76.25 cents per pound, FOB cars/truck (compression charges not paid).
- In Oklahoma, a lot containing a light volume of color 22 and better, leaf 3 and better, staple 36-37, mike averaging 41.1, strength averaging 34.7, and uniformity averaging 81.4 sold for around 79.75 cents, same terms as above.

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Desert Southwest (DSW)

Spot cotton trading was slow. Supplies and producer offerings were light. Demand was light. No forward contracting was reported during the period. Average local prices were higher. Foreign mill inquiries were light.

Predominately sunny and dry conditions returned to the DSW this week. Daytime temperatures ranged from the 60s to the 80s. Nighttime lows ranged from the 40s to 50s. Accumulated moisture totals ranged from trace amounts up to more than one-quarter of an inch of rain in cotton-producing areas of the region. Rainfall early in the period temporarily slowed harvest in Arizona, but as more suitable weather prevailed and field conditions improved, producers returned to fields to resume harvest. Modules were transported to yards for processing. Pressing operations continued uninterrupted. Industry members were set to attend the Cotton USA Summit in Scottsdale, AZ, next week.

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 higher. Foreign mill inquiries were light.

In the SJV, sunshine and open skies prevailed during the period. Daytime temperatures were in the 70s and 80s. Overnight lows were in the 40s. No precipitation was reported, but chances for rainfall were in the nearby forecast. Harvest continued, but many producers have finished harvesting and have begun post-season field preparations. Modules were transported to gins for pressing services and ginning activity was at the peak for the season. Some gins were expected to operate until mid-February. Industry members prepared to travel to Scottsdale, AZ, for the Cotton USA Summit next week, November 16-18, 2026.

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.

Across the Far Western region, weather conditions were mostly sunny and clear. Daytime highs ranged from the 60s to the 80s, with nighttime lows in the 40s to the 50s. Harvest continued in Arizona after weekend rains temporarily delayed progress. Gins processed modules on yards. In the SJV, harvest activities continued, with some producers completing the season. Ginning remained at full capacity as gins worked through modules accumulated on gin yards. Local sources reported that some gins expected to finish processing by mid-February.

Trading

Desert Southwest

- A lot containing a moderate volume of Arizona cotton color 11 and 12, leaf 1 and 2, staple 36-38, mike averaging 45.6, strength averaging 30.0, and uniformity averaging 82.0 sold for 78.00 cents per pound, FOB car/truck (compression charges not paid).

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

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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 Nov. 10, 2026, at 11:00 am central, Updates 2x per month during ginning season

Crop Production – Released Nov. 10, 2026, at 11:00 am central, Updates Monthly

Crop Progress Report – Released Nov. 9, 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 Nov. 10, 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