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Traders are anticipating USDA's weekly export sales report Thursday. Last week's sales were 93,000 bales, below the previous 110,000 bales sold. Additionally, China was not in the buying mix. The report is out at 8:30 a.m. EDT.

Also on Thursday, new GDP numbers for the second quarter will be issued. Expectations called for a quarter-over-quarter growth of 2.8% versus the period number of 1.4% growth. That information is also out at 8:30 a.m. EDT.

The U.S. Dollar Index was lower Tuesday, even though it traded to an eight-month low Monday. Thus far, in the month of August, the dollar has fallen some 3.3%. That decline places it on track for its biggest monthly decline since November 2022. Besides the promise of lower interest rates, the Greenback weakened after data showed U.S. housing prices dipped 0.1% on a month-on-month basis. They were unchanged in May.

For Tuesday, December ended at 69.98 cents, down 28 points, and March 2025 was 71.58 cents, minus 21 points. Tuesday's estimated volume was 23,111 contracts.

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