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Wheat, Corn, Grain Sorghum, and Soybean Complex

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- This summary based on reports for the 24th of Sep 2026
- Outstanding Export Sales (Unshipped Balances) on the 17th of Sep 2026
- Export Shipments in Current Marketing Year
- Daily Sales Reported for the 24th of Sep 2026

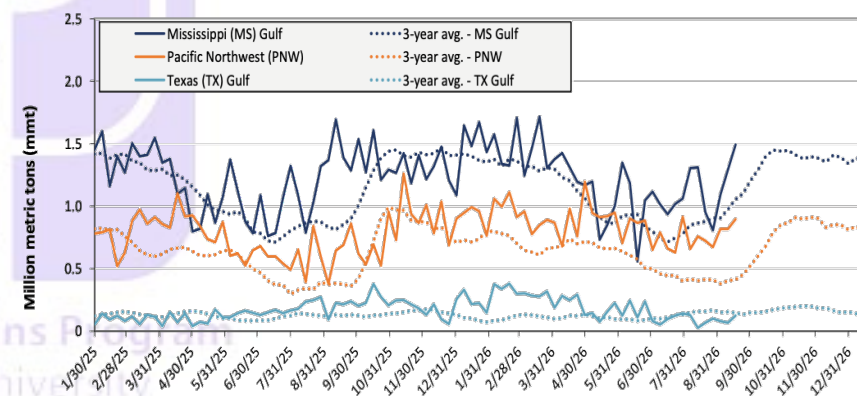
U.S. EXPORT ACTIVITY

➤ Export Sales

- Export Sales data for the week ending September 17, unshipped balances of corn, soybeans, and wheat for marketing year (MY) 2025/26 totaled 36.60 mmts, down 4% from the same time last year.
- Net corn export sales were .84 mmt, down 5% from last week.
- Net soybean export sales were .58 mmt, down 66% from last week.
- Net wheat export sales were .27 mmt, down 18% from last week.

➤ Vessel Loadings

Figure 18. U.S. grain inspections for U.S. Gulf and PNW (wheat, corn, and soybeans)



Source: USDA, Federal Grain Inspection Service.

Ocean - For the week ending September 17, 28 oceangoing grain vessels were loaded in the Gulf—24% fewer than the same period last year. Within the next 10 days (starting September 18), 51 vessels were expected to be loaded – 21% more than the same period last year. As of September 17, the rate for shipping a metric ton (mt) of grain from the U.S. Gulf to Japan was \$76.75, unchanged from the previous week. The rate from the Pacific Northwest to Japan was \$37.00 per mt, down 2% from the previous week.

Table 14. U.S. export balances and cumulative exports (1,000 metric tons)

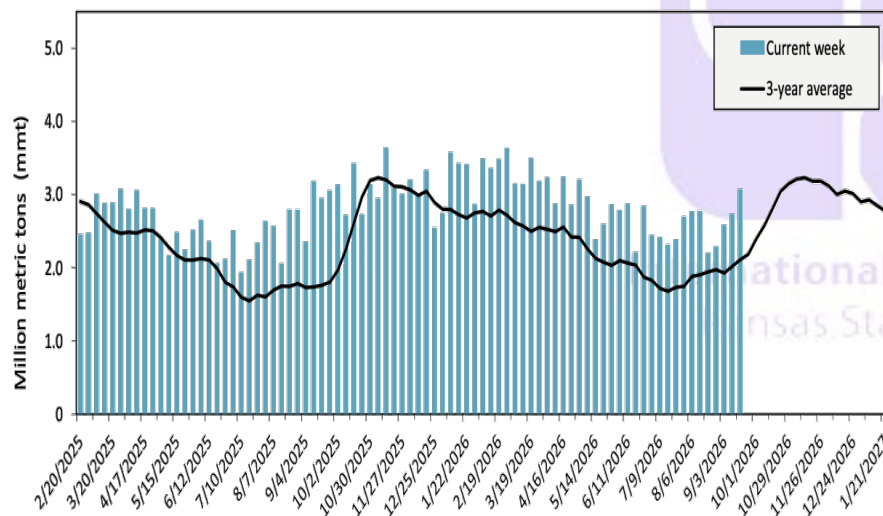
Grain Exports		Wheat						Corn	Soybeans	Total
		Hard red winter (HRW)	Soft red winter (SRW)	Hard red spring (HRS)	Soft white wheat (SWW)	Durum	All wheat			
Current unshipped (outstanding) export sales	For the week ending 09/17/2026	546	421	945	1,113	56	3,080	13,879	19,635	36,595
	This week year ago	2,066	637	1,249	1,129	41	5,121	22,197	1,244	28,562
	Last 4 wks. as % of same period in prior marketing year	26	73	86	107	155	65	52	157	81
Current shipped (cummulative) export sales	Current MYTD	1,542	1,007	1,765	1,785	189	6,288	4,359	1,567	12,214
	Prior MYTD	3,356	1,297	2,162	1,532	172	8,520	3,559	14,541	26,619
	Current MYTD as % of prior MYTD	46	78	82	116	110	74	122	11	46
	Total 2025/26	8,243	3,202	6,078	5,207	622	23,419	86,014	41,007	150,440
	Total 2024/25	5,377	3,095	6,560	5,730	335	21,097	69,081	50,106	140,284

Note: The marketing year for wheat is June 1 to May 31 and, for corn and soybeans, September 1 to August 31. YTD = year-to-date. wks. = weeks. MYTD = marketing year to date.

Source: USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service.

➤ Export Inspections

Figure 17. U.S. grain inspected for export (wheat, corn, and soybeans)



Note: 3-year average consists of 4-week running average.

Source: USDA, Federal Grain Inspection Service.

GRAINS INSPECTED AND/OR WEIGHED FOR EXPORT REPORTED IN WEEK ENDING SEP 17, 2026 -- METRIC TONS --

GRAIN	WEEK ENDING 09/17/2026	WEEK ENDING 09/10/2026	WEEK ENDING 09/18/2025	CURRENT MARKET YEAR TO DATE	PREVIOUS MARKET YEAR TO DATE
BARLEY	0	0	171	244	4,019
CORN	1,938,523	1,552,010	1,385,966	4,138,602	3,569,546
FLAXSEED	0	0	0	96	216
MIXED	0	49	0	49	0
OATS	0	0	0	998	2,793
RYE	0	0	0	0	0
SORGHUM	416	3,453	30,601	4,701	66,601
SOYBEANS	759,193	680,252	565,630	1,681,512	1,652,148
SUNFLOWER	0	0	0	0	0
WHEAT	335,253	472,980	939,803	6,027,559	8,798,607
Total	3,033,385	2,708,744	2,922,171	11,853,761	14,093,930

CROP MARKETING YEARS BEGIN JUNE 1 FOR WHEAT, RYE, OATS, BARLEY AND FLAXSEED; SEPTEMBER 1 FOR CORN, SORGHUM, SOYBEANS AND SUNFLOWER SEEDS. INCLUDES WATERWAY SHIPMENTS TO CANADA.

SOYBEANS INSPECTED AND/OR WEIGHED FOR EXPORT
BY PORT AREA AND COUNTRY OF DESTINATION
REPORTED IN WEEK ENDING SEP 17, 2026
-- METRIC TONS --

Source: https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/wa_gr101.txt

Table 18. Grain inspections for export by U.S. port region (1,000 metric tons)

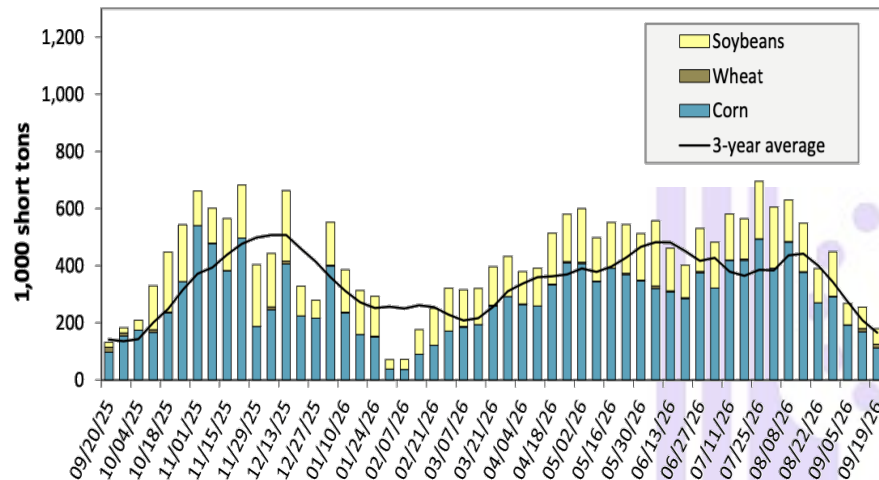
Port regions	Commodity	For the week ending 09/17/2026	Previous week	Current week as % of previous	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	2026 YTD as % of 2025 YTD	Last 4-weeks as % of:		2025 total
								Last year	Prior 3-yr. avg.	
Pacific Northwest	Corn	706	491	144	19,510	16,522	118	258	660	24,214
	Soybeans	0	0	n/a	4,181	1,966	213	100	0	2,957
	Wheat	191	327	58	7,771	8,672	90	74	85	12,271
	All grain	897	818	110	31,777	27,275	117	141	195	39,721
Mississippi Gulf	Corn	762	675	113	27,691	26,961	103	81	115	37,115
	Soybeans	695	576	121	15,694	14,402	109	99	128	23,350
	Wheat	35	43	81	2,283	3,136	73	25	32	3,980
	All grain	1,492	1,294	115	45,791	44,540	103	82	111	64,484
Texas Gulf	Corn	60	52	115	1,347	474	284	196	384	590
	Soybeans	0	0	n/a	100	106	94	n/a	0	1,431
	Wheat	64	16	400	2,088	3,526	59	16	31	4,690
	All grain	124	68	182	7,113	4,649	153	44	64	7,774
Interior	Corn	409	248	165	11,805	10,576	112	101	127	15,546
	Soybeans	64	96	66	5,114	4,935	104	79	96	7,713
	Wheat	34	74	46	2,305	2,398	96	84	88	3,104
	All grain	532	436	122	19,579	18,278	107	94	114	26,888
Great Lakes	Corn	0	0	n/a	359	147	244	26	77	414
	Soybeans	0	8	0	66	0	n/a	n/a	73	63
	Wheat	10	11	86	262	225	117	123	109	434
	All grain	10	19	50	686	371	185	72	97	911
Atlantic	Corn	1	86	2	1,399	301	465	241	580	607
	Soybeans	1	0	n/a	616	501	123	38	42	1,085
	Wheat	2	1	208	22	54	41	280	93	81
	All grain	4	87	5	2,037	856	238	215	379	1,773
All Regions	Corn	1,939	1,552	125	62,111	54,981	113	114	171	78,486
	Soybeans	759	680	112	26,280	22,013	119	95	117	36,852
	Wheat	335	473	71	14,731	18,011	82	56	70	24,560
	All grain	3,058	2,723	112	107,493	96,073	112	94	126	141,804

Note: Data include revisions from prior weeks; "All grain" includes corn, soybeans, wheat, sorghum, oats, barley, rye, sunflower, flaxseed, and mixed grains; "All regions" includes listed regions and other minor regions not listed; YTD = year-to-date; n/a = not available or no change. A "-" in the table indicates a percentage change with a near-zero denominator for the period.

Source: USDA, Federal Grain Inspection Service.

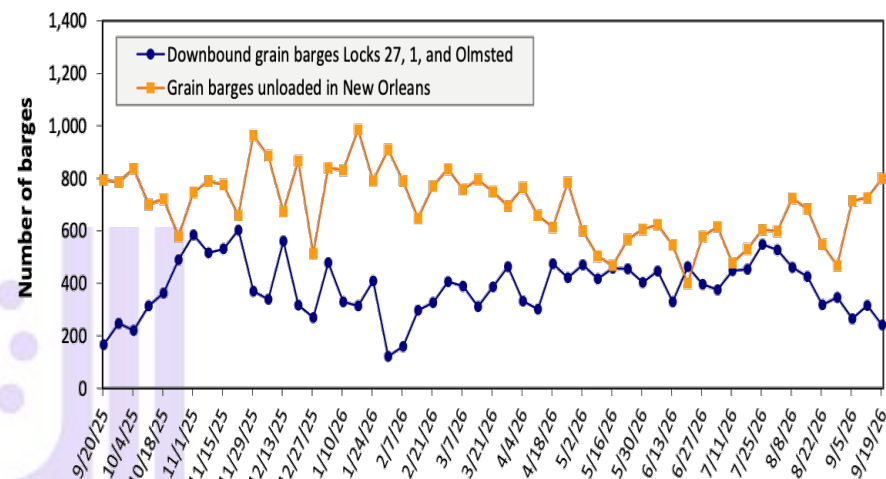
BARGE MOVEMENTS

Figure 12. Barge movements on the Mississippi River (Locks 27-Granite City, IL)



Barge – For the week ending September 19th, barged grain movements totaled 376,954 tons. This was 14% less than the previous week and 44% more from the same week last year.

Figure 14. Grain barges for export in New Orleans region



Note: Olmsted = Olmsted Locks and Dam.

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service.

For the week ending September 19th, 241 barges moved down river, 74 less than the previous week. There were 799 grain barges unloaded in the New Orleans Region, 10% more than the previous week.

Table 10. Barged grain movements (1,000 tons)

For the week ending 09/19/2026	Corn	Wheat	Soybeans	Other	Total
Mississippi River (Rock Island, IL (L15))	34	0	10	0	44
Mississippi River (Winfield, MO (L25))	82	18	29	0	128
Mississippi River (Alton, IL (L26))	129	13	49	0	191
Mississippi River (Granite City, IL (L27))	112	13	54	0	178
Illinois River (La Grange)	49	0	16	0	65
Ohio River (Olmsted)	90	2	84	2	178
Arkansas River (L1)	4	3	14	0	21
Weekly total - 2026	206	17	152	2	377
Weekly total - 2025	161	35	54	10	261
2026 YTD	12,926	706	7,382	76	21,089
2025 YTD	14,345	1,051	7,730	144	23,269
2026 as % of 2025 YTD	90	67	95	53	91
Last 4 weeks as % of 2025	140	42	170	88	136
Total 2025	20,015	1,259	11,322	166	32,761

Note: "Other" refers to oats, barley, sorghum, and rye. Total may not add up due to rounding. YTD = year to date. Weekly total, YTD, and calendar year total include Mississippi River lock 27, Ohio River Olmsted lock, and Arkansas Lock 1. "L" (as in "L15") refers to a lock, locks, or lock and dam facility.

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

CEREAL GRAINS

➤ **Wheat Export Shipments and Sales**

Wheat: Net sales of 267,600 mts for 2026/2027 were down 18% from the previous week and 13% from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Mexico (113,400 mts, including decreases of 11,900 mts), Japan (87,600 mts), Vietnam (60,000 mts), Canada (7,700 mts), and Thailand (6,100 mts), were offset by reductions for Malaysia (5,000 mts), Indonesia (3,200 mts), unknown destinations (3,100 mts), and Haiti (2,600 mts).

Exports of 385,100 mts were down 23% from the previous week and 19% from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (160,000 mts), Thailand (66,500 mts), the Philippines (65,100 mts), Indonesia (36,000 mts), and Haiti (27,400 mts).

Source: USDA FAS -

<https://apps.fas.usda.gov/esrqs/#/reports/weeklyexportsalesreportdetail>

➤ **Rice Export Shipments and Sales**

Rice: Net sales of 54,200 mts for 2026/2027 were up 49% from the previous week and 31% from the prior 4-week average. Increases were primarily for South Korea (36,100 mts), Japan (13,000 mts), Canada (1,800 mts), Mexico (1,200 mts), and Taiwan (1,000 mts).

Exports of 79,200 mts were up 97% from the previous week and 81% from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primary to Colombia (26,000 mts), Japan (24,000 mts), Mexico (18,100 mts), Honduras (6,000 mts), and Canada (2,500 mts).

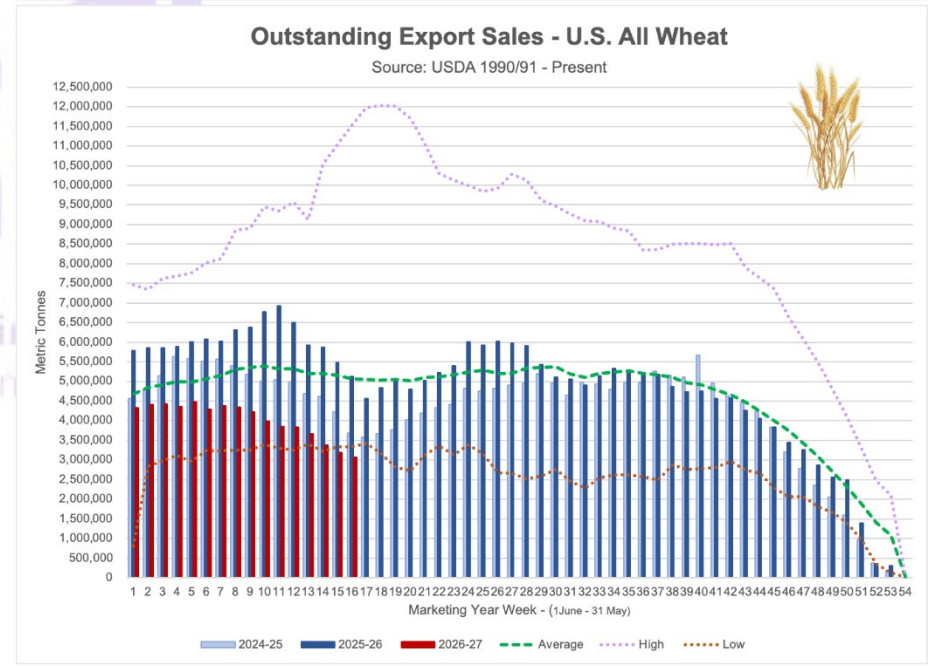
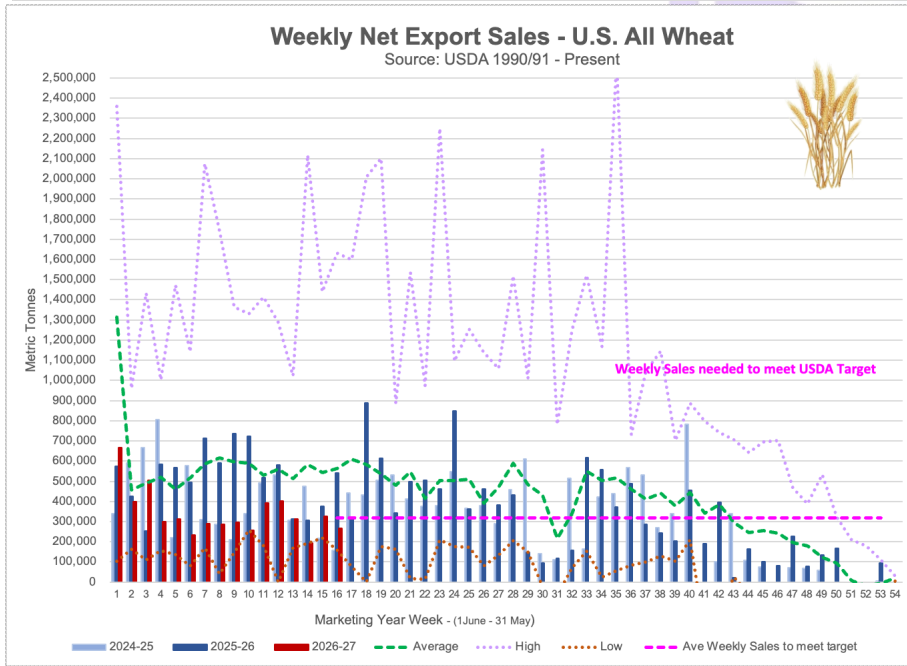
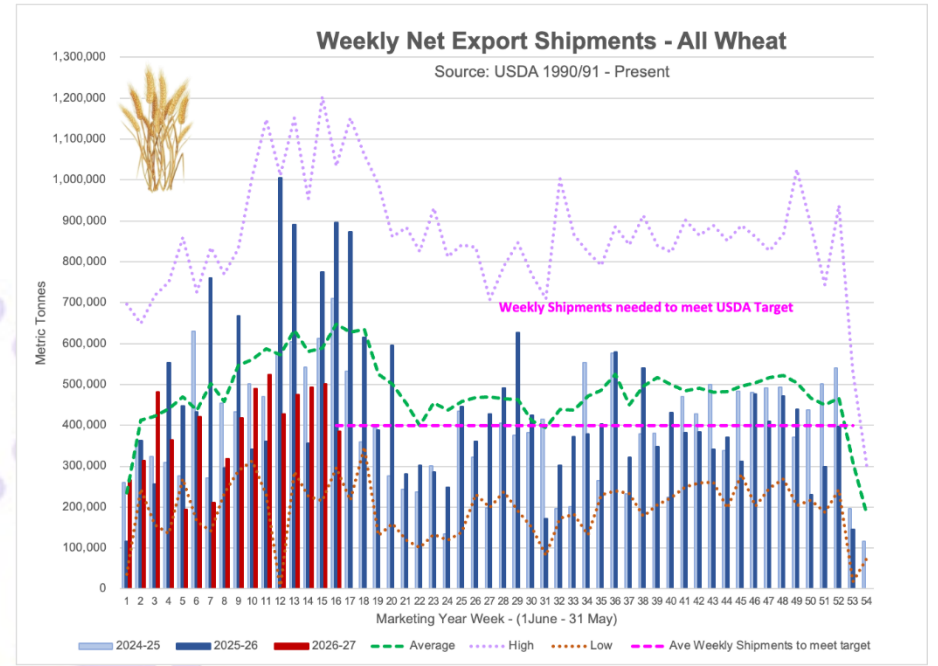
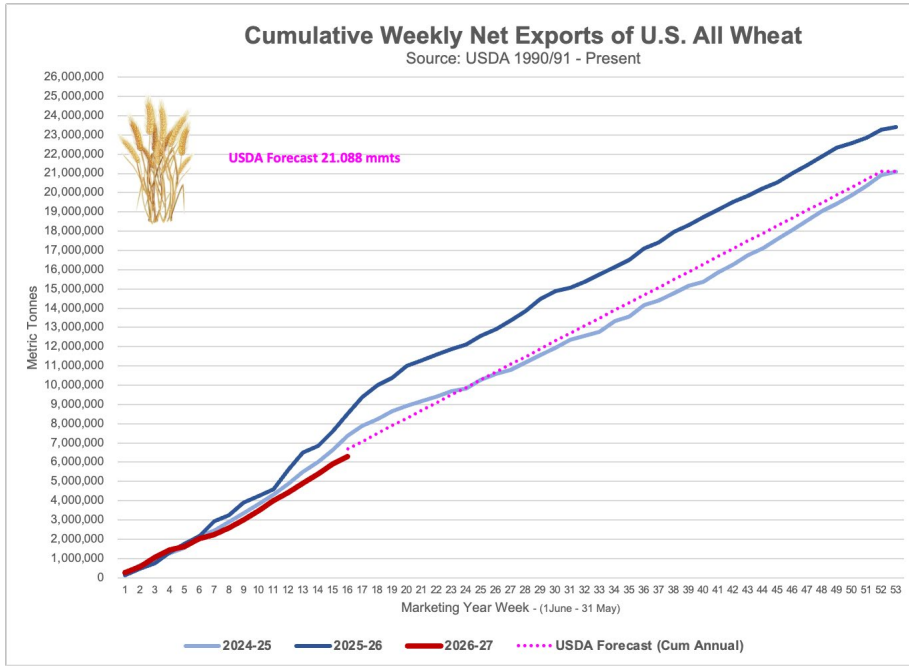
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Table 17. Top 10 importers of all U.S. wheat

For the week ending 9/17/2026	Total commitments (1,000 mt)		% change current MY from last MY	Exports 3-year average 2023-25 (1,000 mt)
	YTD MY 2026/27	YTD MY 2025/26		
Mexico	2,193	2,273	-4	3,744
Philippines	1,360	1,563	-13	2,677
Japan	1,100	1,011	9	2,050
Korea	874	909	-4	1,888
Taiwan	477	493	-3	1,005
Nigeria	195	925	-79	878
China	NA	0	NA	863
Indonesia	248	740	-66	746
Thailand	319	298	7	690
Vietnam	303	357	-15	581
Top 10 importers	7,069	8,569	-18	15,121
Total U.S. wheat export sales	9,368	13,640	-31	21,015
% of YTD current month's export projection	44%	55%	-	-
Change from prior week	268	540	-	-
Top 10 importers' share of U.S. wheat export sales	75%	63%	-	72%
USDA forecast, September 2026	21,092	24,712	-15	-

Note: The top 10 importers are based on USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) marketing year ranking reports for marketing year (MY) 2025/26 (June 1 – May 31). "Total commitments" = cumulative exports (shipped) + outstanding sales (unshipped), from FAS weekly export sales report, or export sales query. Total commitments' change (net sales) from prior week could include revisions from previous week's outstanding sales or accumulated sales. In rightmost column, "Exports" = accumulated exports (as defined in FAS marketing year ranking reports). mt = metric ton; yr. = year; avg. = average; YTD = year to date; "-" = not applicable.

Source: USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service.



COARSE GRAINS

➤ Corn Export Shipments and Sales

Corn: Net sales of 838,300 mts for 2026/2027 primarily for Japan (247,000 mts, including decreases of 3,500 mts), Mexico (211,000 mts, including decreases of 11,400 mts), Colombia (201,300 mts, including 50,000 mts switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 109,300 mts), Spain (72,400 mts, including 55,000 mts switched from unknown destinations), and Italy (52,600 mts, including 45,500 mts switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 900 mts), were offset by reductions for unknown destinations (80,500 mts) and Taiwan (200 mts). Total net sales of 2,500 mts for 2027/2028 were for unknown destinations.

Exports of 1,900,000 were primarily to Japan (555,100 mts), Mexico (507,700 mts), Colombia (306,300 mts), South Korea (143,300 mts), and Italy (115,600 mts).

Source: USDA FAS - <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/esrqs/#/reports/weeklyexportsalesreportdetail>

➤ Grain Sorghum Export Shipments and Sales

Sorghum: Total net sales of 2,500 mts for 2026/2027 were for Mexico. Exports of 3,500 mts were to Mexico (2,500 mts) and China (1,000 mts).

Source: USDA FAS - <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/esrqs/#/reports/weeklyexportsalesreportdetail>

➤ Barley Export Shipments and Sales

Barley: No net sales for 2026/2027 were reported for the week.

Exports of 500 mts were to Canada

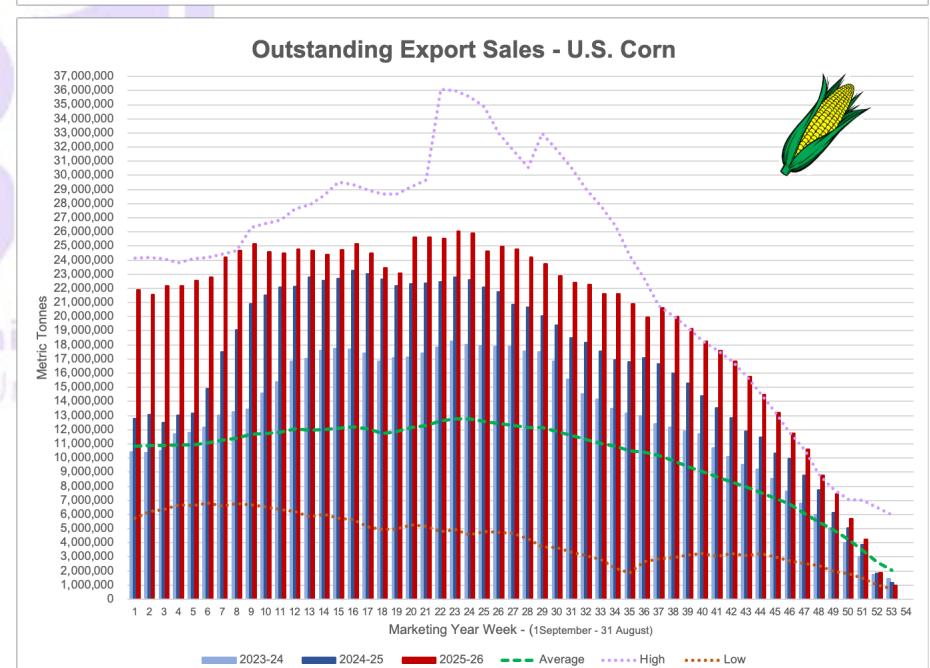
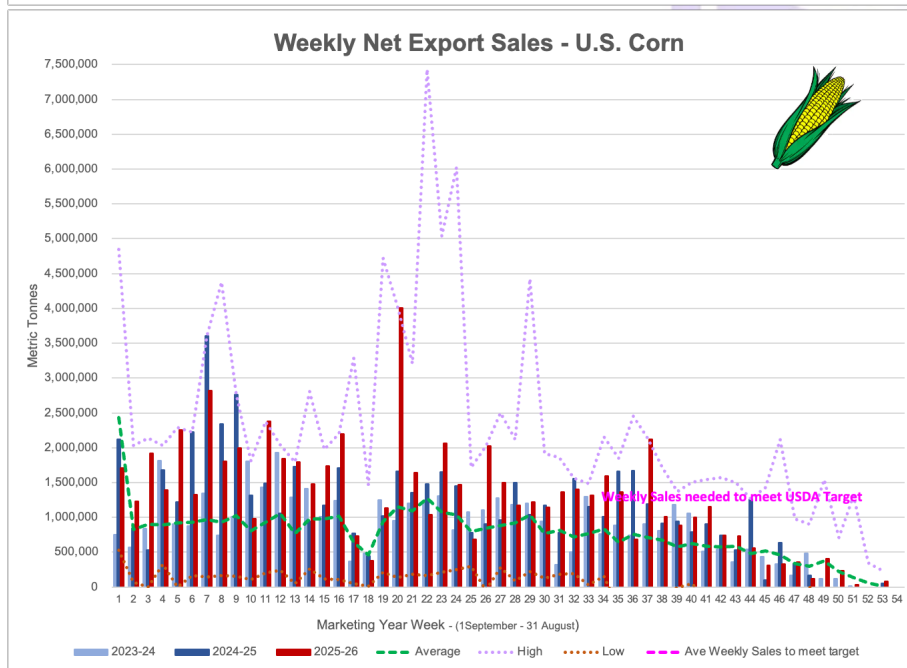
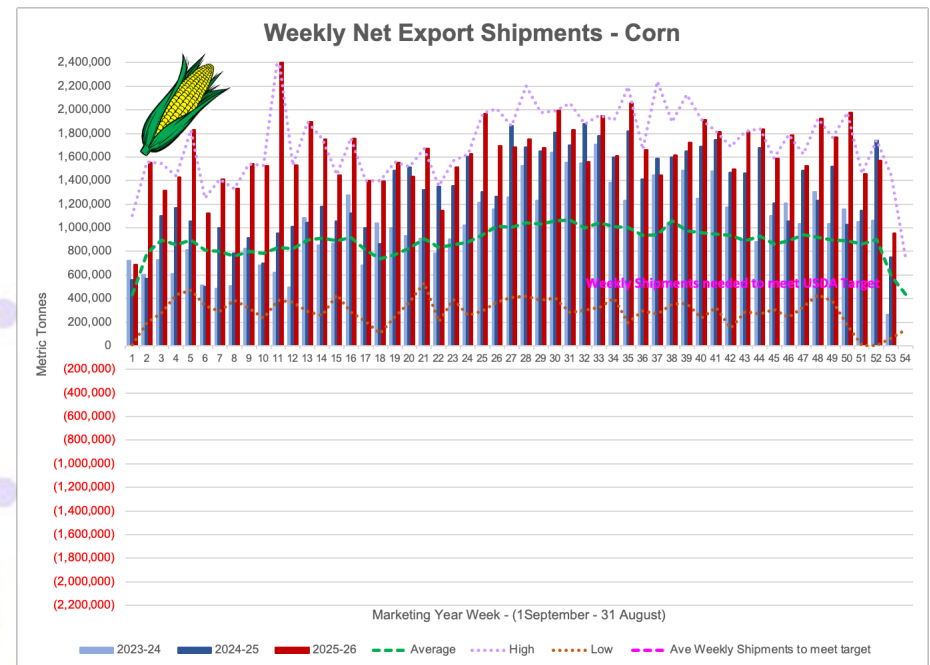
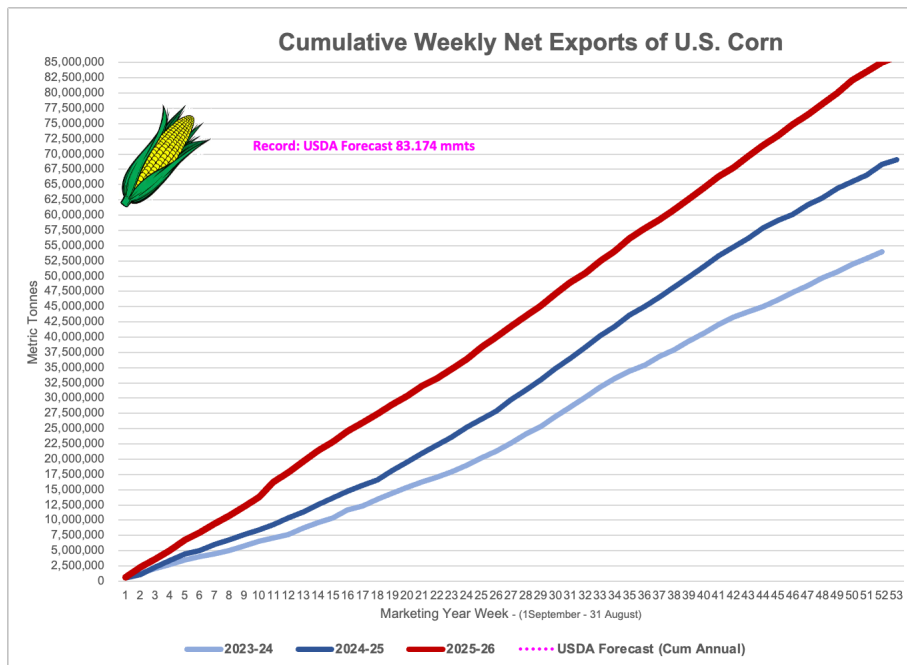
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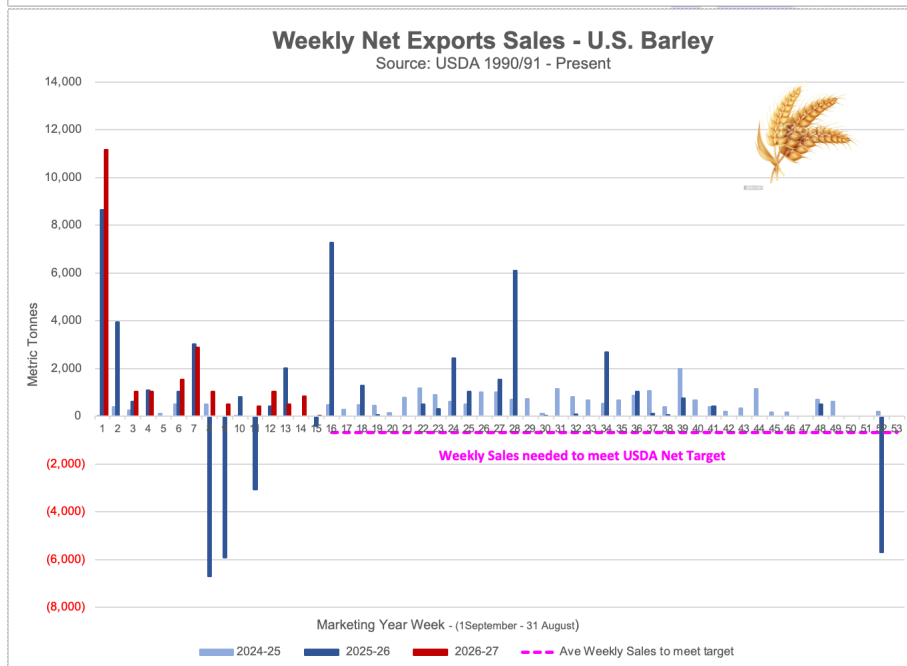
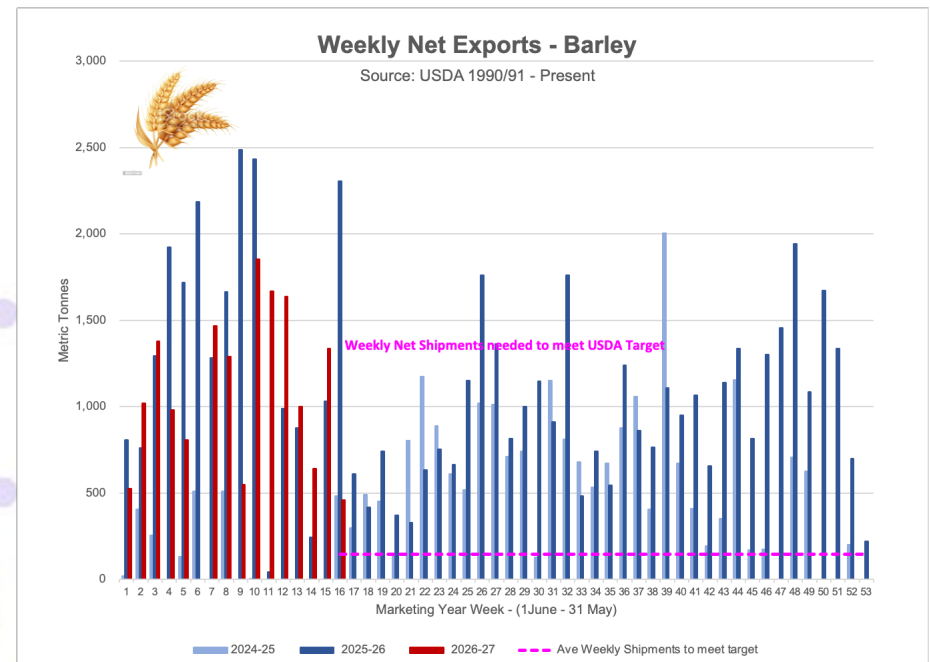
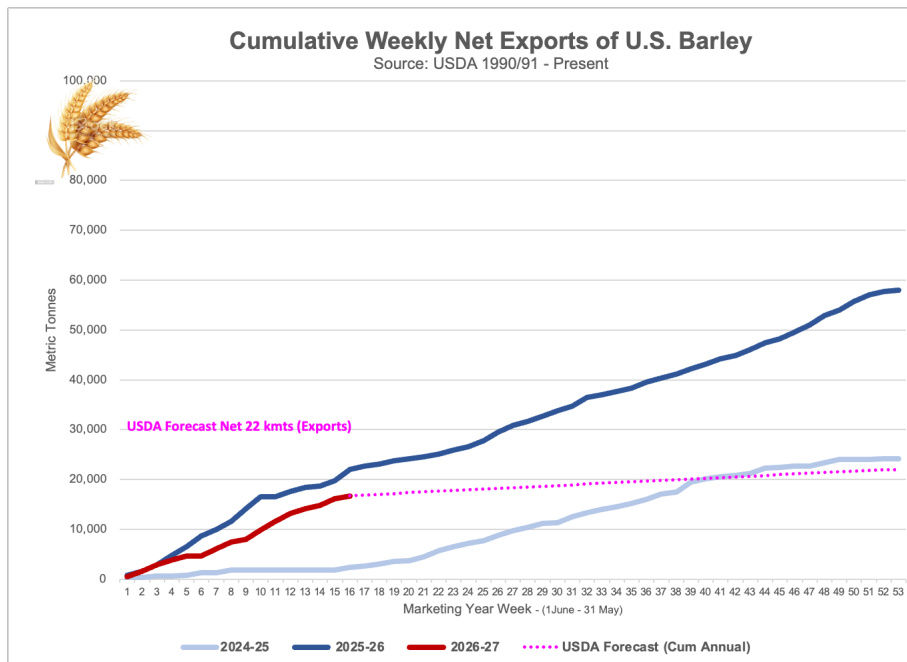
Table 15. Top 5 importers of U.S. corn

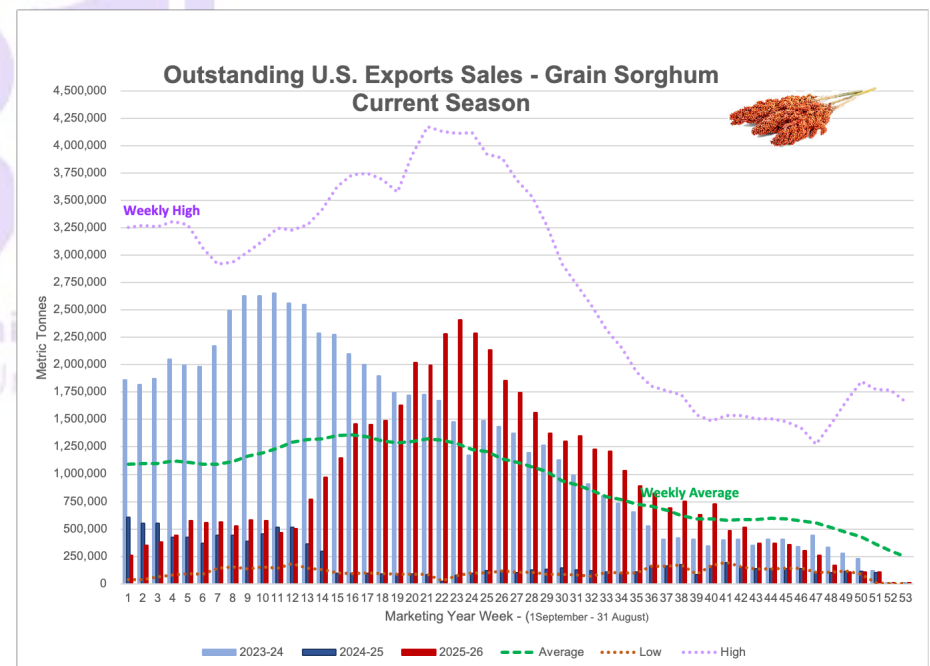
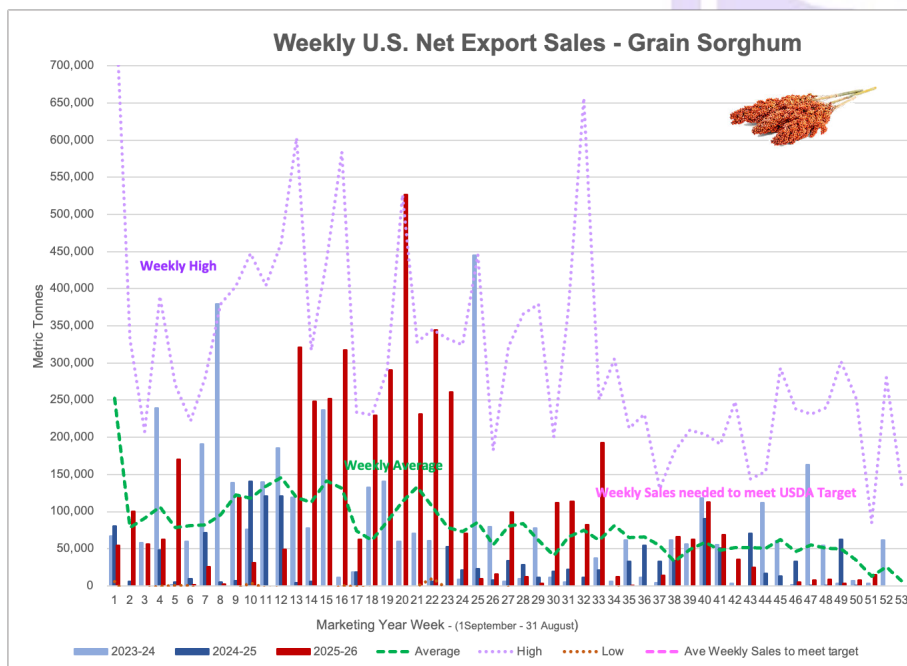
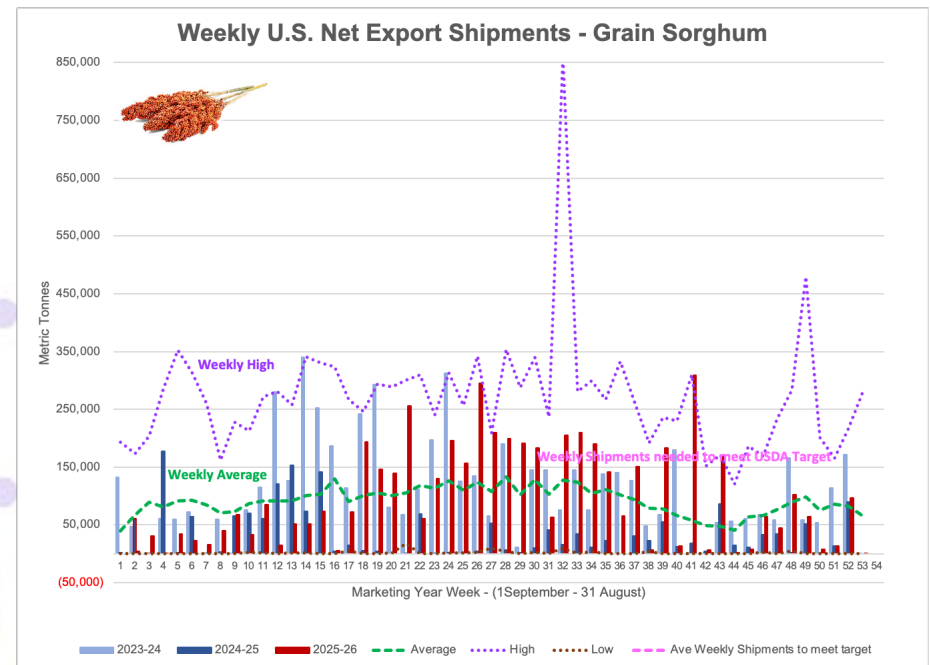
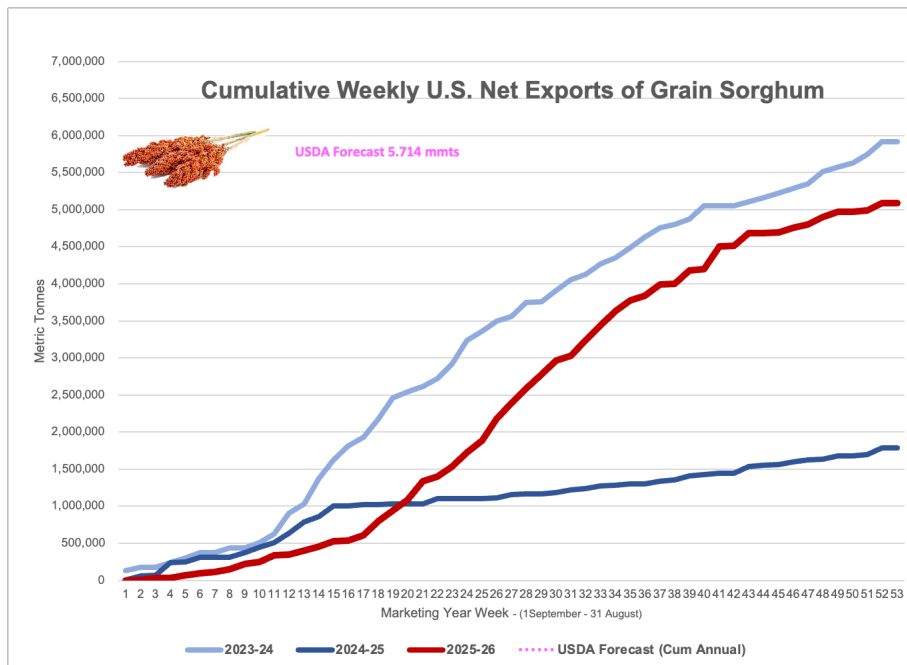
For the week ending 9/17/2026	Total commitments (1,000 mt)		% change current MY from last MY	Exports 3-year average 2023-25 (1,000 mt)
	YTD MY 2026/27	YTD MY 2025/26		
Mexico	6,861	8,914	-23	23,186
Japan	2,998	2,965	1	13,485
Colombia	1,627	1,863	-13	7,639
Korea	1,216	1,502	-19	5,826
Spain	290	699	-59	2,730
Top 5 importers	12,702	15,244	-17	50,136
Total U.S. corn export sales	18,238	25,757	-29	69,791
% of YTD current month's export projection	22%	30%	-	-
Change from prior week	838	1,923	-	-
Top 5 importers' share of U.S. corn export sales	70%	59%	-	72%
USDA forecast September 2026	83,189	87,000	-4	-
Corn use for ethanol USDA forecast, September 2026	142,240	140,970	1	-

Note: The top 5 importers are based on USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) marketing year ranking reports for marketing year (MY) 2024/25 (September 1 – August 31). "Total commitments" = cumulative exports (shipped) + outstanding sales (unshipped), from FAS weekly export sales report, or export sales query. Total commitments' change (net sales) from prior week could include revisions from previous week's outstanding sales or accumulated sales. In rightmost column, "Exports" = accumulated exports (as defined in FAS marketing year ranking reports). mt = metric ton; yr. = year; avg. = average; YTD = year to date; "-" = not applicable.

Source: USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service.







OILSEED COMPLEX

➤ Soybean Export Shipments and Sales

Soybeans: Net sales of 582,400 mts for 2026/2027 primarily for China (311,800 mts, including 55,000 mts switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 2,300 mts), Japan (66,000 mts, including 50,000 mts switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 100 mts), the Netherlands (59,700 mts, including 60,000 mts switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 400 mts), Turkey (52,000 mts switched from Egypt), and Spain (45,500 mts, including 45,000 mts switched from unknown destinations), were offset by reductions for Egypt (52,000 mts) and Colombia (100 mts).

Exports of 775,400 mts were primarily to China (446,800 mts), Mexico (77,800 mts), the Netherlands (59,700 mts), Japan (51,200 mts), and Spain (45,500 mts).

Exports for Own Account: For 2026/2027, exports for own account totaling 1,800 mts, all Taiwan.

Export Adjustment: Accumulated exports of soybeans to Mexico were adjusted down 11,519 mts for week ending September 10. This export was reported in error.

Source: USDA FAS - <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/esrqs/#/reports/weeklyexportsalesreportdetail>

➤ Soybean Meal Export Shipments and Sales

Soybean Cake and Meal: Net sales of 60,700 mts for 2025/2026 were up noticeably from the previous week and up 21% from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for the United Kingdom (33,000 mts, including 30,000 mts switched from unknown destinations), Venezuela (30,000 mts), the Philippines (15,000 mts), Sri Lanka (12,800 mts), and Vietnam (4,100 mts), were offset by reductions for unknown destinations (30,000 mts), Canada (4,900 mts), Mexico (1,400 mts), Nepal (1,200 mts), and Belgium (800 mts). Net sales of 246,000 mts for 2026/2027 were primarily for Colombia (88,300 mts), Canada (57,100 mts), Mexico (40,000 mts), the Dominican Republic (29,300 mts), and Vietnam (8,300 mts).

Exports of 360,400 mts were up 17% from the previous week and 34% from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Colombia (104,300 mts), the

Table 16. Top 5 importers of U.S. soybeans

For the week ending 9/17/2026	Total commitments (1,000 mt)		% change current MY from last MY	Exports 3-year average 2024-26 (1,000 mt)
	YTD MY 2026/27	YTD MY 2025/26		
China	10,170	0	NA	19,737
Mexico	1,807	2,286	-21	4,939
Egypt	461	672	-31	3,402
Indonesia	430	471	-9	2,205
Japan	518	462	12	2,128
Top 5 importers	13,385	3,890	244	32,410
Total U.S. soybean export sales	21,202	10,933	94	45,208
% of YTD current month's export projection	46%	26%	-	-
Change from prior week	582	724	-	-
Top 5 importers' share of U.S. soybean export sales	63%	36%	-	72%
USDA forecast, September 2026	45,858	41,368	11	-

Note: The top 5 importers are based on USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) marketing year ranking reports for marketing year (MY) 2024/25 (September 1 – August 31). "Total commitments" = cumulative exports (shipped) + outstanding sales (unshipped), from FAS weekly export sales report, or export sales query. Total commitments' change (net sales) from prior week could include revisions from previous week's outstanding sales or accumulated sales. In rightmost column, "Exports" = accumulated exports (as defined in FAS marketing year ranking reports). mt = metric ton; yr. = year; avg. = average; YTD = year to date; "-" = not applicable. Source: USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service.

Philippines (103,900 mts), Mexico (38,500 mts), Ecuador (38,400 mts), and the United Kingdom (33,000 mts).

Optional Origin Sales: For 2025/2026, options were exercised to export 2,000 mts to Ecuador from other than the United States. For 2026/2027, new optional origin sales of 6,000 mts were for Ecuador. For 2026/2027, the current outstanding balance of 9,500 mts, all Ecuador.

Source: USDA FAS - <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/esrqs/#/reports/weeklyexportsalesreportdetail>

➤ Soybean Oil Export Shipments and Sales

Soybean Oil: Net sales of 1,600 mts for 2025/2026 were reported for Canada (1,500 mts) and Mexico (100 mts). Total net sales of 100 mts for 2026/2027 were for Canada. Exports of 1,500 mts were down 32% from the previous week and 14% from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were to Canada (1,300 mts) and Mexico (200 mts)

Source: USDA FAS - <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/esrqs/#/reports/weeklyexportsalesreportdetail>

