

Cotton Domestic Fundamentals:

- Cotton prices remained steady to firm on Friday with Abohar and Muktsar end in the green, Amravati, Ahmedabad and Kadi ending steady.
- However millers demand remained lower and may decline further.
- Separately, cotton ginneries of Gujarat will continue their six-day-old strike till the Centre takes a positive stand on their demand to lift the ban on cotton exports.
- However reports have started to flow in about crop wilting in Punjab due to extreme heat conditions.

Cotton International Fundamentals:

- U.S cotton markets remained weak after a report showed importers canceled more sales from the U.S.
- USDA data showed about 30,500 bales of cotton sales for delivery before July 31st were scrapped in the week ended May 12th.

Outlook:

- In the short term, cotton prices may remain steady on lower activity from millers and traders.
- Cotton futures may trade range to weak on higher plantings in the U.S and weak demand.
- 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	+13.0	800.0	805.5	786.1	805.0
Mar-12	+5.5	800.0	807.5	800.0	807.0
Apr-12	+10.3	798.0	814.0	789.1	802.0

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Feb-12	16	+11	36	-4
Mar-12	6	+6	10	-
Apr-12	243	+121	382	+10

Spread	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12
Spot	145	143	148
Feb-12	-	2	-3
Mar-12		-	-5
Apr-12			-

ICE Cotton Futures:

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Jul -11					
Oct-11					
Dec-11					
Mar-12					
May-12					

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Jul -11				
Oct-11				
Dec-11				
Mar-12				
May-12				

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Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Centre	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Cotton		20-05-2011	19-05-2011	
	Kadi –Bt Cotton	3750-4750	3625-4750	-
	Amravati –Vunni Mech-1	2700-3500	2700-3500	-
	Ahmedabad-Shankar	3000-5000	3000-5000	-
	Abohar – J-34	4500-4550	4450	+100
	Muktsar– J-34	4600-4650	4500	+150

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers

Commodity	Centre	Arrivals in Bags/Qtl		Change
Cotton		20-05-2011	19-05-2011	
	Kadi –Bt Cotton	60	Nil	+60
	Amravati –Vunni Mech-1	100	100	-
	Ahmedabad-Shankar	8000	10000	-2000
	Abohar – J-34	Nil	Nil	-
	Muktsar– J-34	Nil	Nil	-

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