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- This summary based on reports for the 8th of Jan. 2026
- Outstanding Export Sales (Unshipped Balances) on the 2nd of Jan. 2025
- Export Shipments in Current Marketing Year
- Daily Sales Reported for the 8th of Jan. 2026

U.S. EXPORT ACTIVITY

➤ **Export Sales**

For the week ending the 1st of January, unshipped balances of corn, soybeans, and wheat for marketing year (MY) 2025/26 totaled 40.76 million metric tons (mmts)

down 3% from the week ending December 25th and up 8% from the same time last year.

- Net wheat export sales were 0.12 mmts, up 24% from the week ending the 25th of December.
Net corn export sales for MY 2025/26 were 0.38 mmts, down 49% from the week ending the 25th of December.
- Net soybean export sales were 0.88 mmts, down 26% from the week ending the 25th of December.

➤ **Export Inspections**

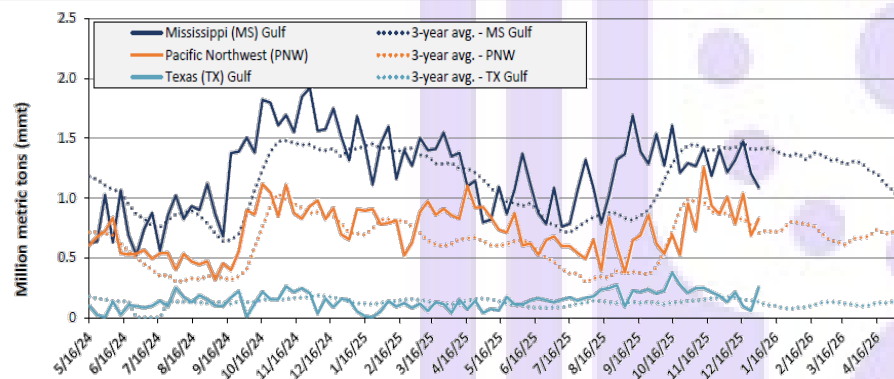
GRAINS INSPECTED AND/OR WEIGHED FOR EXPORT
REPORTED IN WEEK ENDING JAN 01, 2026
-- METRIC TONS --

| GRAIN | WEEK ENDING | | 01/02/2025 | CURRENT MARKET YEAR TO DATE | PREVIOUS MARKET YEAR TO DATE |
|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | 01/01/2026 | 12/25/2025 | | | |
| BARLEY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,873 | 8,608 |
| CORN | 1,206,913 | 1,335,028 | 877,214 | 26,812,339 | 16,266,190 |
| FLAXSEED | 48 | 0 | 0 | 384 | 264 |
| MIXED | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122 |
| OATS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,788 | 148 |
| RYE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SORGHUM | 244,296 | 70,450 | 1,028 | 862,366 | 1,373,838 |
| SOYBEANS | 980,518 | 773,600 | 1,295,819 | 16,401,241 | 29,967,442 |
| SUNFLOWER | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHEAT | 183,305 | 318,650 | 412,542 | 15,263,804 | 12,757,715 |
| Total | 2,615,080 | 2,497,728 | 2,586,603 | 59,350,795 | 60,374,327 |

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.

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

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



Source: USDA, Federal Grain Inspection Service.

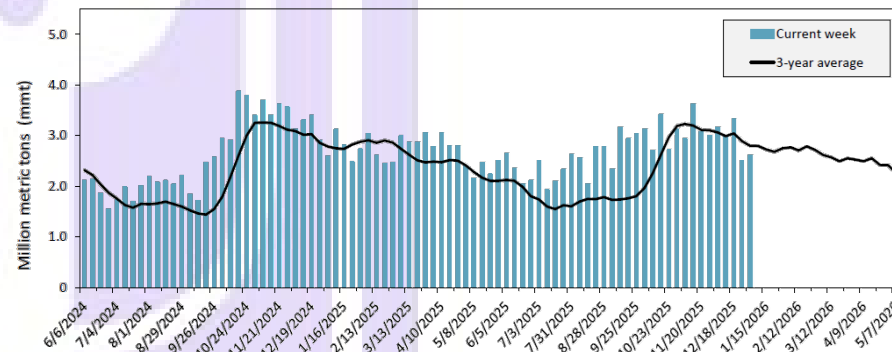
Ocean

For the week ending the 1st of January, 23 oceangoing grain vessels were loaded in the Gulf—12 percent fewer than the same period last year. Within the next 10 days (starting the 2nd of January), 49 vessels were expected to be loaded—4 percent fewer than from the same period last year.

As of the 1st of January, the rate for shipping a metric ton (mt) of grain from the U.S. Gulf to Japan was \$50.00, down 8 percent from the last available rate on the 18th of December, 2025. The rate from the Pacific Northwest to Japan was \$26.50 per mt, down 5 percent from the last available rate on the 18th of December, 2025.

Vessel Loadings

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.

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 1/1/2026 | 1,456 | Week ending 01/01/26 inspections (mmt): | | | | | 5,054 | 23,481 | 12,229 | 40,764 | |
| | This week year ago | 1,064 | MS Gulf: 1.09 | | | | | 4,654 | 22,634 | 10,429 | 37,717 | |
| | | | PNW: 0.83 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Last 4 wks. as % of same period 2024/25 | 152 | TX Gulf: 0.26 | | | | | 116 | 108 | 119 | 112 | |
| Current shipped (cumulative) exports sales | 2025/26 YTD | 5,840 | Percent change from: | | MS Gulf | TX Gulf | U.S. Gulf | PNW | 15,062 | 27,414 | 16,347 | 58,823 |
| | 2024/25YTD | 2,952 | | | | | | | 12,363 | 16,612 | 29,752 | 58,726 |
| | YTD 2025/26 as % of 2024/25 | 198 | Last week | | down 10 | up 346 | up 6 | up 21 | 122 | 165 | 55 | 100 |
| | Total 2024/25 | 5,377 | Last year (same 7 days) | | down 15 | up 71 | down 6 | up 12 | 21,107 | 69,081 | 50,106 | 140,295 |
| | Total 2023/24 | 3,535 | | | | | | | 18,540 | 54,277 | 44,510 | 117,328 |
| | | | 3-year average (4-week moving average) | | down 23 | up 94 | down 13 | up 17 | | | | |
| Note: The marketing year for wheat is June 1 to May 31 and, for corn and soybeans, September 1 to August 31. | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Source: USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service.

Barge

For the week ending the 3rd of January, barged grain movements totaled 757,876 tons. This was 87 percent more than the previous week and up 8 percent from the same period last year.

For the week ending the 3rd of January, 479 grain barges moved down river—209 more than last week. There were 840 grain barges unloaded in the New Orleans region, 64 percent more than last week.

Rail

U.S. Class I railroads originated 24,757 grain carloads during the week ending the 27th of December. This was a 14-percent decrease from the previous week, 7 percent more than last year, and 16 percent more than the 3-year average.

Average January shuttle secondary railcar bids/offers (per car) were \$526 above tariff for the week ending the 1st of January. This was \$336 less than last week and \$520 more than this week last year. Average non-shuttle secondary railcar bids/offers per car were \$19 above tariff. This was \$19 less than last week and \$31 lower than this week last year.

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

| Port regions | Commodity | For the week ending 01/01/2026 | Previous week* | Current week as % of previous | 2025 YTD* | 2024 YTD* | 2025 YTD as % of 2024 YTD | Last 4-weeks as % of: | | 2024 total* |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | | | | | | | | Last year | Prior 3-yr. avg. | |
| Pacific Northwest | Corn | 519 | 405 | 128 | 24,141 | 13,987 | 173 | 203 | 268 | 13,987 |
| | Soybeans | 134 | 67 | 199 | 2,957 | 10,580 | 28 | 21 | 21 | 10,445 |
| | Wheat | 100 | 215 | 46 | 12,271 | 11,453 | 107 | 123 | 141 | 11,453 |
| | All grain | 828 | 687 | 121 | 39,648 | 37,321 | 106 | 106 | 118 | 37,186 |
| Mississippi Gulf | Corn | 439 | 631 | 70 | 37,189 | 27,470 | 135 | 120 | 134 | 27,407 |
| | Soybeans | 637 | 510 | 125 | 23,350 | 29,810 | 78 | 60 | 65 | 29,741 |
| | Wheat | 12 | 66 | 18 | 3,987 | 4,531 | 88 | 138 | 152 | 4,523 |
| | All grain | 1,088 | 1,207 | 90 | 64,566 | 61,930 | 104 | 82 | 90 | 61,789 |
| Texas Gulf | Corn | 0 | 0 | n/a | 590 | 570 | 103 | 98 | 60 | 570 |
| | Soybeans | 57 | 0 | n/a | 1,431 | 741 | 193 | 60 | 106 | 741 |
| | Wheat | 33 | 0 | n/a | 4,690 | 1,940 | 242 | 91 | 136 | 1,940 |
| | All grain | 256 | 57 | 446 | 7,825 | 6,965 | 112 | 113 | 118 | 6,965 |
| Interior | Corn | 244 | 254 | 96 | 15,495 | 13,463 | 115 | 142 | 145 | 13,463 |
| | Soybeans | 88 | 157 | 56 | 7,683 | 8,059 | 95 | 80 | 93 | 8,059 |
| | Wheat | 38 | 9 | 441 | 3,065 | 2,989 | 103 | 74 | 84 | 2,989 |
| | All grain | 373 | 444 | 84 | 26,767 | 24,791 | 108 | 108 | 118 | 24,791 |
| Great Lakes | Corn | 0 | 40 | 0 | 414 | 271 | 153 | 106 | 283 | 271 |
| | Soybeans | 0 | 0 | n/a | 63 | 136 | 46 | n/a | n/a | 136 |
| | Wheat | 0 | 29 | 0 | 434 | 653 | 67 | 83 | 96 | 653 |
| | All grain | 0 | 69 | 0 | 911 | 1,060 | 86 | 84 | 108 | 1,060 |
| Atlantic | Corn | 5 | 5 | 99 | 607 | 410 | 148 | 149 | 153 | 410 |
| | Soybeans | 65 | 39 | 167 | 1,085 | 1,272 | 85 | 64 | 64 | 1,272 |
| | Wheat | 0 | 0 | n/a | 81 | 73 | 112 | n/a | n/a | 73 |
| | All grain | 69 | 43 | 159 | 1,773 | 1,754 | 101 | 70 | 70 | 1,754 |
| All Regions | Corn | 1,207 | 1,335 | 90 | 78,436 | 56,172 | 140 | 145 | 165 | 56,109 |
| | Soybeans | 981 | 774 | 127 | 36,821 | 51,069 | 72 | 54 | 59 | 50,865 |
| | Wheat | 183 | 319 | 58 | 24,528 | 21,639 | 113 | 109 | 129 | 21,631 |
| | All grain | 2,615 | 2,509 | 104 | 141,743 | 134,291 | 106 | 93 | 102 | 134,016 |

*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.

Table 19. Weekly port region grain ocean vessel activity (number of vessels)

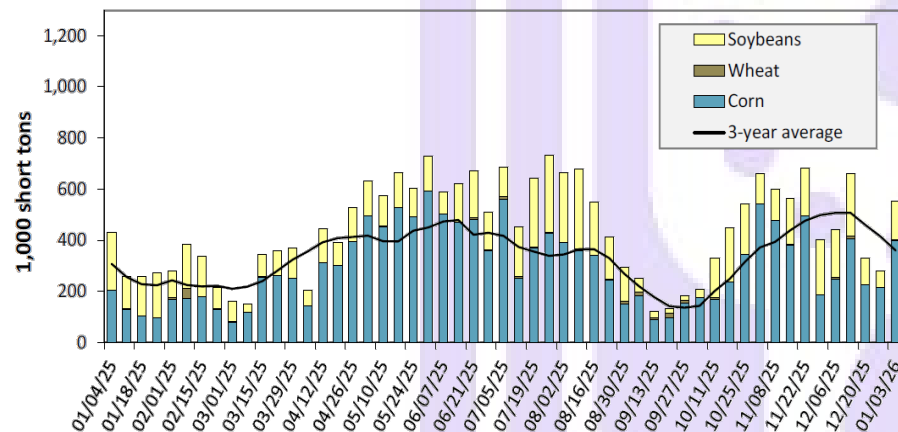
| Date | Gulf | | | Pacific Northwest |
|--------------|-----------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | In port | Loaded 7-days | Due next 10-days | In port |
| 1/1/2026 | 29 | 23 | 49 | n/a |
| 12/25/2025 | 32 | 29 | 40 | n/a |
| 2025 range | (12...40) | (11...37) | (26...55) | (5...25) |
| 2025 average | 28 | 28 | 45 | 13 |

Note: The data are voluntarily submitted and may not be complete.

Source: USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service.

➤ BARGE MOVEMENTS

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

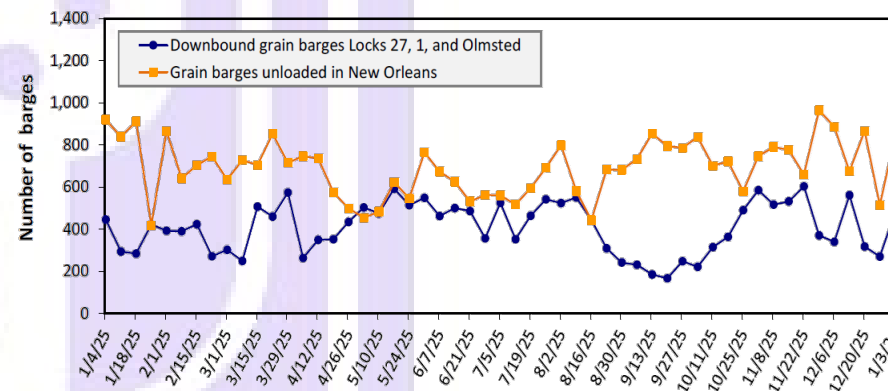


Note: The 3-year average is a 4-week moving average.
Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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- For the week ending the 3rd of January, 479 grain barges moved down river—209 more than last week.
- There were 840 grain barges unloaded in the New Orleans region, 64 percent more than last week.

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.

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

| For the week ending 01/03/2026 | Corn | Wheat | Soybeans | Other | Total |
|--|--------|-------|----------|-------|--------|
| Mississippi River (Rock Island, IL (L15)) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mississippi River (Winfield, MO (L25)) | 79 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 88 |
| Mississippi River (Alton, IL (L26)) | 382 | 3 | 127 | 0 | 512 |
| Mississippi River (Granite City, IL (L27)) | 398 | 3 | 151 | 0 | 553 |
| Illinois River (La Grange) | 276 | 0 | 112 | 0 | 387 |
| Ohio River (Olmsted) | 65 | 5 | 126 | 0 | 197 |
| Arkansas River (L1) | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 8 |
| Weekly total - 2026 | 463 | 11 | 283 | 0 | 758 |
| Weekly total - 2025 | 322 | 6 | 374 | 0 | 703 |
| 2026 YTD | 463 | 11 | 283 | 0 | 758 |
| 2025 YTD | 322 | 6 | 374 | 0 | 703 |
| 2026 as % of 2025 YTD | 144 | 179 | 76 | - | 108 |
| Last 4 weeks as % of 2025 | 88 | 71 | 65 | 16 | 76 |
| Total 2025 | 19,552 | 1,247 | 11,039 | 166 | 32,003 |

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 118,700 metric tons (mts) for 2025/2026 were up 24% from the previous week, but down 55% from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for the Philippines (61,000 mts), unknown destinations (32,000 mts), Mexico (17,100 mts), including decreases of 12,100 mts), Peru (9,400 mts), and Canada (1,700 mts), were offset by reductions for Colombia (2,500 mts), the Dominican Republic (100 mts), and Haiti (100 mts). Total net sales reductions of 9,300 mts for 2026/2027 were for Peru.

Exports of 172,000 mts were down 60% from the previous week and 65% from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to the Philippines (66,000 mts), Mexico (58,500 mts), Japan (33,800 mts), Haiti (7,000 mts), and Guatemala (5,200 mts).

Source: USDA FAS - <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/export-sales/highlite.htm>

Rice: Net sales of 17,400 mts for 2025/2026 were down 24% from the previous week and 45% from the prior 4-week average. Increases were primarily for Canada (5,900 mts), including decreases of 3,100 mts), Honduras (5,000 mts), Saudi Arabia (2,600 mts), Mexico (1,600 mts), and Taiwan (800 mts).

Exports of 44,000 mts were up 38% from the previous week and 59% from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Japan (16,500 mts), the Dominican Republic (12,100 mts), Canada (4,700 mts), Haiti (3,400 mts), and Mexico (3,000 mts).

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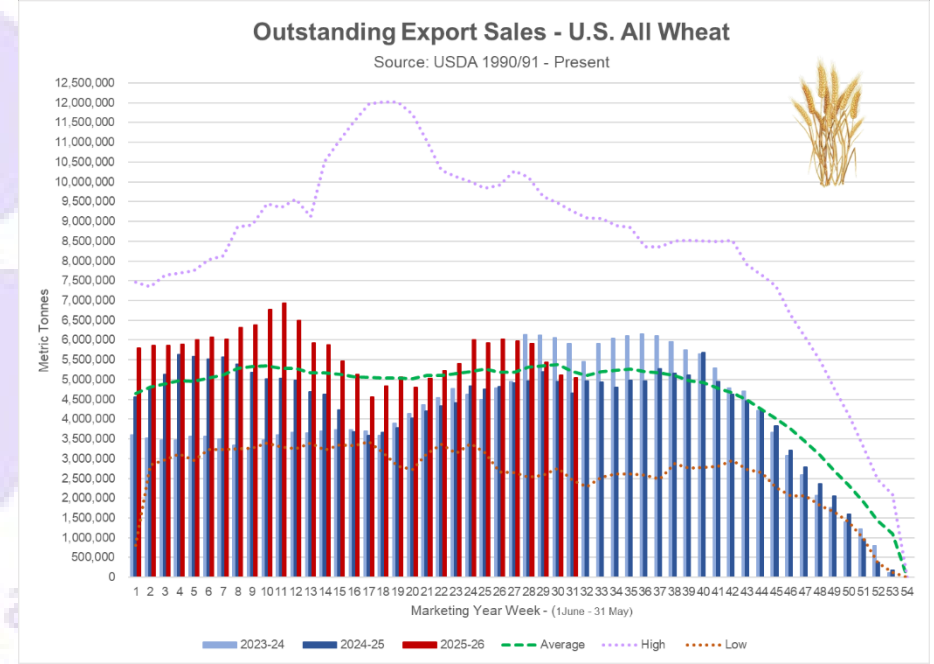
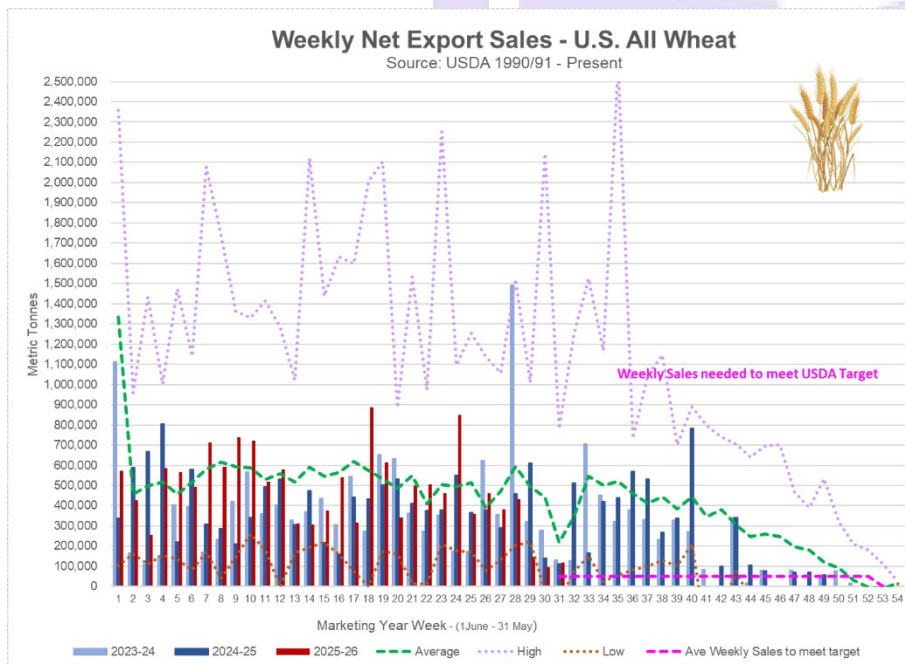
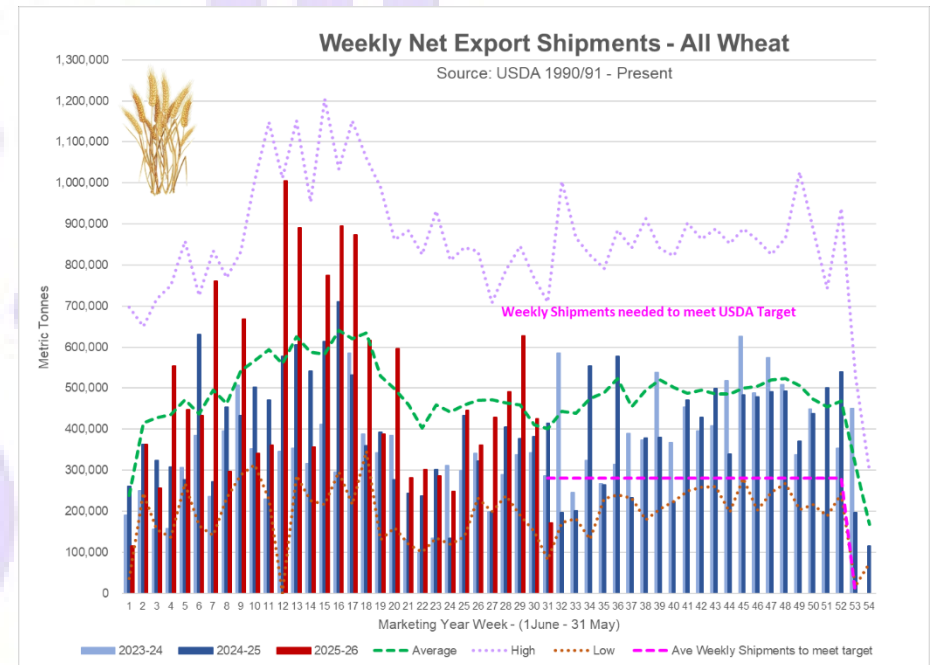
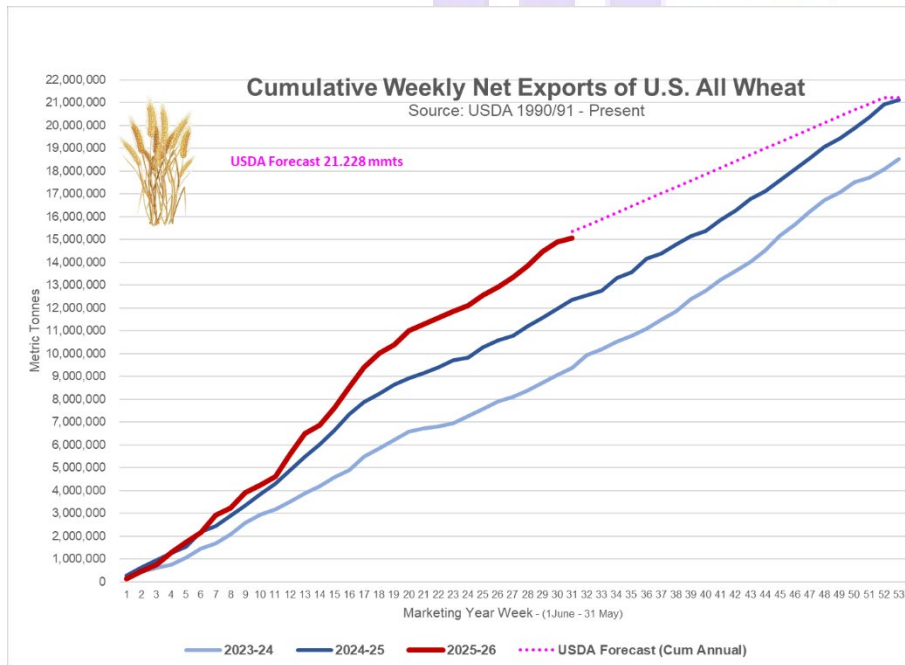
Table 17. Top 10 importers of all U.S. wheat

| For the week ending 1/1/2026 | Total commitments (1,000 mt) | | % change current MY from last MY | Exports 3-year average 2022-24 (1,000 mt) |
|--|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | YTD MY 2025/26 | YTD MY 2024/25 | | |
| Mexico | 3,391 | 3,151 | 8 | 3,358 |
| Philippines | 2,303 | 2,197 | 5 | 2,473 |
| Japan | 1,666 | 1,666 | 0 | 2,045 |
| China | 199 | 139 | 43 | 1,137 |
| Korea | 1,667 | 1,826 | -9 | 1,674 |
| Taiwan | 782 | 732 | 7 | 935 |
| Thailand | 520 | 768 | -32 | 667 |
| Nigeria | 1,220 | 403 | 203 | 629 |
| Indonesia | 942 | 641 | 47 | 518 |
| Colombia | 589 | 348 | 69 | 489 |
| Top 10 importers | 13,279 | 11,870 | 12 | 13,926 |
| Total U.S. wheat export sales | 20,116 | 17,016 | 18 | 19,135 |
| % of YTD current month's export projection | 82% | 76% | - | - |
| Change from prior week | 119 | 111 | - | - |
| Top 10 importers' share of U.S. wheat export sales | 66% | 70% | - | 73% |
| USDA forecast, December 2025 | 24,494 | 22,480 | 9 | - |

Note: The top 10 importers are based on USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) marketing year ranking reports for marketing year (MY) 2024/25 (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.

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COARSE GRAINS

Corn: Net sales of 377,600 mts for 2025/2026--a marketing-year low--were down 49% from the previous week and 76% from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for South Korea (139,000 mts), Japan (108,100 mts, including 241,300 mts switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 146,900 mts), Mexico (96,800 mts, including decreases of 40,600 mts), the Dominican Republic (70,300 mts), and Vietnam (67,200 mts, including 68,000 mts switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 800 mts), were offset by reductions for unknown destinations (226,700 mts), Panama (35,000 mts), El Salvador (3,400 mts), Honduras (1,800 mts), and the United Kingdom (800 mts). Total net sales of 11,900 mts for 2026/2027 were for Mexico. Exports of 1,396,500 mts were unchanged from the previous week, but down 12% from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (317,200 mts), Japan (294,300 mts), South Korea (142,700 mts), Colombia (137,900 mts), and Guatemala (93,600 mts).

Export Adjustments: Accumulated exports of corn were adjusted down 19,803 mts to Portugal for week ending December 25. The correct destination for this shipment is Spain.

Barley: No net sales for 2025/2026 were reported for the week. Exports of 900 mts were to Canada (700 mts) and Japan (200 mts).

Sorghum: Net sales of 229,900 mts for 2025/2026 were up noticeably from the previous week and up 4% from the prior 4-week average. Increases reported for China (222,300 mts, including 60,000 mts switched from unknown destinations), Spain (53,100 mts), and Mexico (3,600 mts), were offset by reductions for unknown destinations (49,000 mts).

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

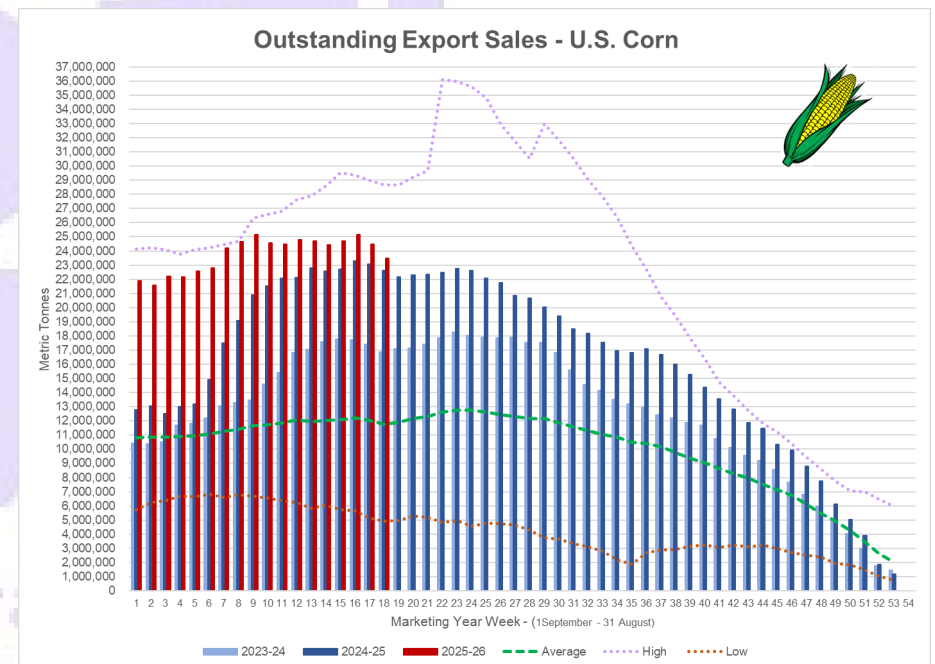
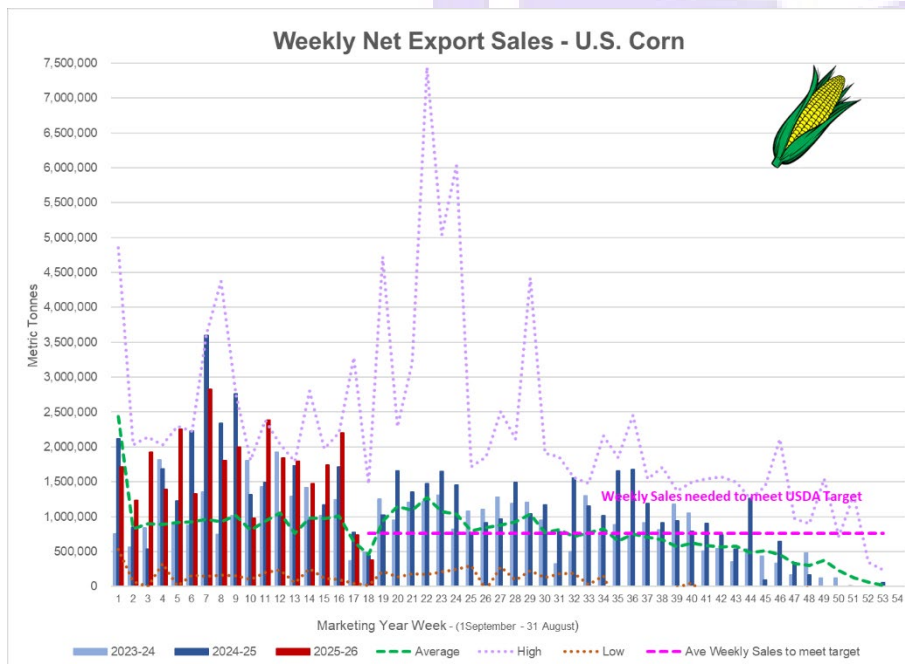
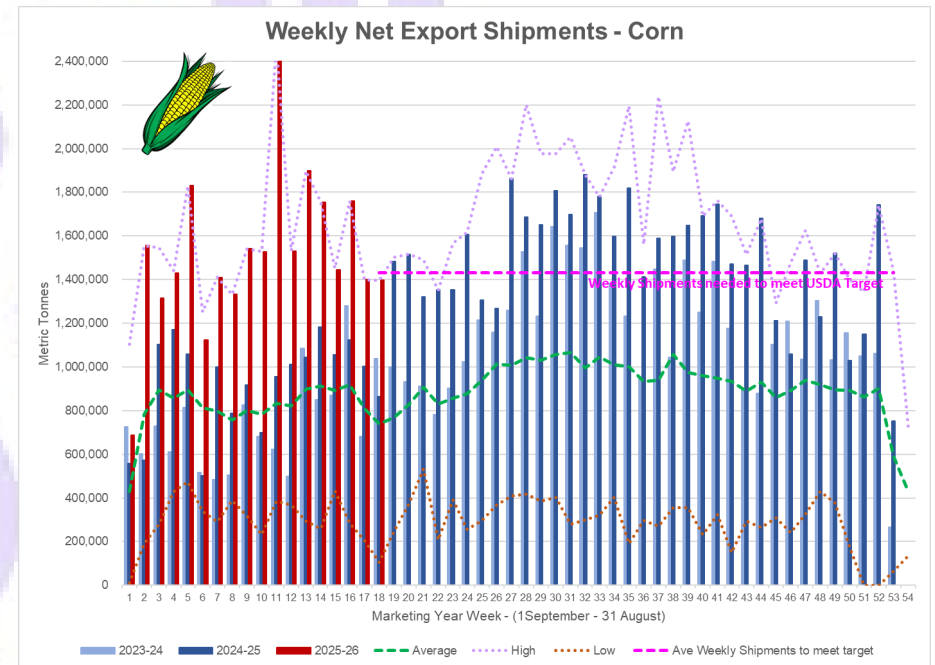
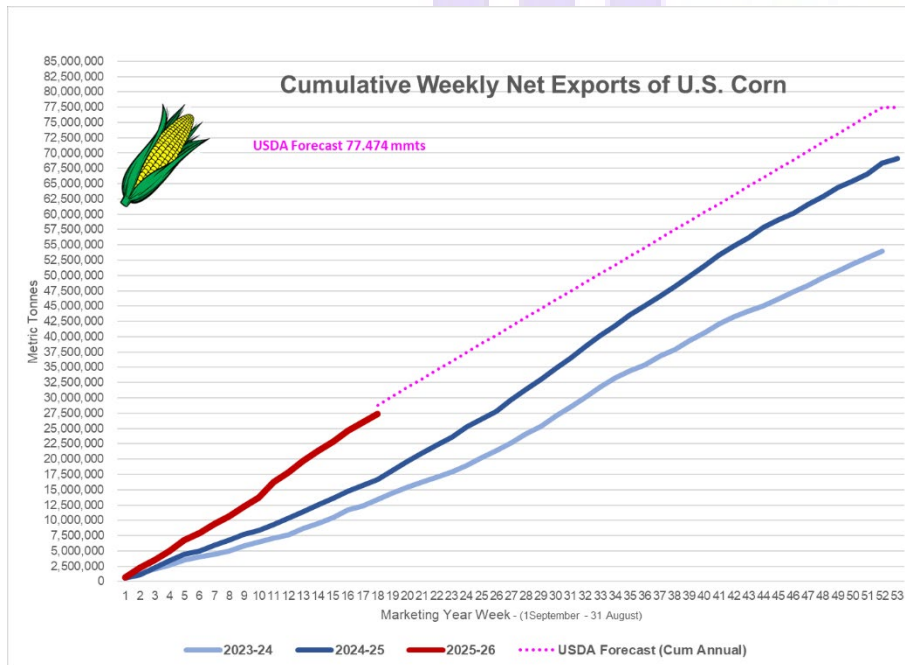
| For the week ending 1/1/2026 | Total commitments (1,000 mt) | | % change current MY from last MY | Exports 3-year average 2022-24 (1,000 mt) |
|---|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | YTD MY 2025/26 | YTD MY 2024/25 | | |
| Mexico | 17,399 | 15,271 | 14 | 19,839 |
| Japan | 7,461 | 5,167 | 44 | 10,478 |
| Colombia | 3,850 | 3,824 | 1 | 5,493 |
| China | 0 | 26 | -100 | 3,461 |
| Korea | 4,465 | 1,282 | 248 | 3,127 |
| Top 5 importers | 28,710 | 24,289 | 18 | 39,272 |
| Total U.S. corn export sales | 50,895 | 39,246 | 30 | 54,276 |
| % of YTD current month's export projection | 63% | 54% | - | - |
| Change from prior week | 378 | 445 | - | - |
| Top 5 importers' share of U.S. corn export sales | 56% | 62% | - | 72% |
| USDA forecast December 2025 | 81,284 | 72,597 | 12 | - |
| Corn use for ethanol USDA forecast, December 2025 | 142,240 | 138,075 | 3 | - |

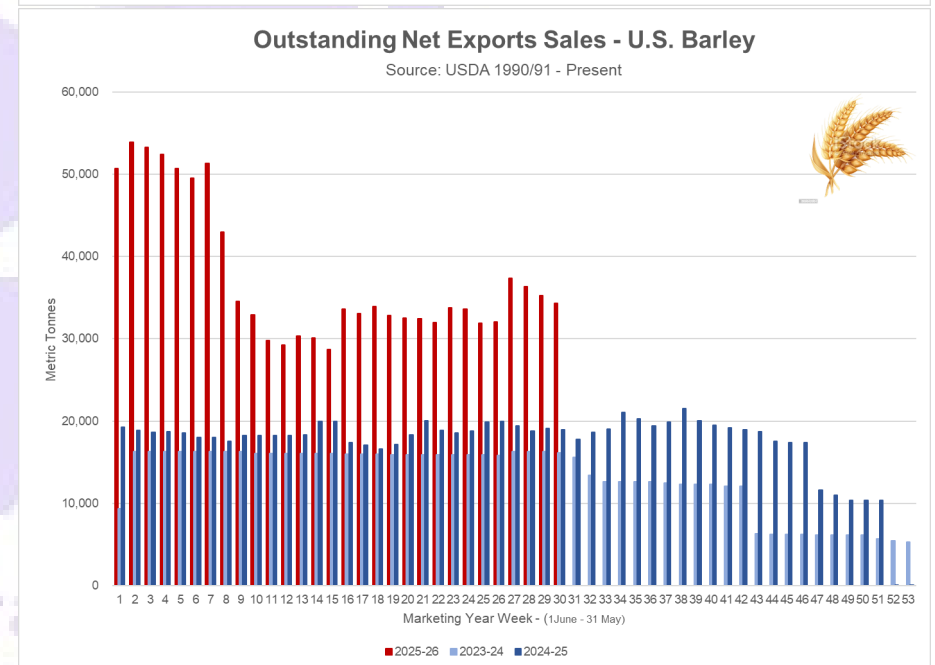
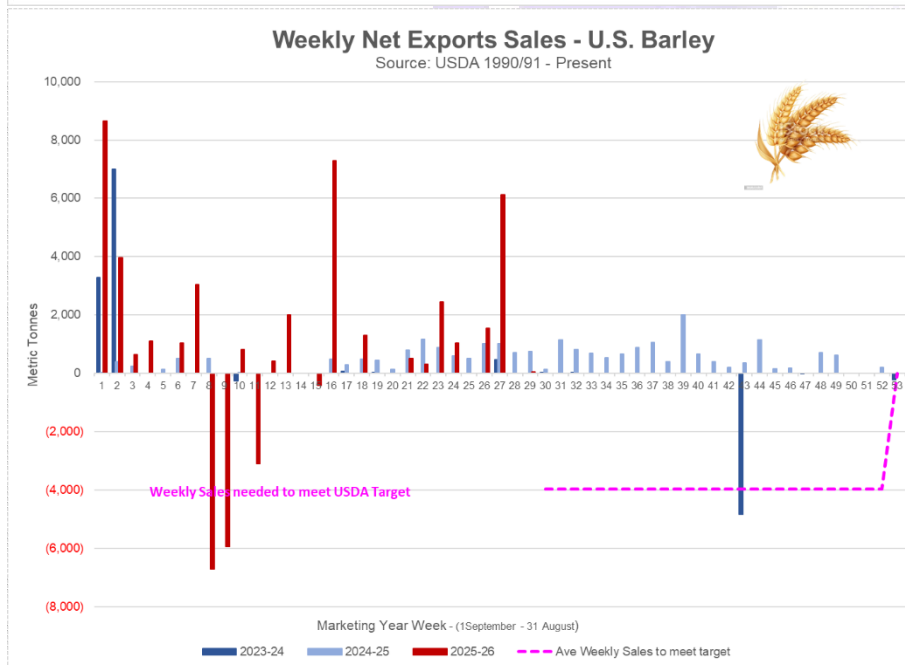
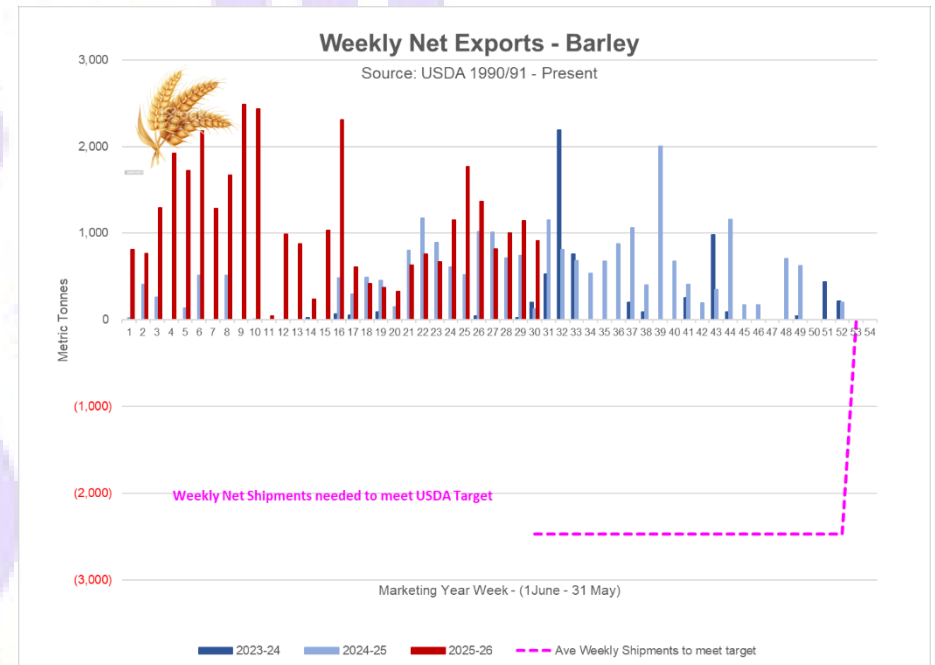
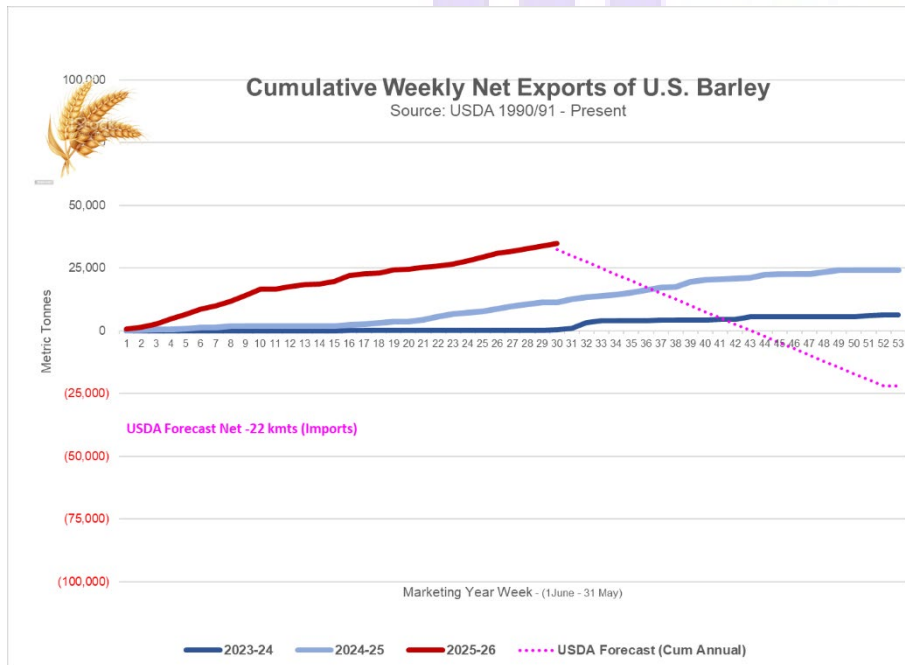
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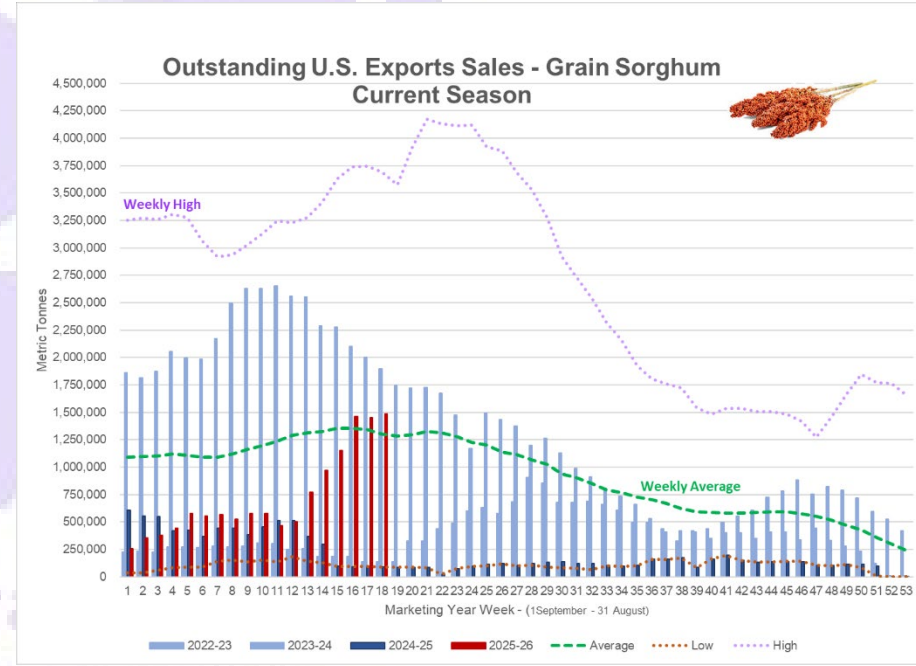
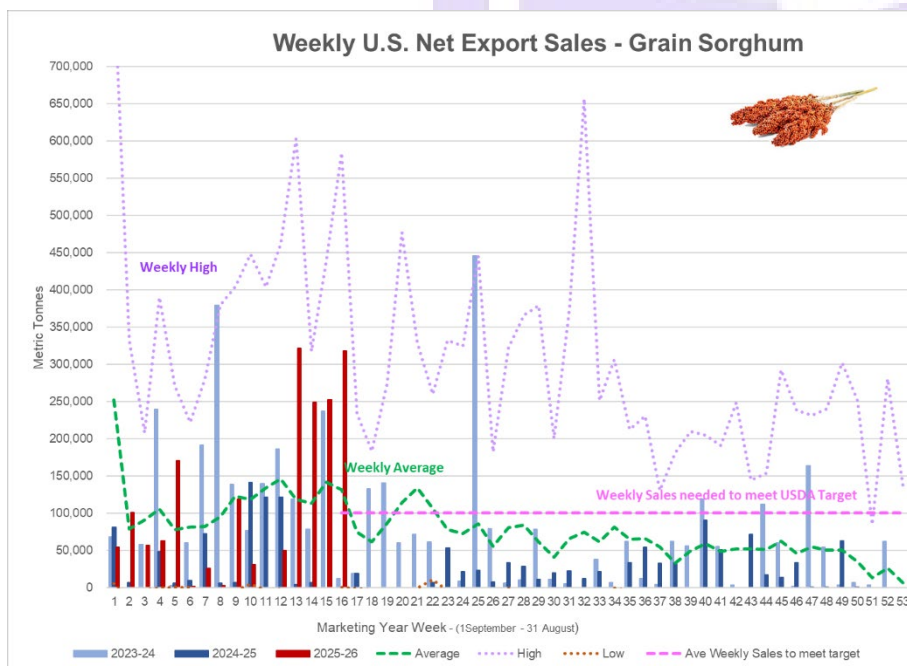
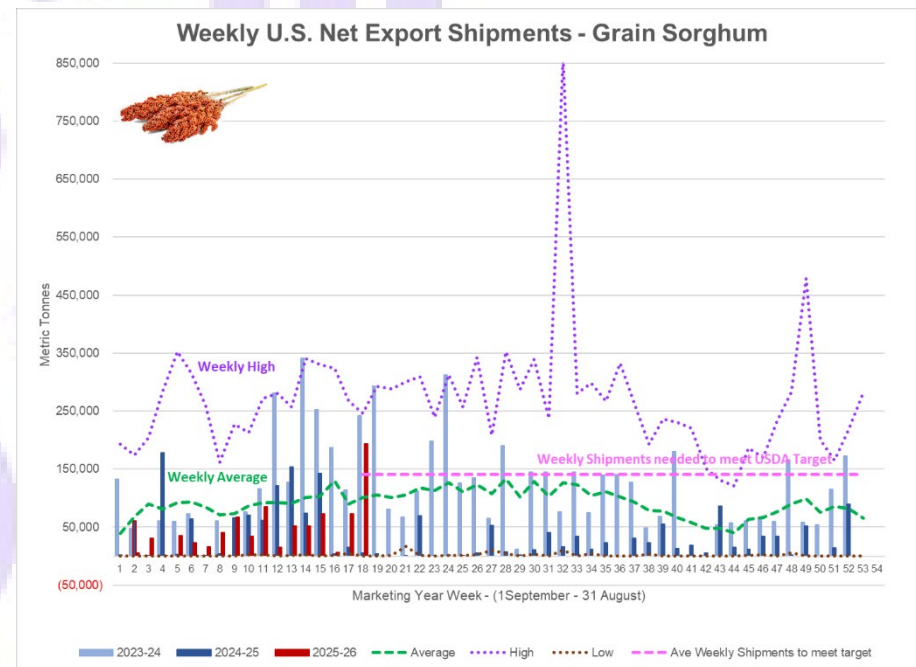
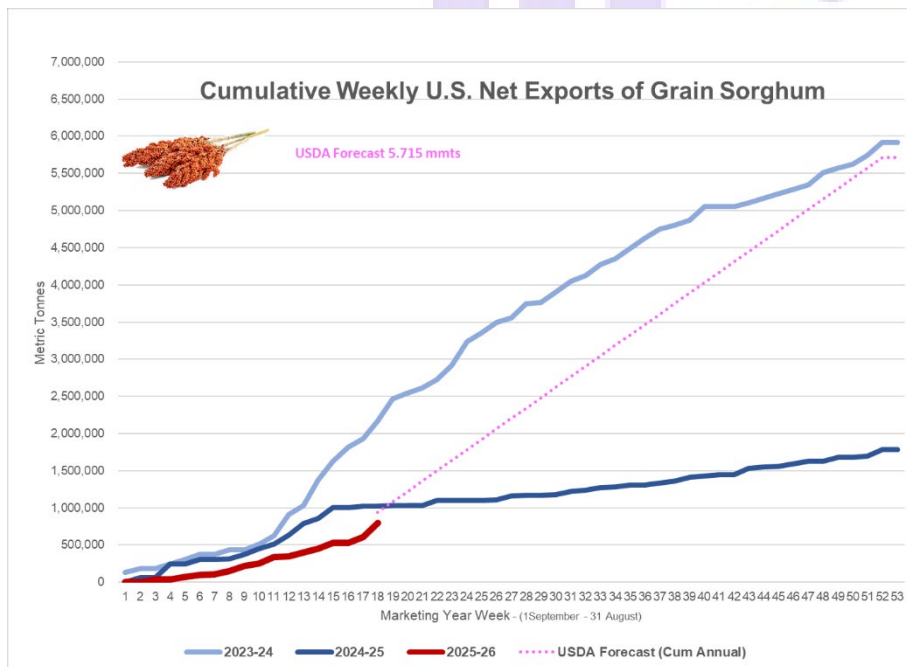
Source: USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service.

Exports of 193,900 mts--a marketing-year high--were up noticeably from the previous week and from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were to China (137,300 mts), Spain (53,100 mts), and Mexico (3,600 mts).

Source: USDA FAS - <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/export-sales/highlite.htm>







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Soybeans: Net sales of 877,900 mts for 2025/2026 were down 26% from the previous week and 42% from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for China (470,100 mts, including 66,000 mts switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 66,000 mts), Egypt (173,200 mts), Indonesia (95,100 mts, including 45,000 mts switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 1,600 mts), Pakistan (58,900 mts, including 55,000 mts switched from unknown destinations), and Tunisia (32,200 mts, including 30,000 mts switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 100 mts), were offset by reductions for Vietnam (1,400 mts).

Exports of 1,112,600 mts were down 9% from the previous week, but up 17% from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to China (397,100 mts), Egypt (252,200 mts), Mexico (94,500 mts), Taiwan (84,900 mts), and Indonesia (72,600 mts).

Export for Own Account: For 2025/2026, the current outstanding balance of 1,800 mts, all Taiwan.

Soybean Cake and Meal: Net sales of 158,100 mts for 2025/2026 were up 43% from the previous week, but down 51% from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Mexico (57,400 mts, including decreases of 200 mts), the Dominican Republic (44,900 mts), Venezuela (25,300 mts, including 24,000 mts switched from Colombia), Honduras (13,500 mts), and the Philippines (10,000 mts), were offset by reductions for unknown destinations (9,000 mts), Colombia (6,400 mts), Japan (1,000 mts), El Salvador (600 mts), and Vitenam (100 mts). Total net sales of 6,600 mts for 2026/2027 were for Mexico.

Exports of 501,300 mts--a marketing-year high--were up 92% from the previous week and 56% from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to the Philippines (153,300 mts), Mexico (73,000 mts), Vietnam (55,500 mts), Colombia (52,400 mts), and Japan (44,400 mts).

Optional Origin Sales: For 2025/2026, the current outstanding balance of 11,000 mts, all Ecuador.

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

| For the week ending 1/1/2026 | Total commitments (1,000 mt) | | % change current MY from last MY | Exports 3-year average 2022-24 (1,000 mt) |
|---|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | YTD MY 2025/26 | YTD MY 2024/25 | | |
| China | 6,893 | 19,036 | -64 | 26,078 |
| Mexico | 3,478 | 3,287 | 6 | 4,762 |
| Japan | 1,196 | 1,121 | 7 | 2,107 |
| Egypt | 2,554 | 1,758 | 45 | 2,098 |
| Indonesia | 1,149 | 902 | 27 | 1,997 |
| Top 5 importers | 15,270 | 26,104 | -42 | 37,042 |
| Total U.S. soybean export sales | 28,576 | 40,181 | -29 | 48,941 |
| % of YTD current month's export projection | 64% | 78% | - | - |
| Change from prior week | 878 | 150 | - | - |
| Top 5 importers' share of U.S. soybean export sales | 53% | 65% | - | 76% |
| USDA forecast, December 2025 | 44,497 | 51,220 | -13 | - |

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.

Soybean Oil: Net sales of 24,900 mts for 2025/2026 were up noticeably from the previous week and up 52% from the prior 4-week average. Increases reported for Venezuela (12,500 mts, including 8,200 mts switched from unknown destinations), Morocco (12,000 mts), Colombia (5,000 mts), Mexico (2,900 mts), and Canada (500 mts), were offset by reductions for unknown destinations (8,200 mts). Exports of 21,900 mts--a marketing-year high--were up noticeably from the previous week and up 60% from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Colombia (8,000 mts), Honduras (4,400 mts), Mexico (4,300 mts), Guatemala (2,500 mts), and the Dominican Republic (1,000 mts).

Source: USDA FAS - <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/export-sales/highlite.htm>

