

International reference price for cotton: Weekly average Dec'26 NY Futures

Week of 16/03/2026 - 20/03/2026	Dec '26 NY Futures (SLM 1 1/16") US c/lb	Basis Lint price SLM 1 1/16" R/kg
Week average	72,24	26,73
Exchange rate for: 20 March'26.	16,7824	

It is important to note that this is only an average reference price for this week.

The final price for your cotton will be determined by the applicable marketing model, the actual quality of your lint and after the deduction of the relevant costs e.g., transport, ginning, grading, levies, export, storage, interest, etc.

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COTTON SA PRICE MATRIX CALCULATION

PRICE DIFFERENTIALS - Percentage above/below base price for SLM A2 (SLM 1 1/16")

MINIMUM STRENGTH VALUE 26 G/TEX						
CLASS	AX	AO+	AO	A1	A2	B
AVG HVI STAPLE	1,19	1,16	1,12	1,09	1,06	1,03
STAPLE (INCHES)	1 3/16	1 5/32	1 1/8	1 3/32	1 1/16	1 1/32
MICRONAIRE	3.5 - 4.9	3.5 - 4.9	3.5 - 4.9	3.5 - 4.9	3.5 - 4.9	3.5 - 4.9
GRADE						
GM	31,01	30,61	30,34	29,80	28,73	-
SM	30,34	29,80	29,54	29,14	28,07	-
MIDD	29,67	29,14	28,87	28,47	27,40	-
SLM	29,00	28,47	28,20	27,80	26,73	-
LM	28,33	27,80	27,53	27,00	25,93	-
Derived seed cotton price based on a 38% GOT	R11,02	R10,82	R10,72	R10,56	R10,16	

MINIMUM STRENGTH VALUE 24.5 G/TEX				
CLASS	AOM	A1M	A1L	A2L
AVG HVI STAPLE	1,12	1,09	1,09	1,06
STAPLE (INCHES)	1 1/8	1 3/32	1 3/32	1 1/16
MICRONAIRE	3.30 - 3.49	3.30 - 3.49	3.00 - 3.29	3.00 - 3.49
GRADE				
GM	29,67	29,27	28,47	28,20
SM	29,00	28,60	27,80	27,53
MIDD	28,33	27,93	27,13	26,86
SLM	27,67	27,26	26,46	26,20
LM	27,00	26,46	25,66	25,39
Derived seed cotton price based on a 38% GOT	R10,51	R10,36	R10,06	R9,95

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(See Rules 233 - 236 for further information) Unless the buyer and seller agree otherwise

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AVG HVI STAPLE	1,19	1,16	1,12	1,09	1,06	1,03
STAPLE	1 3/16"	1 5/32"	1 1/8"	1 3/32"	1 1/16"	1 1/32"
MICRONAIRE	3.5 - 4.9					
GRADE						
GM	16,00%	14,50%	13,50%	11,50%	7,50%	-
SM	13,50%	11,50%	10,50%	9,00%	5,00%	-
MIDD	11,00%	9,00%	8,00%	6,50%	2,50%	-
SLM	8,50%	6,50%	5,50%	4,00%	BASIS	-
LM	6,00%	4,00%	3,00%	1,00%	-3,00%	-
<i>Derived seed cotton prys based on a 38% GOT</i>	38%	38%	38%	38%	38%	

CLASS	AOM	A1M	A1L	A2L
AVG HVI STAPLE	1,12	1,09	1,09	1,06
STAPLE	1 1/8'	1 3/32"	1 3/32"	1 1/16"
MICRONAIRE	3.30 - 3.49	3.30 - 3.49	3.00 - 3.29	3.00 - 3.49
GRADE				
GM	11,00%	9,50%	6,50%	5,50%
SM	8,50%	7,00%	4,00%	3,00%
MIDD	6,00%	4,50%	1,50%	0,50%
SLM	3,50%	2,00%	-1,00%	-2,00%
LM	1,00%	-1,00%	-4,00%	-5,00%
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