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## Spring in Oklahoma is tornado safety time

Tornadoes can strike with little warning, leaving behind downed power lines, damaged electrical equipment and dangerous debris. Preparing before a tornado, and knowing how to stay safe afterward, can help prevent electrical shock, fire and injury. Make sure your emergency plan includes electrical safety steps so you and your family are ready to act quickly and safely.

### Before a tornado:

- Prepare an emergency kit with water, a battery-powered flashlight, a radio, extra batteries and a portable phone charger.
- Keep Cotton Electric's phone number handy in case you need to report an outage or downed line. We can be reached by calling or texting "OUT" to 580-875-3351 or through the SmartHub app.
- Fully charge cell phones and back-up power banks before severe weather hits so you can use them in an emergency.

### During a tornado:

- Seek shelter immediately in a basement or a small, interior room with no windows, such as a bathroom or closet.
- Turn off and unplug appliances and electronics to protect them from power surges. Leave one light on so you'll know when power is restored.
- Do not stay inside a vehicle or try to outrun a tornado. Exit the vehicle and seek shelter in a sturdy building. If none are available, lie flat in a low-lying area away from the vehicle and power lines.

### After a tornado:

- Stay away from downed power lines and anything they could touch, such as trees, fences or debris. Always

assume they are energized.

- If you see a downed line while driving, do not exit your vehicle. Call 911 and your utility, and warn others to stay away.
- Do not touch anyone who is in contact with a power line. Call 911 immediately and wait for emergency responders.
- Do not enter damaged buildings until electricity and gas are shut off by professionals. Never attempt to turn off power if you must stand in water to reach the breaker.
- Avoid flooded areas with electrical outlets, appliances, or cords, and never touch electrical equipment when wet or standing in water.
- Have all water-damaged electrical systems, appliances, and devices inspected by a licensed electrician before use.

### Power outages and generator safety:

- Never use a generator indoors or in partially enclosed spaces such as garages or porches, or near open windows and doors. Place it at least 20 feet away from your home to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Keep the generator dry by placing it on a tarp or under a canopy, and follow all manufacturer's instructions.
- Never plug a generator directly into a wall outlet. This can inadvertently energize power lines and pose a lethal risk to you, neighbors and utility workers.

Stay informed, stay alert, and share this information to help protect your family and community during severe weather events.

For more safety information, visit [safeelectricity.org](http://safeelectricity.org).

## TORNADO SAFETY & Electrical Hazards

**BEFORE THE TORNADO:**

- Prepare an emergency kit and keep your devices charged.
- Know your utility company's contact info.

**DURING THE TORNADO:**

- Take shelter in a basement or windowless room.
- Unplug appliances to avoid power surges; leave one light on to signal power return.
- Avoid power lines if outside or driving; seek shelter immediately.

**AFTER THE TORNADO:**

- Avoid basements and other flooded areas that are in or near electrical outlets or appliances.
- Do not use water-damaged electrical items until a qualified electrician has inspected them and ensured they are safe.
- Stay at least 50 feet away from downed power lines and any debris they touch.
- Call 9-1-1 for electrical injuries; don't touch victims of electrical contact.


**GENERATOR SAFETY:**


- Use outdoors, 20+ feet from the home and away from windows and doors.
- Keep the generator dry by placing it under a canopy.
- Never plug it directly into wall outlets. This could energize power lines and injure yourself, neighbors or utility workers.



### Safety Tip

If you're outside during a tornado, get to a sturdy building if possible. Never stay in a vehicle during a tornado or try to outrun it. If no shelter is nearby, lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area away from cars, trees and power lines. Protect your head with your arms.





**To help you get through, have a storm safety kit prepared and include these items:**

• Bottles of water	• First-aid supplies	• Battery-operated radio
• Nonperishable food	• Hand sanitizer	• Toys, books and games
• Portable phone charger	• Prescriptions	• Important documents
• Flashlights	• Pain reliever	• Money
• Batteries	• Warm clothing	• Baby supplies
• Can opener	• Blankets	• Pet supplies

**Keep the kit in a cool, dry place, and make sure all members of the family know where it is.**

### Power Cost Adjustment Calculated

The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after April 1, 2026, is \$0.02513 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

On a member's average bill of 1,300 kWh, this will amount to a charge of \$32.67 on the April bill.

### March 2026 Temperature Extremes

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Day	High	Low	Avg.
1	81	51	66	16	49	28	38
2	65	38	51	17	71	26	48
3	85	47	66	18	61	37	59
4	56	49	52	19	94	37	65
5	79	52	65	20	95	43	69
6	85	64	74	21	95	46	70
7	72	36	54	22	92	46	69
8	74	29	51	23	73	48	60
9	87	53	70	24	82	51	66
10	88	59	73	25	91	60	75
11	64	39	51	26	92	58	75
12	64	27	45	27	72	45	58
13	77	33	55	28	65	46	55
14	85	40	62	29	84	44	64
15	72	36	54	30	89	57	73
Source: <a href="http://srh.noaa.gov/oun/">srh.noaa.gov/oun/</a>							
Average Daily High: 79				Average Daily Low: 45			

### Did You Know?

Have you downloaded the SmartHub app? With SmartHub, co-op members can check energy use, pay power bills and more! Download SmartHub in Google Play or the Apple Store.

The next issue of *The Current* should arrive in mailboxes May 8, 2026.

### Contact Us

Do you have a story idea for *The Current*, or do you need to place an ad? If so, let us know. We can be reached at 580-875-3351 or by email at [TheCurrent@cottonelectric.com](mailto:TheCurrent@cottonelectric.com). You can also drop us a line at Cotton Electric Current, 226 N. Broadway, Walters, OK 73572.



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**Mission Statement**

Our mission is to safely deliver reliable and affordable power, provide excellent member service, and improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.

# From the CEO

## Navigating rate changes with care

I think about electricity, energy prices, policy issues and the reliability of the cooperative every day. It's my job, right? I believe it is also a calling for those of us who work at Cotton Electric. It is our responsibility to manage and operate the Cooperative in the best way possible for you, our members.

We are currently facing challenging times in the utility industry. If you read my column occasionally, you may have noticed this reoccurring theme as we've discussed Winter Storm Uri, COVID and supply chain issues, and rising material and fuel prices. We are not alone, as many others face these same challenges. The graphic below is a summary of the cost increases

that have impacted all electric cooperatives financially.

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, we must recover the costs of doing business as well as maintain sufficient margins to reinvest in our electric distribution system. Cotton Electric periodically evaluates our rates through a Cost-of-Service Study (COSS), which was recently completed by an independent, experienced group of rate consultants. The study identifies the total revenue requirements for the cooperative and then allocates those costs appropriately to each member classification based on the service, equipment and infrastructure required to serve.

The results of the COSS have

been reviewed in-depth by the Cooperative's Board and Leadership team. The COSS indicated the need to update our rate structures, which were last increased in 2015, to ensure that each member pays his or her fair share for the service, equipment and infrastructure required to serve. As you will read on Page 5, the rate increase will begin implementation on June 1.

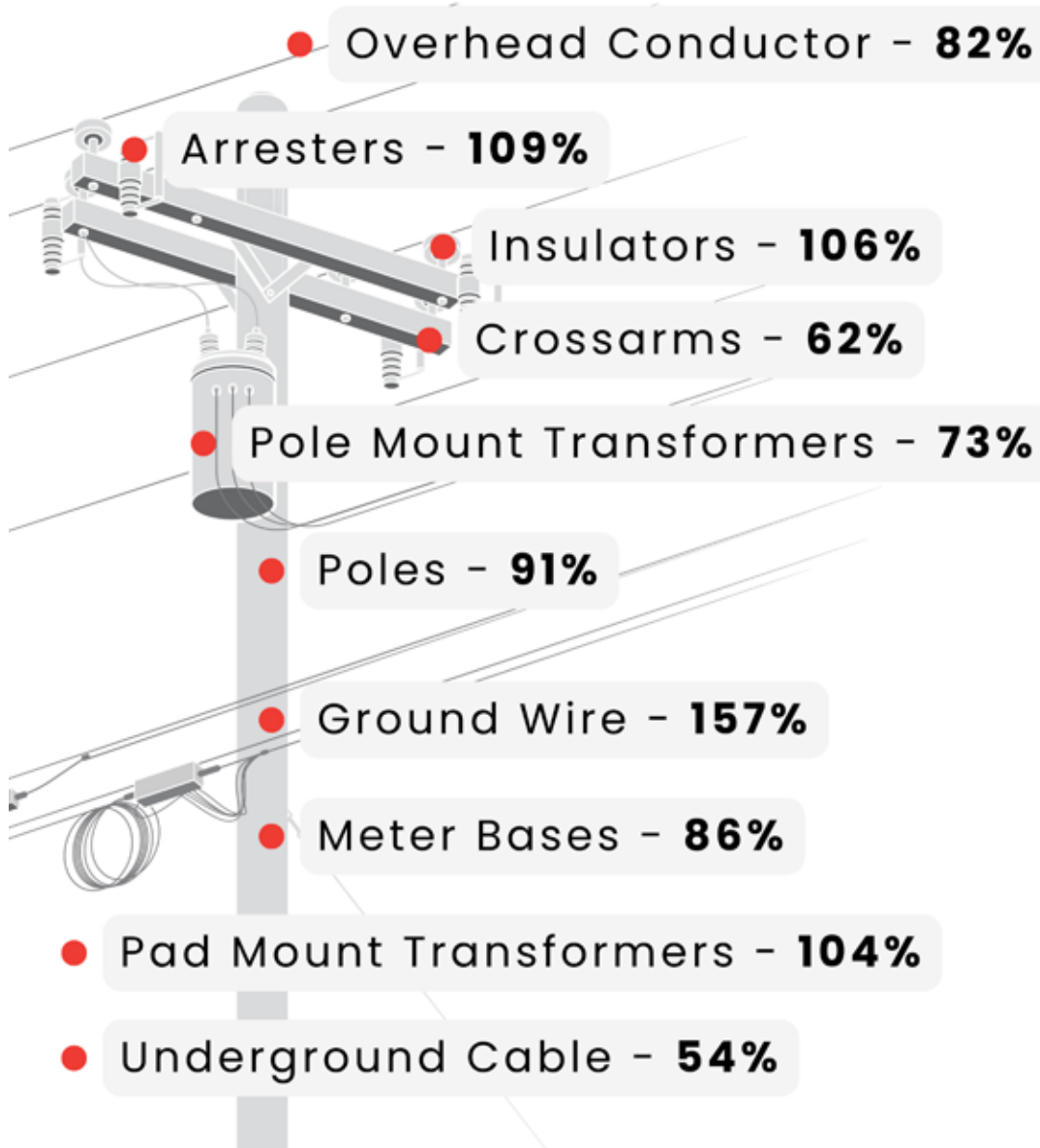
We know these are challenging times for you as well. The Board and Leadership team discussed the timing of the rate adjustments to minimize impact as much as possible. The first phase of the rate adjustment will be an increase to the Facility Charge, followed by an increase to the Energy Charge in Octo-



**Jennifer Meason, CEO**

ber toward the end of our payments for the Winter Storm Uri costs.

We are committed to maintaining the reliability, quality and safety of our system. We will also continue our efforts to keep your rates as low as possible through ongoing evaluations of our system, competitively bidding contractors, and being good stewards of your cooperative. If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call.



Breaking down the rising costs for an electric cooperative

## MATERIAL PRICE INCREASES

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### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

As the seasons shift, remember to set your ceiling fan rotation accordingly. In summer months (or whenever your home cooling system is running), blades should rotate counterclockwise, which produces a downdraft or windchill effect that makes you feel cooler. In winter months (or whenever your home heating system is running), fan blades should rotate clockwise, which produces an updraft that pushes warm air down. When used correctly, ceiling fans can boost comfort and allow you to adjust the thermostat a few degrees for energy savings.

Source: Energy.gov

### February 2026 Operating Stats

	2026	2025
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$6,460,633	\$7,233,415
Cost of Purchased Power	4,795,266	5,168,957
Taxes	156,842	160,522
Total Operating Expense per Mile	1,266	1,307
Average Farm and Residential Bill	147	193
Average Farm and Residential kWh	1,157	1,648
Total Meters Billed (Farm, Residential)	20,009	19,823
Miles Energized	5,290	5,284
Density per Mile	3.78	3.75
New Service Connects YTD	68	47
Services Retired	27	12

### Upcoming Deadlines for The Current

May	
Ad Sales	April 24
Classified	April 24
Publish	May 8
June	
Ad Sales	May 29
Classified	May 29
Publish	June 12

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# Energy Efficiency

## Grow your savings: Landscaping can cut energy costs

When most people think about saving energy, they picture insulation upgrades, efficient windows and appliance swaps. But your yard can play a major role too. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, a well-planned landscape can reduce air conditioning costs by up to 25 percent and pay for itself in less than eight years.

Because landscaping results vary by region, keep in mind that the United States has four main climate zones: temperate, hot-arid, hot-humid and cool. Plant strategically for your zone.

### Choose the right trees: Deciduous or evergreen

• Deciduous trees (those that lose their leaves in the winter) block sunlight in the summer and allow light in during the colder months. Careful placement of these trees helps in reg-

ulating indoor temperatures all year-round.

• Evergreen trees provide consistent shade and can serve as windbreaks, which is especially helpful in cool climates.

Tip: In hot climates, choose native or drought-tolerant species. They require less water and are typically more resilient.

### Placement matters

• West and northwest sides: Plant trees to block strong mid- to late-afternoon sun.

• East and west windows: Use deciduous trees to block summer sun but still allow winter light.

• South side: Tall trees planted at a distance equal to two to five times their mature height can shade your home without blocking winter sun.

• West side: Shorter trees and shrubs help shield against intense, low-angle afternoon sun.

• Patios and driveways: Shade these areas to reduce reflected heat.

• Home perimeter: Bushes can absorb sunlight and reduce heat transfer, but avoid dense plantings in humid climates, where airflow is important to prevent excess moisture.

Tip: Be mindful near solar panels. Avoid planting tall trees on the south side of panels to prevent shade during peak sun hours.

### Plan for a tree's mature height

• Avoid planting trees that will grow taller than 15 feet near power lines.

• For taller species, plant at least 20 feet away — 45 feet is even better — to prevent safety hazards and avoid future pruning.



**Heath Morgan,**  
Energy Efficiency  
Coordinator

### Call before you dig!

Before you plant anything, call 811 to check for underground utilities. This free service marks public lines, like electricity, water and gas, so you avoid costly and dangerous mistakes. Call several business days before you plan to dig.

### Planting Tips:

- The right trees — in the right places — provide shade, reduce heat absorption and even block winter winds.
- Smart landscaping can cut cooling costs by up to 25% and often pays for itself within eight years.
- Climate zone, tree type and mature height all matter when planning an energy-saving yard.

## Plant Trees Safely

Before you dig, call 811 to locate buried utility lines.

### LOW TREE ZONE

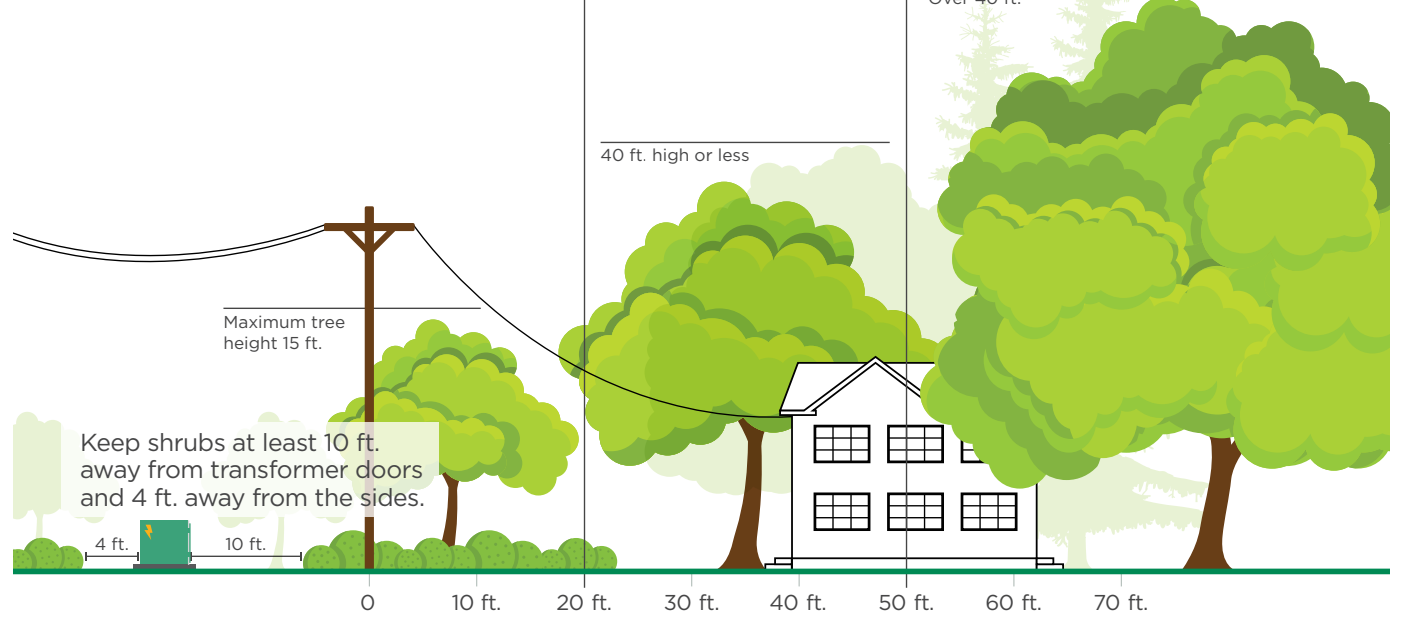
Avoid planting within 20 ft. of power lines. If planting is unavoidable, only plant shrubs and small trees that reach a mature height of 15 ft. or less.

### MEDIUM TREE ZONE

Plant medium trees (under 40 ft. when mature) at least 25 ft. away from power lines.

### LARGE TREE ZONE

Plant large trees (over 40 ft. when mature) at least 50 ft. away from power lines.



## Heating Degree Day and Cooling Degree Day Calendar

# MARCH

HDD YEAR CDD

186 2026 102

217 2025 20

282 2024 14

Degree days measure how cold or warm a location is by comparing the average of the high and low (mean) of the outdoor temperatures recorded in that location to the standard U.S. temperature, which is 65 F. The assumption is that we don't need heating or cooling to be comfortable when this is the outdoor temperature.



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# Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation

## CECF announces first quarter 2026 grant recipients

Pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters – set enough of them aside on a regular basis, and the coins add up to dollars. That's how Operation Round Up (ORU) works.

Most Cotton Electric members participate in ORU, in which power bills are rounded up to the nearest dollar. The amount rounded up can be as little as 1 cent and is never more than 99 cents. On average, each participating member contributes about \$6 each year.

The funds are pooled and administered by the Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation (CECF),

a Board of Directors that meets quarterly to consider grant applications from individuals and organizations in the area. The Board consists of Jennifer Meason, the co-op's CEO; Brian DeMarcus, president of the co-op's Board of Trustees; and three representatives from the Cotton Electric service area: Cindy Zelbst, Carter Waid and Polly Krasser.

The Board met in March to review grant applications. Grants totaling \$18,200 will be distributed to six of the applicants. First quarter grant recipients include: AMVETS Post 11, Town of Chattanooga, Grandfield Senior

Citizens Center, Marlow Fire Department, Second Chance Ranch and Walters Volunteer Fire Department.

Second quarter applications are due June 5, 2026. The Board of Directors for CECF will meet again in late June to review applications for the quarter.

CECF grant guidelines and applications can be downloaded and completed at [www.cottonelectric.com/grant-applications](http://www.cottonelectric.com/grant-applications). Applications can also be submitted by email to [zyoung@cottonelectric.com](mailto:zyoung@cottonelectric.com) or by mail to 226 N. Broadway, Walters, OK 73572.

**AMVETS Post 11**  
\$3,000 for an HVAC replacement

**Town of Chattanooga**  
\$5,000 for a generator

**Grandfield Senior Citizens Center**  
\$3,000 for a kitchen upgrade

**Marlow Fire Department**  
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**Second Chance Ranch**  
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# Cotton Electric sets first rate adjustment in 11 years

Cotton Electric's mission is to provide our members with power that is safe and reliable. As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, our mission also includes keeping costs as low as possible for our members while balancing grid investments and the financial integrity of the cooperative. However, our ability to maintain the reliability of the system comes at a continuously increasing cost. After careful consideration, it has been determined that a rate adjustment has become necessary in order to continue providing the reliable service that our members expect.

Cotton Electric raises rates only when absolutely necessary. In 2021, a rate rider was added to repay the increased power costs related to Winter Storm Uri to our wholesale power provider, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC). Aside from the Uri Rider, which is a straight pass-through and payment to WFEC without margin to Cotton Electric, it has been 11 years since the last increase to our retail rate tariffs.

As it has been for all of Cotton's 88 years, our team has worked diligently to manage costs and keep the financial impact on members to a minimum. Throughout the past decade, we have seen significant increases in both the cost of energy and the cost of materials and equipment needed to main-

tain the cooperative's system. We've held the line as long as possible, but our most recent Cost of Service Study results indicate that a rate increase is necessary to keep up with rising costs and to meet our financial requirements. More information about the rapidly growing costs of goods and materials necessary to operate the cooperative is in the graphic on Page 2.

### What's changing

We understand that any increase in a member's bill affects your budget, and we don't take that lightly. We care about how this impacts our members, so we will phase in the rate adjustment in two parts instead of a single increase.

- Effective June 1, 2026, the facility charge will increase by \$10 per meter. There will also be an adjustment to outdoor lighting rates. This will be seen on billing mailed after June 17, 2026.

- The second adjustment will be made to the energy charge effective Oct. 1, 2026, with an increase of \$0.005 per kWh. We estimate that the Winter Storm Uri rate rider collection, which has ranged from \$0.003 to \$0.045 per kWh, will be complete by this time. This energy charge adjustment will be seen on billing mailed after Oct. 16, 2026.

A residential member with an average consumption of 1,500 kWh per month can expect to see an increase of approximately \$13.00 per month per meter once both rate adjustments are in effect.

### What members can do

We know that these changes to your bill make a difference, and our team is here, ready to assist you. We have resources available to help potentially manage energy costs.

- Members can sign up for Smart Hub, a free online and mobile tool for members to monitor daily energy usage, compare trends over time, set usage alerts and make payments — all in one place. SmartHub helps you better understand how and when you're using energy so you can make informed decisions.

- Cotton Electric offers several payment options such as average monthly billing, or MyChoice prepay billing,

which allows you to pay how and when you choose. To see a full list of options, check out our website at [www.cottonelectric.com/viewpay-my-bill](http://www.cottonelectric.com/viewpay-my-bill).

- We also provide energy efficiency tips and resources to help reduce unnecessary usage, along with free home energy efficiency evaluations where our team can identify ways to improve your home's performance and potentially lower your monthly costs. To learn more about these services or request an evaluation, visit the Energy Efficiency page on our website.

We understand that you may have questions. For more information or to see a complete breakdown of the rates, visit our website at [www.cottonelectric.com/rates](http://www.cottonelectric.com/rates). If there is anything else our team can assist you with, please contact us at 580-875-3351 or 800-522-3520.

## Residential Consumer Survey

### We want to hear your thoughts

Our power supplier, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), is working with Cotton Electric to conduct a Residential Consumer Survey.

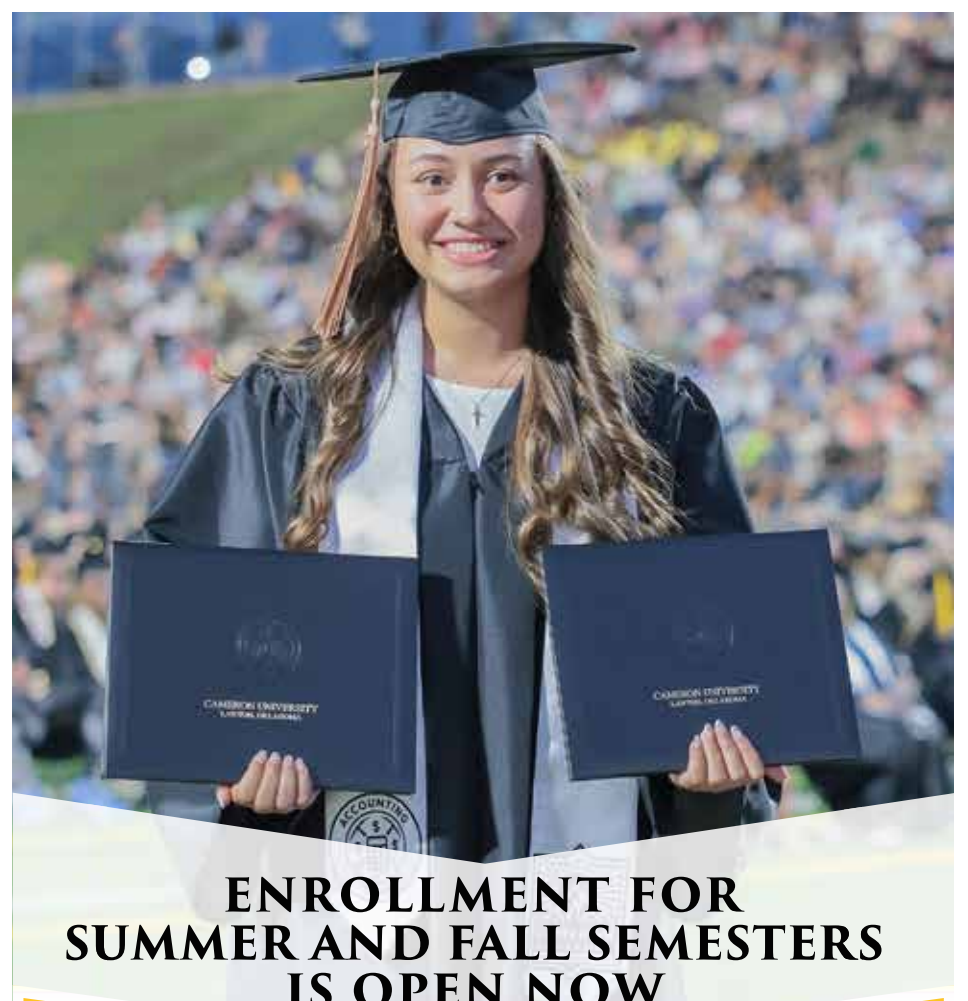
The purpose of this survey is to gather data related to energy-usage patterns among members. This information helps plan for future needs. Your participation in this survey is very important, and the information provided will not be shared with any third-party vendors.

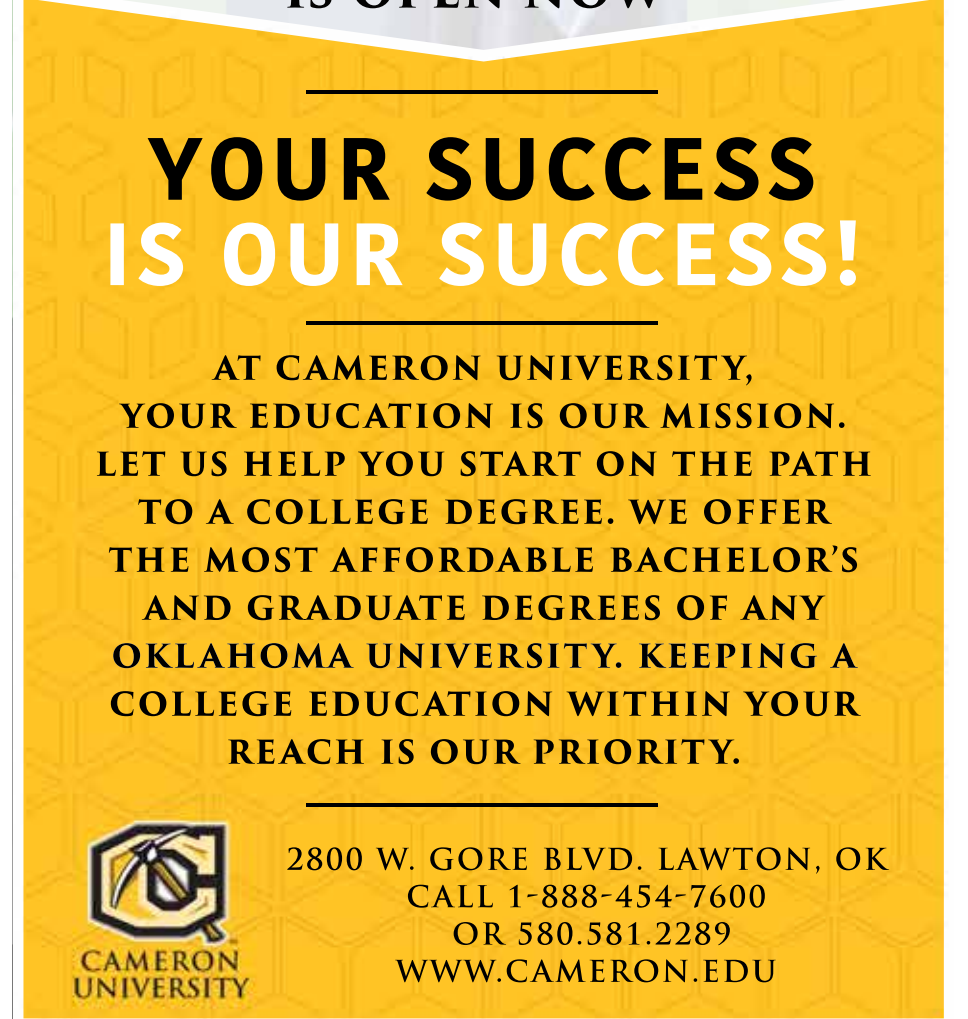
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Members may also contact Cotton Electric and request that a paper copy be mailed to them. Call 580-875-3351 and ask for the Marketing Department.

We know your time is valuable, and we appreciate your effort to participate in the survey.







# National Lineworker Appreciation Coloring Contest

## WINNERS

### Co-op receives more than 150 submissions for coloring contest

After working through 150-plus submissions, we are happy to announce the winners of this year's National Lineworker Appreciation Coloring Contest:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten: Lennox Jung
- 1st and 2nd grade: Ava Fannon
- 3rd and 4th grade: Bodee Harris

• 5th and 6th grade: Laikynn Zimmerman

Submissions were reviewed for overall appeal, accuracy and creativity.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the coloring contest and helped show appreciation to our lineworkers. Winners will receive a gift card. Congratulations!



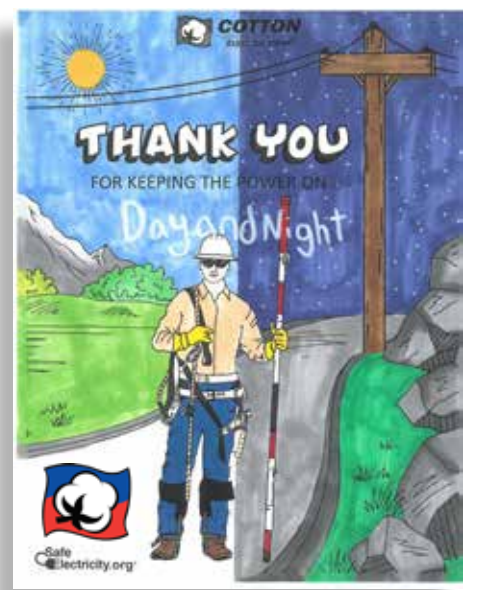
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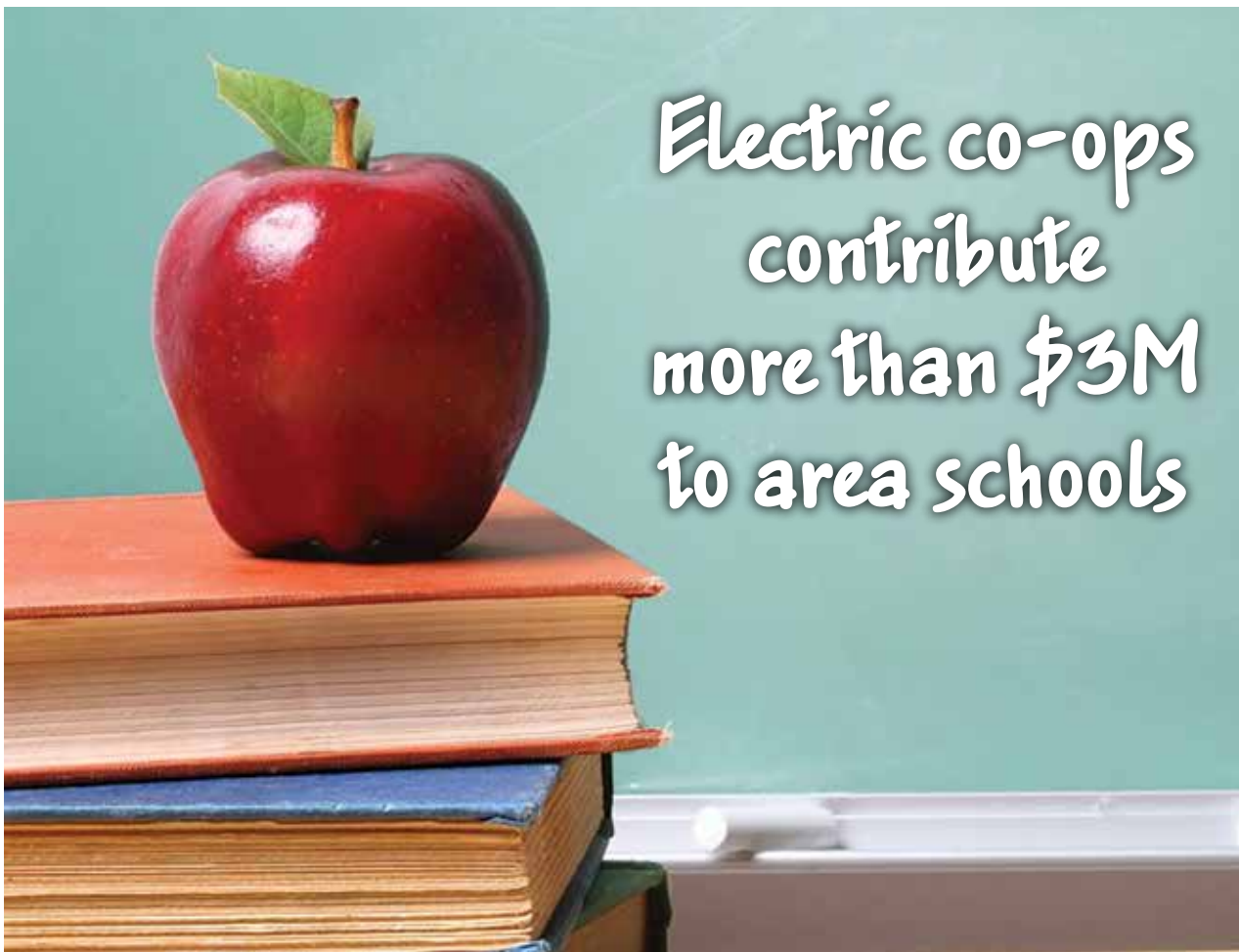
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# Electric co-ops contribute more than \$3M to area schools

The membership of Cotton Electric makes a substantial impact on local schools in several ways. For example, electric cooperatives in Oklahoma are levied a 5% gross receipts tax on the revenue at both the wholesale and retail level in lieu of an ad valorem tax.

When Cotton Electric members pay electric bills, the cooperative remits the 5% gross receipts tax to the state, and 95% of those funds go directly back to local school districts. Cotton Electric Cooperative and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC) apportioned \$3,058,504.98 back to the 30 school districts in our service area in 2025. The amount in 2024 was \$2,787,335.28.

On a percentage basis, electric cooperatives contribute more tax dollars to local school districts than other utilities. In Oklahoma, investor-owned utilities pay ad valorem taxes instead of gross receipts tax, and only 58% of these tax monies go to school districts within which investor-owned utilities own property. Municipal utilities contribute no tax mon-

ey to public schools.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission oversees the apportionment of the gross receipts tax. The amount paid to each school is based upon the number of miles of power lines that Cotton Electric Cooperative and WFEC have in each school district. WFEC, Oklahoma's largest locally owned power supply system, is a generation and transmission cooperative owned by 21 distribution cooperatives, including Cotton Electric.

The table to the right shows the miles of line serving each district and an estimation of amounts contributed through the 2025 gross receipts tax.

Supporting area schools has always been a priority for Cotton Electric Cooperative. It is our privilege to provide educational presentations, sponsorships and assistance when needed.

## 2025 Gross Receipts Tax by School Districts

District	Cotton & WFEC Taxes	Cotton Miles of Line
Apache	\$44,363.87	1.20
Big Pasture	99,287.62	236.03
Bishop	345.68	1.27
Bray	133,560.87	140.25
Cache	133,891.90	229.12
Central	113,264.26	244.04
Chattanooga	255,555.54	328.00
Comanche	232,370.10	303.55
Davidson	28,640.06	33.40
Duncan	106,355.00	199.98
Elgin	117,561.94	351.43
Empire	102,239.74	233.00
Fletcher	48,390.07	26.95
Flower Mound	391.95	1.44
Fox	4,635.39	17.04
Frederick	76,661.53	6.20
Geronimo	61,704.63	171.51
Grandfield	56,283.93	163.29
Grandview	60,709.12	115.13
Indiahoma	83,693.02	164.06
Lawton	51,136.63	126.19
Marlow	65,727.85	245.70
Ringling	65,669.92	23.07
Rush Springs	167,107.84	156.05
Ryan	69,527.87	197.42
Sterling	78,920.27	172.79
Temple	66,283.70	230.36
Velma	359,815.14	528.20
Walters	239,648.44	300.75
Waurika	134,761.10	248.79
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# Co-op Life

## *Cooperation Among Cooperatives* Cotton Electric crews help with power restoration in Mississippi



**Cotton Electric lineworkers helped turn lights back on despite extreme weather and long workdays.**

*By Carli Eubank*

Winter Storm Fern swept through Mississippi in late January 2026, leaving behind miles of severe damage and tens of thousands of electric cooperative members without power. With their bags packed and determination in tow, lineworkers from Cotton Electric and other Oklahoma electric cooperatives exemplified the Cooperative Principle of Cooperation Among Cooperatives when they traveled east to volunteer their time and skills to the storm-devastated region. Among those volunteers were two crews of Cotton Electric lineworkers: Marc Bohall, Conner Daniel, Aubrey Edmonson, Justin Hill and Quaid Ogletree were the first group. TJ Birdwell, Prestin Green, Kyle Linthicum, Keeton Sallee and Zachary Smith replaced the first group a couple weeks later.

Each day started before sunrise as lineworkers grabbed breakfast on their way to load equipment onto their bucket trucks and meet with their “bird dog,” a lineworker who helps direct mutual aid crews during large outages, before they drove toward the first of many job sites. Changing out poles, replacing damaged wiring and phases, and cutting trees were a few of the main tasks for the groups of volunteers, said Cotton Electric Journeyman Lineman Quaid Ogletree.

Learning a new grid system and terrain was a learning curve for the crews, compounded with the extreme winter conditions, resulting in some challenging moments during the restoration efforts. Cotton Electric Journeyman Lineman Marc Bohall shared how the new territory was still covered with ice and snow when the first crew arrived.

“The terrain was probably the toughest challenge,” said Cotton Electric Journeyman Lineman Keeton Sallee, “with the thick layers of ice, huge trees and massive canyons throughout the area to work in.”

Ogletree remembers working in a bucket as high as it could go and the trees still towering over him. Many of the trees had broken off and landed on the neutral phases, causing damage to the power lines. Cotton Electric Journeyman Lineman Prestin Green said that over the couple of weeks crews were working, outages were reduced from tens of thousands to just a couple hundred still without power.

Along with the extreme weather and long workdays, there was an outpouring of appreciation shown to the crews from the community.

“There were times we’d get to talk

to their members, and they would say how glad they were to see us working in their area and then offered us drinks and snacks, too,” said Cotton Electric Apprentice Lineman Aubrey Edmonson.

Bohall added how neat it was to be part of something bigger and to receive the appreciation shown by the locals.

Ogletree has volunteered to help on several mutual aid trips, and he said it’s always a good experience to be able to help people and turn their lights back on after days without power.

“They needed help, and we are always willing to help,” Sallee said.

Cotton Electric lineworkers returned home safely, where they continue to provide safe, reliable and affordable power for Cotton Electric members.

*Photos courtesy of Cotton Electric Apprentice Lineman Aubrey Edmonson*



**“The terrain was probably the toughest challenge.”**  
*Cotton Electric Journeyman Lineman Keeton Sallee*

# Community Spotlight

If you would like your community event listed in the May issue, please submit information by calling 580-875-3351 or sending an email to [TheCurrent@CottonElectric.com](mailto:TheCurrent@CottonElectric.com) by April 24. Only events occurring after May 8 will be published in the next issue.

*Editor's Note: We recommend checking for cancellations with local sources before attending any event.*

## Boots & Pearls gala to raise funds for Christians Concerned

Polish up your boots and put on your pearls and your finest western glam for a great evening supporting Christians Concerned and the families they serve in Stephens County. Perfect for a date night, the Boots and Pearls fundraiser includes dinner, dancing and a silent auction.

All proceeds help Christians Concerned in their efforts to fight food insecurity in Duncan and Velma.

The gala will begin at 6 p.m. April 16 at Hidden Creek Event Center, southeast of Duncan at 21007 State Highway 7. Tickets are available through a QR code found on the Christians Concerned Facebook page or on their website, [www.ccfpduncan.org](http://www.ccfpduncan.org).

## OHCE plant swap in Duncan

The Stephens County Oklahoma Home and Community Education (OHCE) clubs will sponsor a plant swap in Duncan. Attendees should bring at least one of the following (pest-free and tagged): plants, bulbs, cuttings or seeds. The purpose is to share extras and nourish a love of plants.

The event is from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, in the Stephens County Fairgrounds Conference Center, 1618 S. 13th in Duncan.

For information, call 580-255-3460.

## SCHS hosts golf fundraiser

The fourth annual Puttin' Fore Paws Golf Tournament supporting Ste-

phens County Humane Society will be Saturday, May 2, at the Duncan Golf & Tennis Club. This event has become a favorite community tradition, bringing together friends, businesses and animal lovers for a great day on the course while supporting a great cause.

A four-person team's entry fee of \$500 includes two carts, player gifts, breakfast and a bloody mary/mimosa bar. Check in and breakfast are at 7:30 a.m. with the scramble start at 9 a.m.

For those who can't play but want to be a sponsor, there are opportunities to be a hole sponsor, top dog sponsor, and cart or scorecard sponsor.

To sponsor or register a team, call Kelly at 580-606-3361.

## "Care for the Caregiver" series returns to Stephens County

Stephens County Oklahoma Home and Community Education (OHCE) has continued their 2026 state project on dementia with a specific focus on "Care for the Caregiver." Gina Flesher, state project committee chair for Stephens County, leads a group developing information relevant to those who care for someone with dementia.

The coalition is made up of community and local partners: OSU Extension, Stephens County OHCE, DRH Health, DRH Health Foundation, Alzheimer's Association, and Pathways to a Healthier You.

A "Virtual Dementia Simulation" will be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 7. This free simulation will allow caregivers to better understand the challenges in the environment that someone with dementia is experiencing. This will require registration as time slots are limited. The location is DRH Learning Center at 2465 Whisenant Drive, Suite 200. Participants should enter from the back of the facility on Scott Street.

For information and to register, call Gina Flesher at 580-467-0299.

# PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Cotton Electric member Krissy Comstock of Elgin shared this photo of her flowers and fruit plants in our Signs of Spring contest for April.

Enter your "best shot" in our Photo of the Month contest. The theme for May is Weather Wonders! Entries can be emailed to [TheCurrent@CottonElectric.com](mailto:TheCurrent@CottonElectric.com) or mailed to The Current, 226 N. Broadway, Walters, OK 73572. Winners will receive a Cotton Electric prize.

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# Selenium: The small mineral with a big job

You might not hear about selenium as often as vitamin C or calcium, but this trace mineral is one of your body's most important silent partners. Even though we only need a tiny amount, selenium acts like a spark plug for your metabolism and a shield for your immune system. Selenium is a mineral naturally found in the soil. It is considered essential, which means your body cannot make it on its own – you have to get it from the food you eat. Once inside you, it helps create special proteins called selenoproteins that handle everything from repairing DNA to keeping your heart healthy.

The biggest concentration of selenium in your body is in your thyroid gland. This small, butterfly-shaped organ in your neck controls your energy levels and how fast your body functions. Selenium is crucial here for two main reasons. First, it helps turn thyroid hormones into their active form so your body can actually use them for energy. Second, it protects the body from oxidative stress caused by making thyroid hormones. Selenium acts as an



Kim Bandelier, MPH, RD, LD

## Food For Thought

antioxidant, cleaning up this stress before it can damage your thyroid cells. Beyond the thyroid, selenium also boosts your immune system, helping your white blood cells respond faster to viruses and bacteria.

Because selenium is so powerful, your body only needs a very small amount to stay healthy. For most teens and adults, the goal is 55 micrograms

per day. Pregnant or breastfeeding women may need slightly more, ranging from 60 to 70 micrograms per day. However, it is important to stay below the upper limit of 400 micrograms per day.

Getting too much selenium, which usually happens from taking too many supplements, can lead to a condition called selenosis. This can cause brittle hair and nails, a metallic taste in the mouth, or even breath that smells like garlic.

You can find selenium in a wide variety of foods. Brazil nuts are the most famous source because they are incredibly concentrated; just one nut can provide over 70 micrograms, which is more than your entire daily requirement. Other excellent sources include seafood like tuna, halibut and sardines, as well as meats like turkey and beef. If you prefer plant-based options, you can find selenium in eggs, tofu, baked beans and whole-wheat bread. In most places, people get enough selenium from a balanced diet, but certain groups, such as those with Crohn's or

Celiac disease or other diseases of the intestinal tract, may have trouble absorbing it and could run low.

Research suggests that people with autoimmune thyroid conditions, like Hashimoto's disease, may benefit the most from monitoring their selenium intake. Making sure you hit your daily goals can help reduce thyroid inflammation and support the immune system.

Whether you choose to eat one Brazil nut a day or focus on a mix of seafood and grains, getting your daily dose of selenium is a simple and effective way to protect your thyroid and keep your internal "control center" running smoothly.

As always, discuss nutrient supplementation with your health care team before making any changes. Share the nutrition label from multivitamins and other supplements, as well as fortified foods like shakes and drinks, with your team to provide a full picture of what you are currently consuming so gaps can be tested for and addressed and oversupplementation can be avoided.

# Ham and quinoa salad makes for light but filling fare



Salads make for a great meal when people are looking for light yet filling fare. Salads also offer a lot of versatility, and just about any ingredient can be added to a salad or even serve as the base of a salad. For example, this recipe for "Ham, Fennel and Quinoa Salad" from Lines+Angles features a base of quinoa. When paired with diced ham, the quinoa makes this delicious dish a little more filling than a more traditional salad.

## Ham, fennel and quinoa salad

- Makes 4 servings
- 8 ounces quinoa, rinsed and drained
- 1 fennel bulb, thinly sliced
- 4 slices cooked ham, about 6 to 8 ounces, diced
- 2 ounces roughly chopped pecans
- 1 1/2 ounces baby salad leaves
- Salt
- Freshly ground black peppercorns
- For the dressing:
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons olive oil

Put the quinoa in a saucepan with 3 cups of water and a big pinch of salt. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 15 minutes, or until all of the liquid has been absorbed. Spread out on a plate and leave to cool for 10 minutes.

Toss the cooled quinoa with the fennel, ham, pecans, and baby leaves.

To make the dressing, whisk the mustard, honey and vinegar together, then whisk in the oil. Season to taste with salt and pepper, then toss with quinoa salad.

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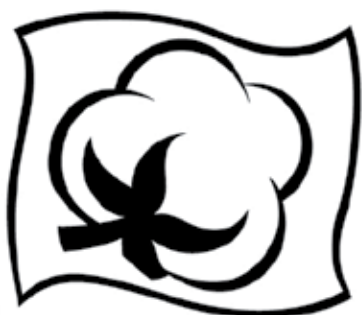
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