

Cotton Domestic Fundamentals:

- Cotton prices remained mixed on Wednesday with Kadi, Abohar, Muktsar and Amravati ending lower. and Ahmedabad ending in the green.
- Sources added that acreage under cotton crop next season is expected to increase supported by forecasts for normal rain drive for farmers to increase planting.
- Cotton Advisory Board's forecast for India is slated to be at 31.2 million bales.

Cotton International Fundamental:

- USDA has forecasted U.S cotton crop at a record 18 million bales, however exports were reduced due to lower U.S. supplies and increased foreign production.
- USDA said initially that planting in Texas was estimated at 6.12 million acres this year, followed by Georgia at 1.45 million. USDA added that Mississippi was fifth at 530,000 acres, followed by Tennessee at 470,000 and Missouri was ninth at 360,000.

Outlook:

- In the short term, cotton prices may remain range bound to weak on higher acreage estimates in India and U.S.
- In the long term price trend may depend on global planting in U.S and India and demand from China.

NCDEX Cotton Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Feb-12	+10.70	802.9	809.5	795	797
Mar-12	-	-	-	-	786.3
Apr-12	+9.60	790	798	786	793.9

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Feb-12	8	+5	38	-
Mar-12	-	-	10	-
Apr-12	133	+23	356	-6

Spread	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12
Spot	53	63.7	56.1
Feb-12	-	-10.7	-3.1
Mar-12		-	7.6
Apr-12			-

ICE Cotton Futures:

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Jul -11	-0.31	159.64	159.75	158.50	159.55
Oct-11	+2.57	135.10	136.87	135.10	136.87
Dec-11	-0.03	122.98	123.10	122.30	122.95
Mar-12	-	114.97	114.97	114.58	114.97
May-12	+0.07	110.20	110.80	109.50	109.77

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Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Centre	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
		18-05-2011	16-05-2011	
Cotton				
	Kadi –Bt Cotton	3625-4250	3250-4750	-500
	Amravati –Vunni Mech-1	2700-3500	2400-3400	-100
	Ahmedabad-Shankar	3000-5000	3500-4825	+175
	Abohar – J-34	4525-4600	4950	-350
	Muktsar– J-34	4600	4950	-350

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers

Commodity	Centre	Arrivals in Bags/Qtl		Change
		18-05-2011	16-05-2011	
Cotton				
	Kadi –Bt Cotton	30	30	-
	Amravati –Vunni Mech-1	100	100	-
	Ahmedabad-Shankar	10000	10000	-
	Abohar – J-34	Nil	Nil	-
	Muktsar– J-34	Nil	Nil	-

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