

Crop Outlook and Seasonal Trends

June 3, 2026

Q2 Marketing Meeting

Dr. Tori Griffin, Assistant Professor

Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture

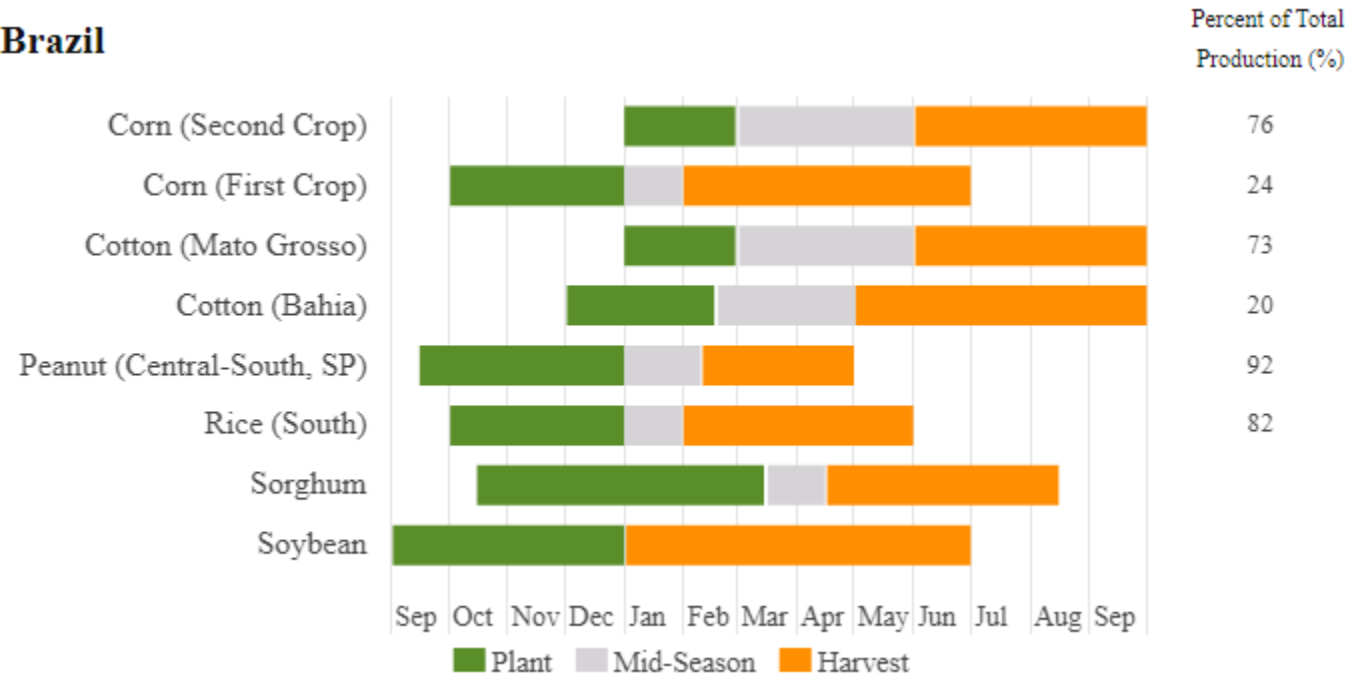
Email: tmarsh21@utk.edu

Web Page: <https://cropeconomics.tennessee.edu>

Key Factors that will Dictate Price Direction

- Weather
 - U.S.
 - South America
- Acreage Estimates
 - June 30, 2026
- War/Export Demand
 - ????????????

Brazil



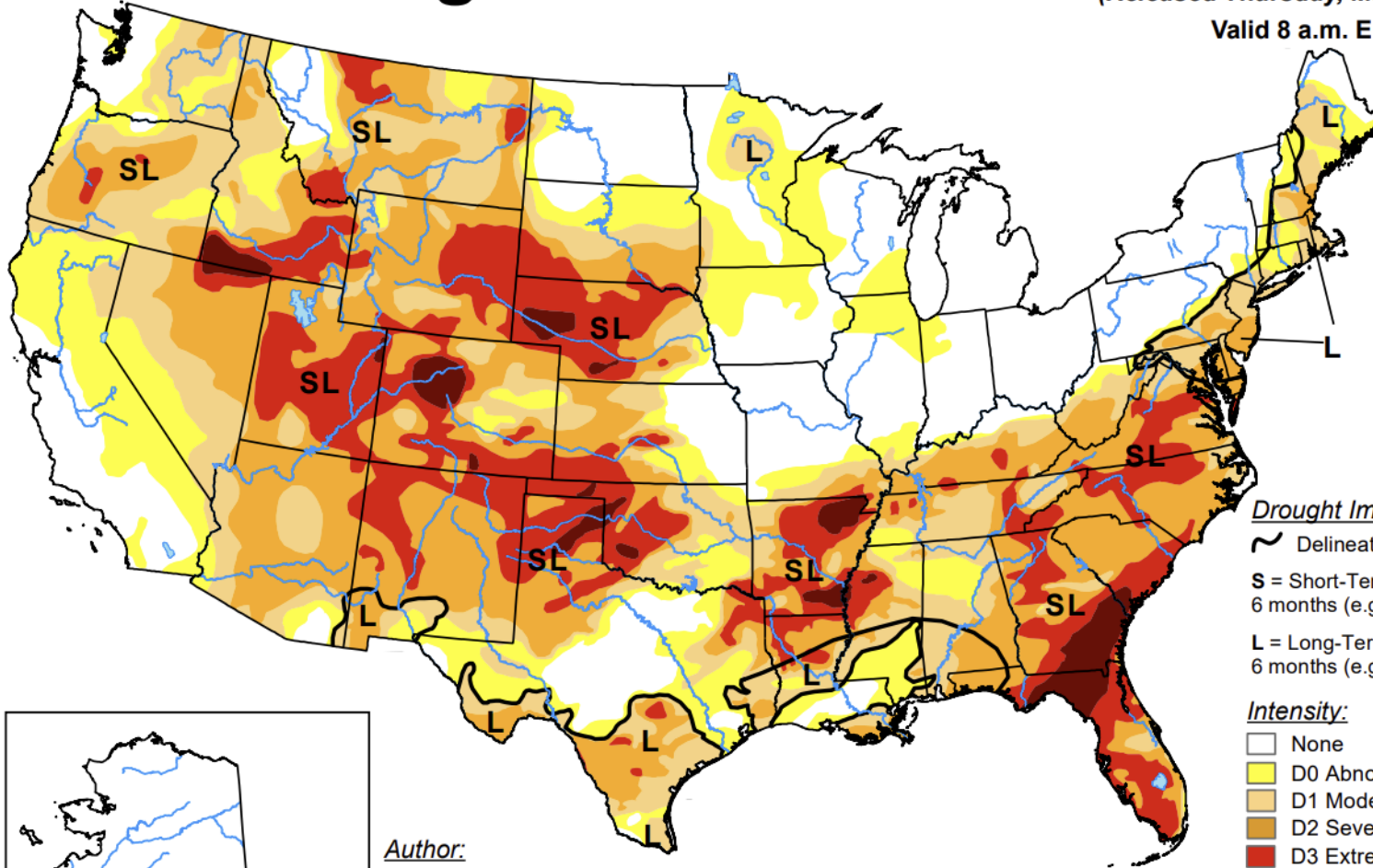
Source: https://ipad.fas.usda.gov/rssiw/al/crop_calendar/br.aspx

U.S. Drought Monitor

May 26, 2026

(Released Thursday, May. 28, 2026)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Source:
<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/AgInDrought.pdf>

Drought Impact Types:

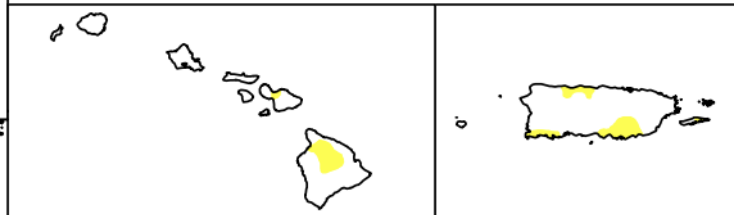
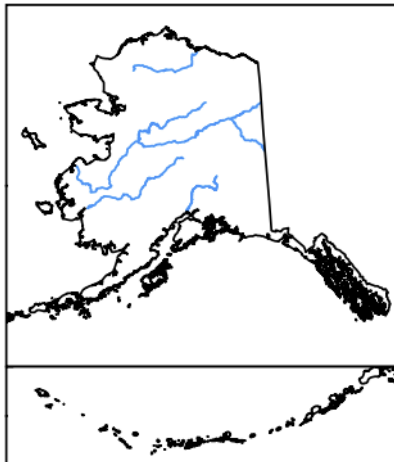
- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

Author:
Adam Allgood
NOAA/NWS/NCEP/CPC

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

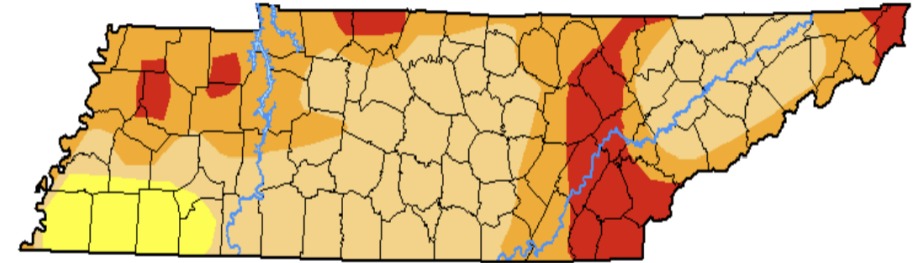
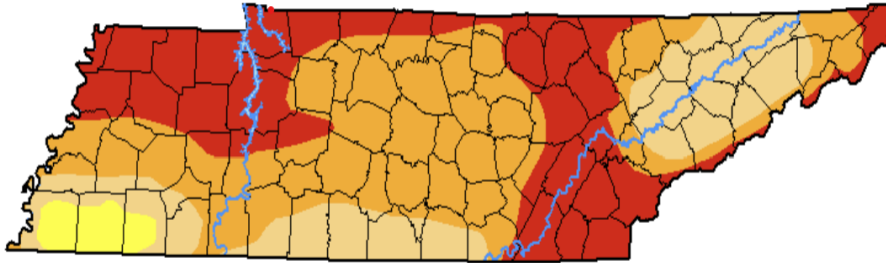


droughtmonitor.unl.edu

INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

May 19, 2026

May 26, 2026



Source:
<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/AgInDrought.pdf>

Statistics Comparison

Week	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4	DSCI
2026-05-19	0.00	100.00	96.89	76.07	34.54	0.00	308
2026-05-26	0.00	100.00	93.01	45.20	12.75	0.00	251
Change	0.00	0.00	-3.88	-30.87	-21.79	0.00	-57

Agriculture in Drought*

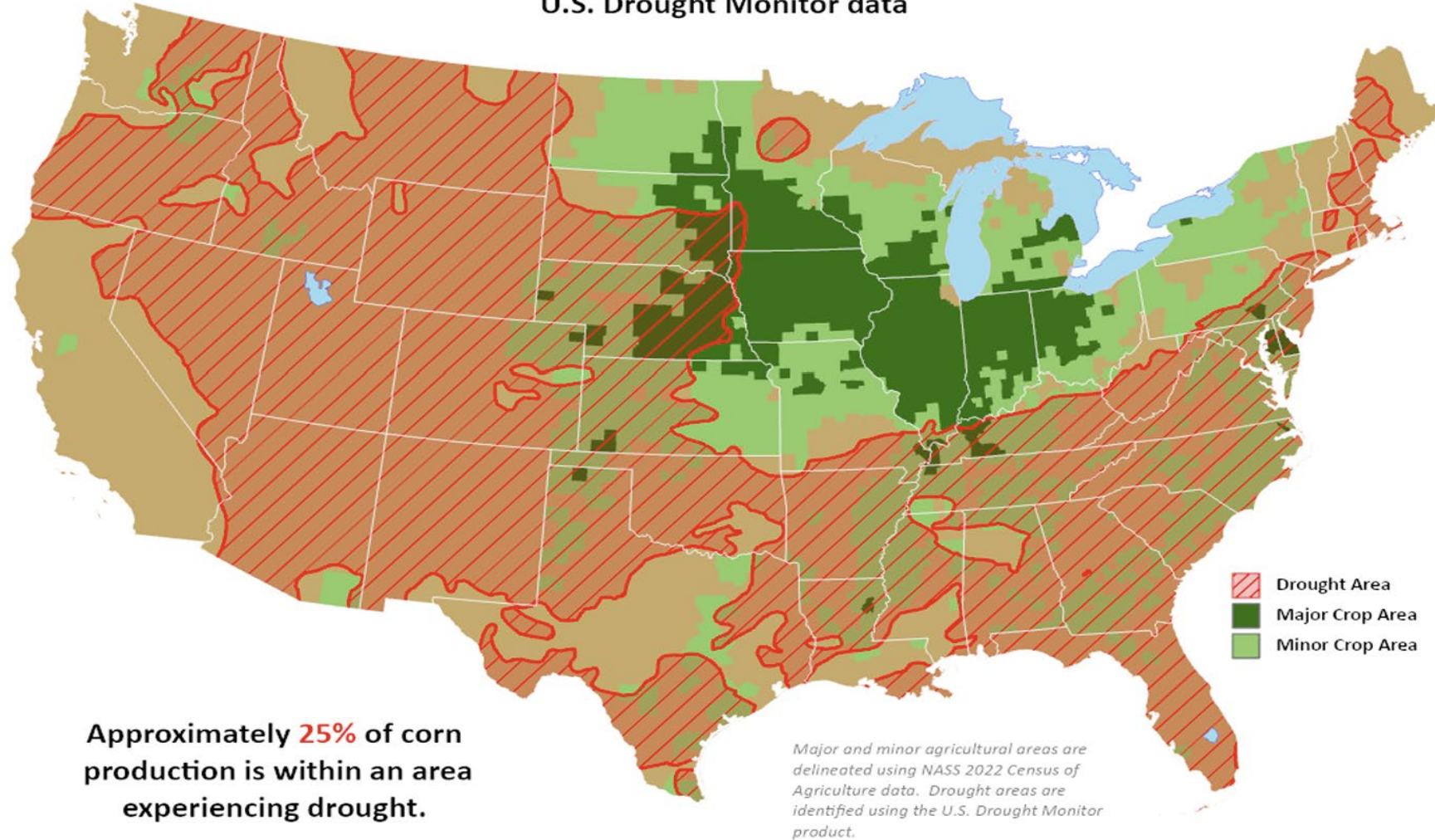
	May 26	Previous		Change		
	2026	Week	Year	Week	Year	
Corn	25%	25%	23%	0%	2%	<i>(summer crops)</i>
Soybeans	27%	27%	17%	0%	10%	
Cotton	94%	97%	7%	-3%	87%	
Peanuts	99%	100%	2%	-1%	97%	
Rice	71%	77%	3%	-6%	68%	
Sunflowers	22%	24%	20%	-2%	2%	
Barley	65%	65%	28%	0%	37%	
Sorghum	85%	87%	22%	-2%	63%	
Durum Wheat	42%	39%	79%	3%	-37%	
Spring Wheat	23%	21%	29%	2%	-6%	
Winter Wheat	69%	70%	16%	-1%	53%	<i>(winter crop)</i>
Hay	56%	59%	20%	-3%	36%	<i>(forage)</i>
Alfalfa Hay	51%	51%	30%	0%	21%	
Cattle	60%	63%	23%	-3%	37%	<i>(livestock)</i>
Milk Cows	33%	33%	18%	0%	15%	
Hogs	27%	28%	16%	-1%	11%	
Sheep	54%	55%	26%	-1%	28%	
Sugarbeets	30%	29%	21%	1%	9%	<i>(sugar)</i>
Sugarcane	60%	83%	49%	-23%	11%	

Source:
<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/AgInDrought.pdf>

* Numbers represent the percent of each commodity located in moderate or more intense drought (D1+) and the changes since last week and last year.

Corn Areas in Drought

Reflects **May 26, 2026**
U.S. Drought Monitor data

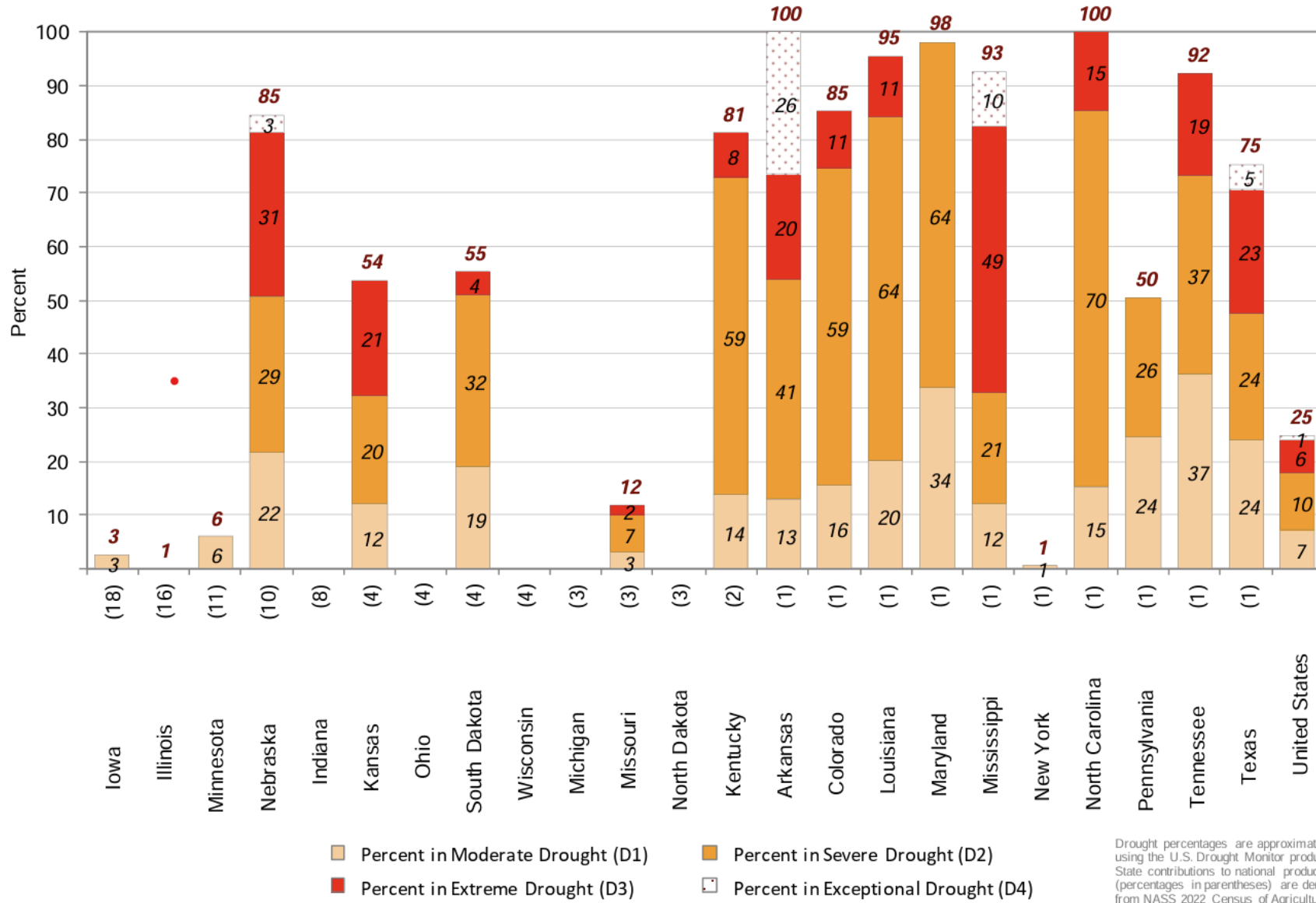


Source:
<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/AgInDrought.pdf>

Percent of Corn Located in Drought

May 26, 2026

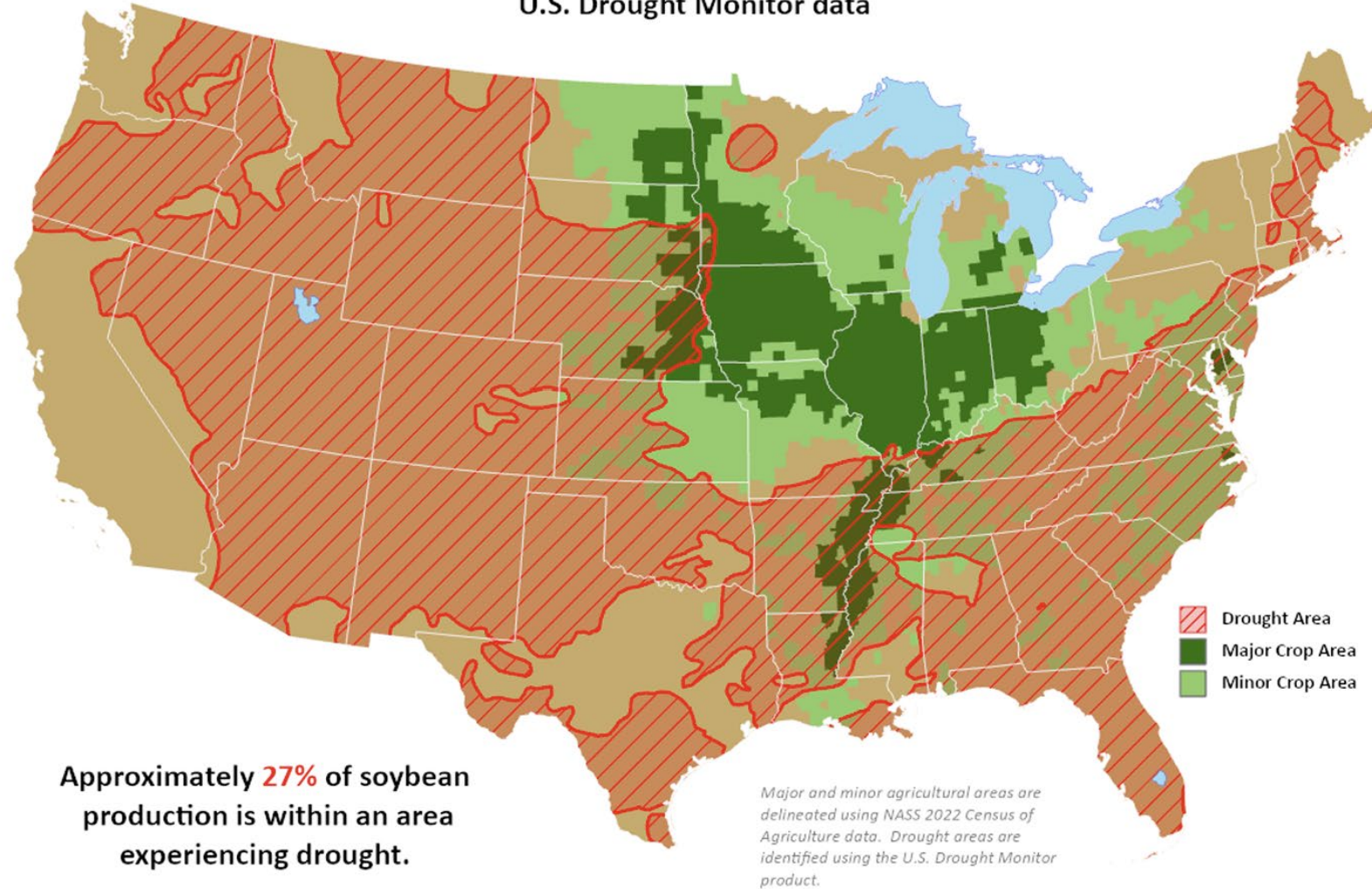
Source:
<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/AgInDrought.pdf>



Drought percentages are approximated using the U.S. Drought Monitor product. State contributions to national production (percentages in parentheses) are derived from NASS 2022 Census of Agriculture data.

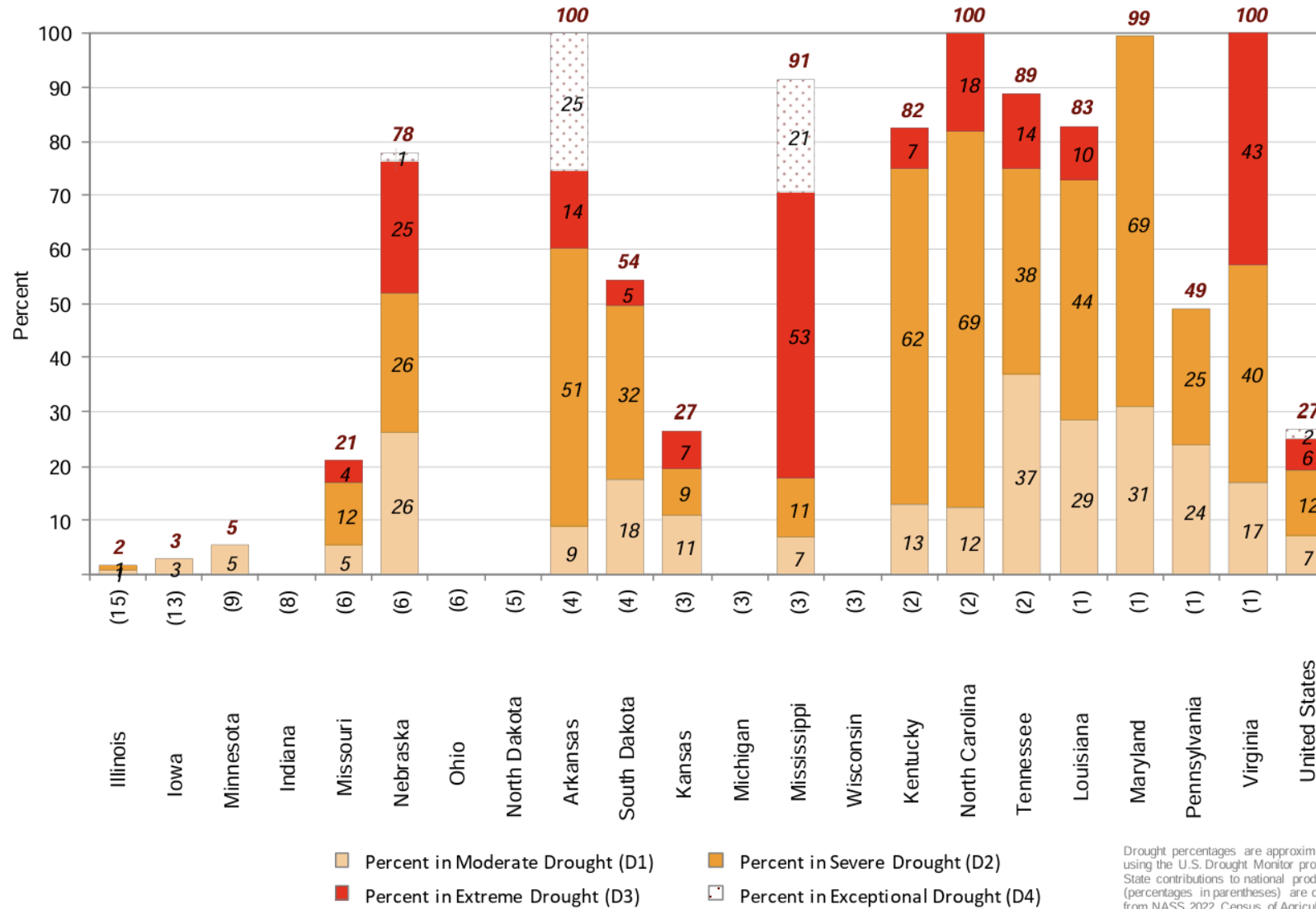
Soybean Areas in Drought

Reflects **May 26, 2026**
U.S. Drought Monitor data



Source:
<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/AgInDrought.pdf>

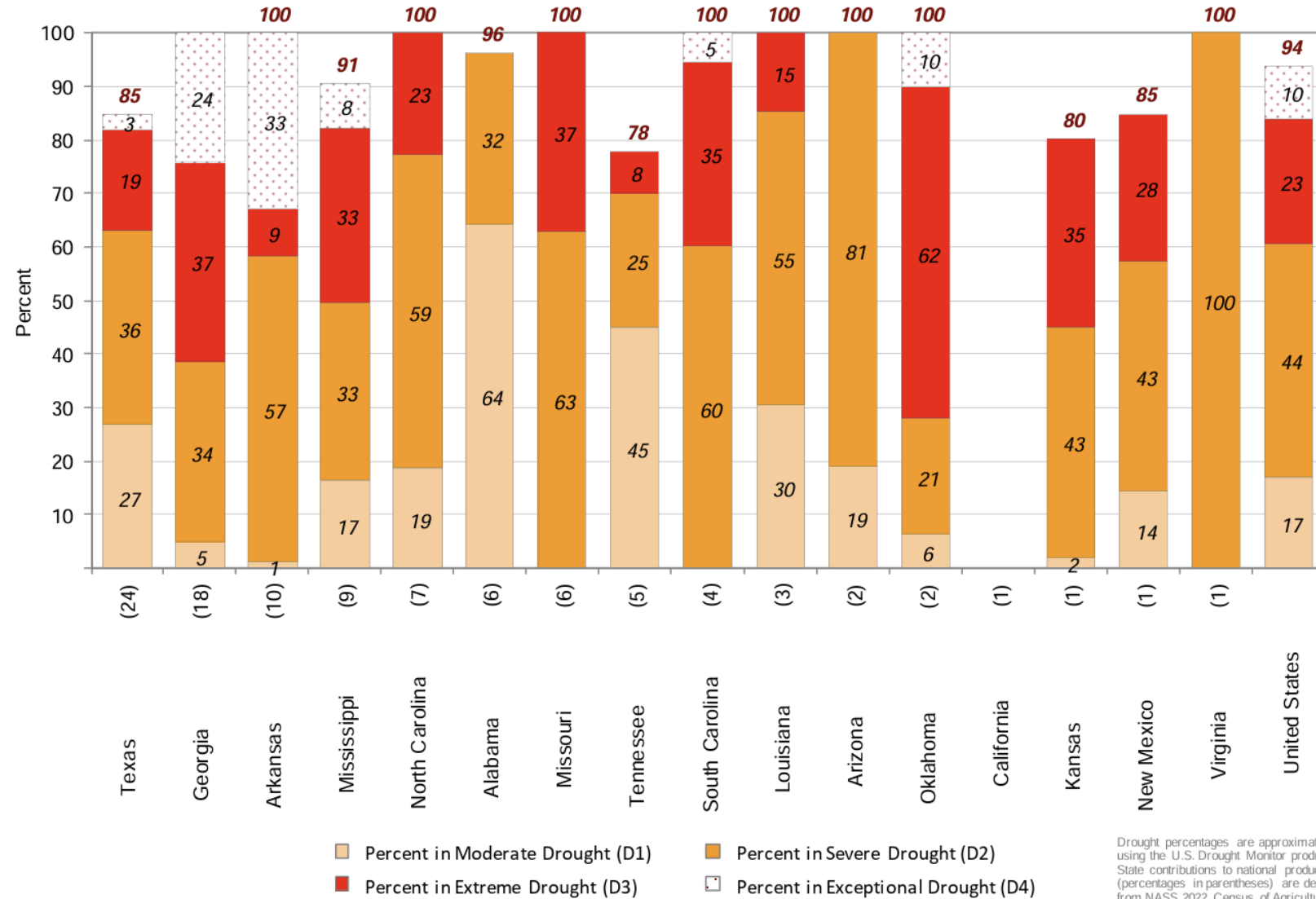
Percent of Soybeans Located in Drought May 26, 2026



Source:
<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/AgInDrought.pdf>

Drought percentages are approximated using the U.S. Drought Monitor product. State contributions to national production (percentages in parentheses) are derived from NASS 2022 Census of Agriculture data.

Percent of Cotton Located in Drought May 26, 2026



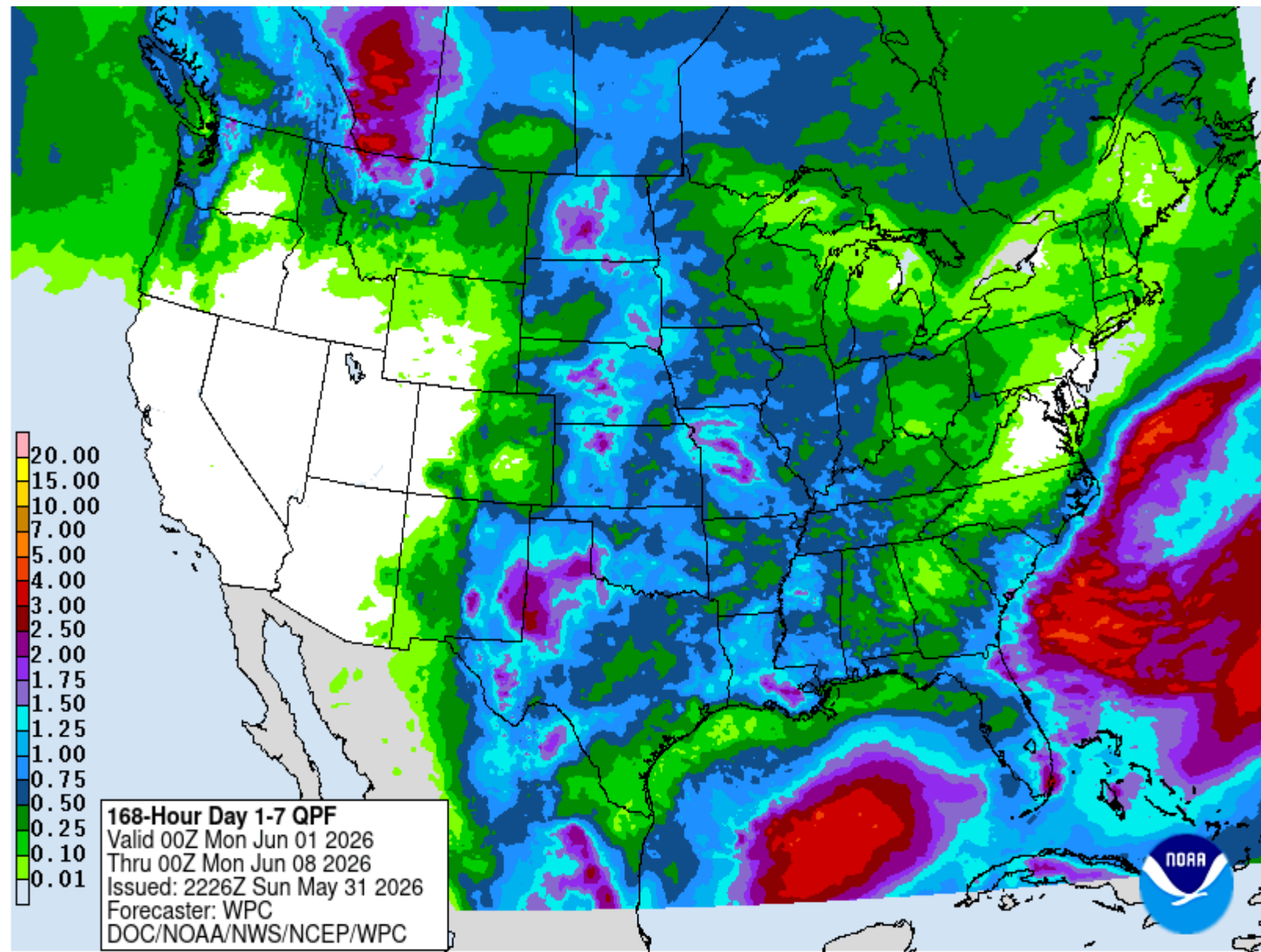
Source:
<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/AgInDrought.pdf>

Drought percentages are approximated using the U.S. Drought Monitor product. State contributions to national production (percentages in parentheses) are derived from NASS 2022 Census of Agriculture data.

NOAA 5 & 7 Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecasts

Source:

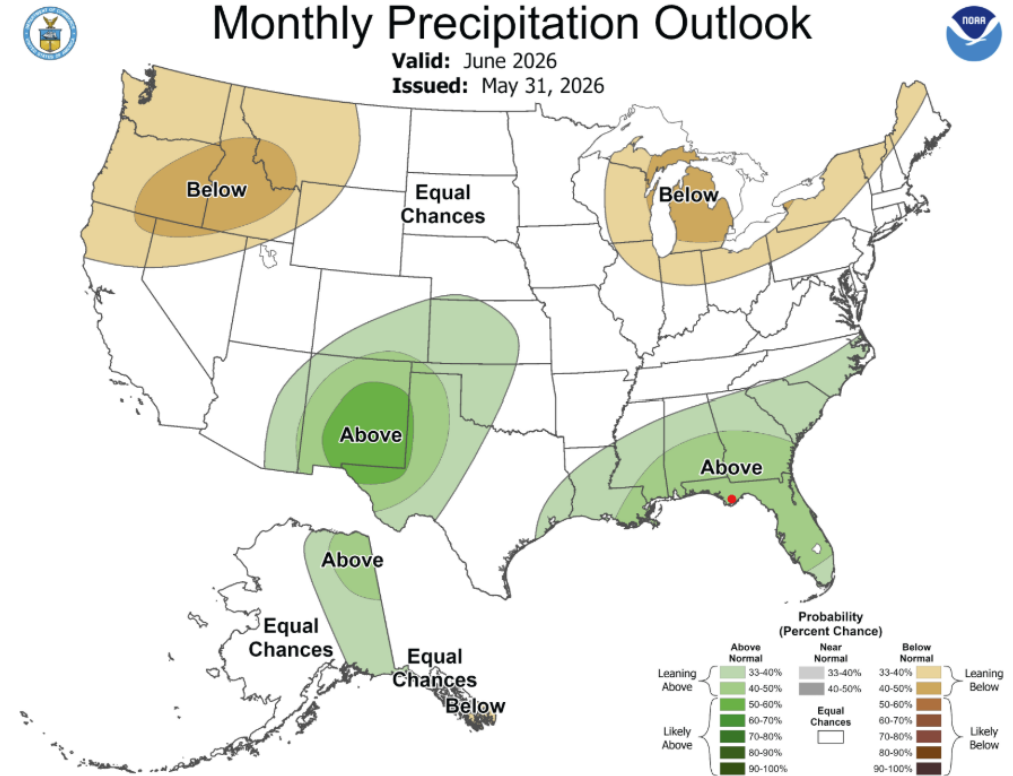
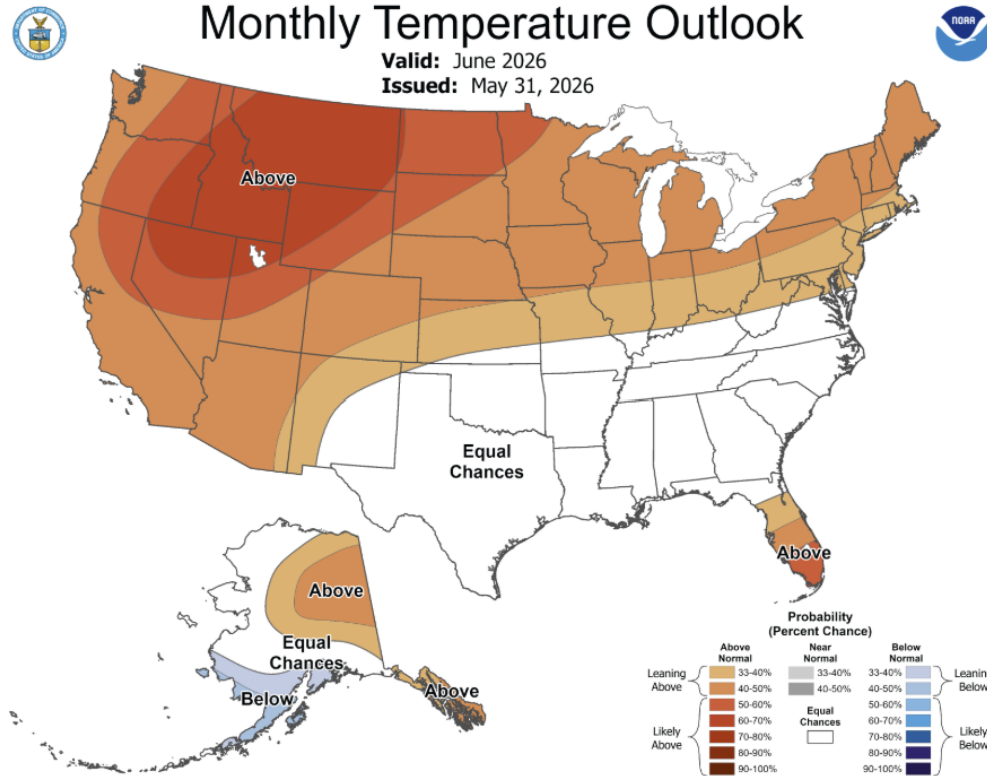
<https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/qpf/day1-7.shtml>



Updated OFFICIAL 30-Day Forecasts

Issued: May 31, 2026

Source:
<https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/30day/>



NOAA/ National Weather Service
National Centers for Environmental Prediction
Climate Prediction Center
5830 University Research Court
Riverdale Park, MD 20737
Page Author: Climate Prediction Center Internet Team
Page last modified:

Disclaimer
Information Quality
Credits
Glossary

Privacy Policy
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
About Us
Career Opportunities

Current USDA Acreage Estimates

- Corn
 - U.S. 95.3 million acres
 - TN 1,000,000 acres
- Soybeans
 - U.S. 84.7 million acres
 - TN 1,550,000 acres
- Cotton (upland)
 - U.S. 9.64 million acres
 - TN 250,000 acres
- Wheat
 - U.S. 43.77 million acres
 - TN 270,000 acres

**Acreage Report
will be released
June 30, 2026**

Base Acres

- Review and Increase base acres enrolled in ARC-PLC Base Acres
- Update Period: June 1-Aug. 31, 2026
- Notifying eligible landowners by mail
- Looking at past plantings, must have been planted between 2019 and 2023
- Let FSA office know if you do **NOT** accept updated base acres
- Total Additional Base Acres (TN)
 - Corn: 169,000-175,000
 - Soybeans: 275,000-291,000
 - Wheat: 71,000-75,000

Wongpiyabovorn, O., & Plastina, A. (2025). *Additional Base Acres for ARC and PLC*. RaFF Policy Brief 2025-7(2), Rural & Farm Finance Policy Analysis Center, University of Missouri.

Current Events

- Heavy price volatility and uncertainty.
- Elevated input prices (fertilizer, oil & gas etc.). → Tighter margins
- Momentum with trade negotiations
- Stronger Dollar: Potential for further loss of market share to competition (Brazil).

	Regular	Mid-Grade	Premium	Diesel	E85
Current Avg.	\$4.39	\$4.90	\$5.27	\$5.52	\$3.49
Yesterday Avg.	\$4.43	\$4.93	\$5.30	\$5.55	\$3.52
Week Ago Avg.	\$4.55	\$5.05	\$5.42	\$5.65	\$3.67
Month Ago Avg.	\$4.23	\$4.72	\$5.09	\$5.46	\$3.36
Year Ago Avg.	\$3.17	\$3.66	\$4.01	\$3.54	\$2.58

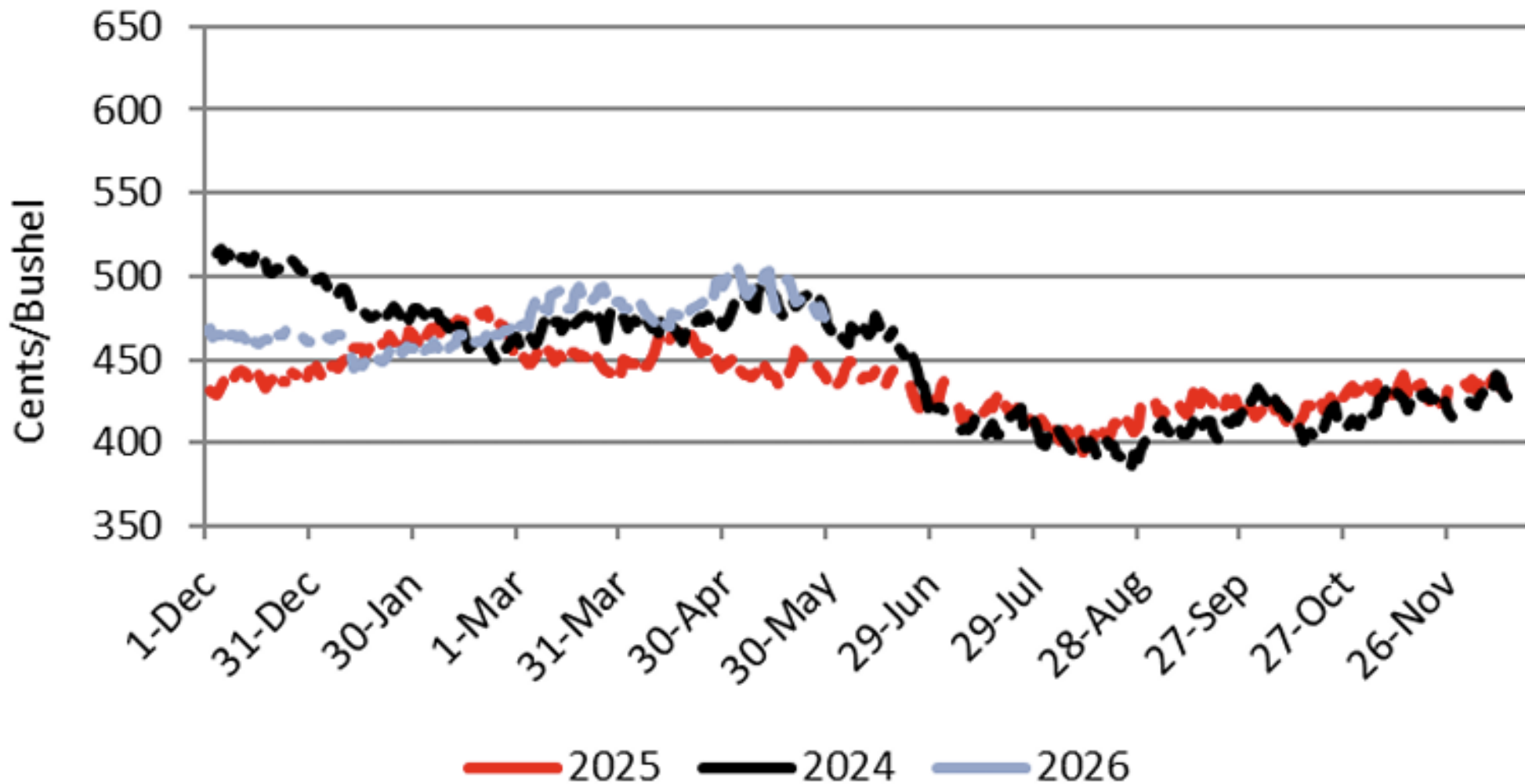
	Previous	Current	Change
USD Index	99.25	98.88	-0.37
Crude Oil	96.46	87.71	-8.75
DJIA	50716	51037	321



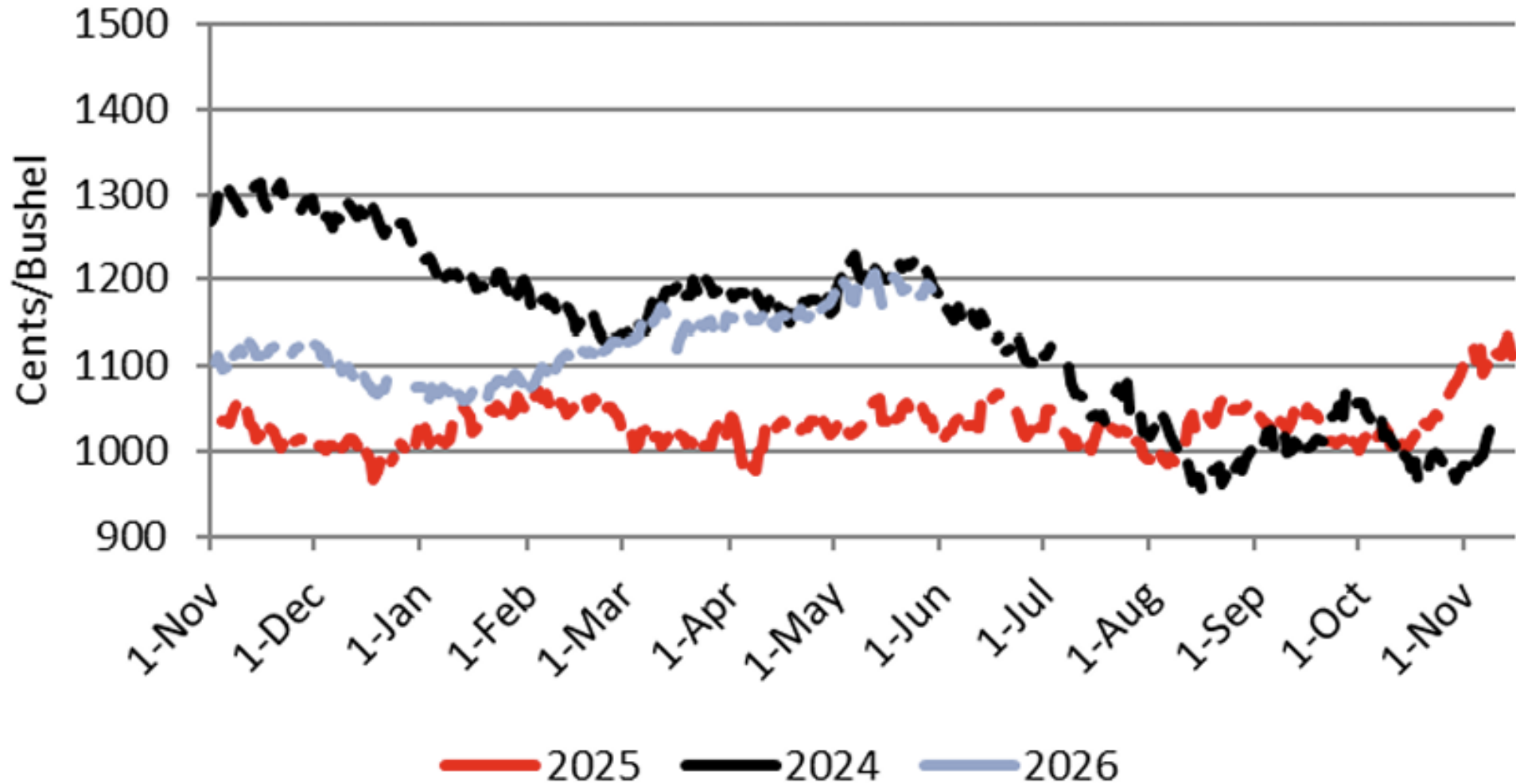
Futures and Basis

SEASONAL TRENDS

December Corn Futures



November Soybean Futures





MARKETING AND CURRENT PRICES

December Corn Futures



November 2026 Soybeans



December 2026 Cotton



Take Home

- Uncertainty is impacting both input prices and commodity prices.
- Uncertainty around the general economy.
- Pick your spots to strategically remove risk.
- Incremental pricing.

Tori Griffin, Assistant Professor
Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics
University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture
Email: tmarsh21@utk.edu
Web Page: <https://cropeconomics.tennessee.edu>

THANK YOU

