

## Cotton Domestic Fundamentals:

- Cotton prices remained steady to firm on Saturday 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 ginnerers 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 sentiments remained weak amid signs that global demand is shrinking.
- USDA data showed about 30,500 bales of cotton sales for delivery before July 31<sup>st</sup> were scrapped in the week ended May 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Outlook:

- In the short term, cotton prices may remain steady amid 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	<b>+10.8</b>	800.0	805.5	786.1	802.8
Mar-12	<b>+5.5</b>	800.0	807.5	800.0	807.0
Apr-12	<b>+11.9</b>	798.0	814.0	789.1	803.6

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Feb-12	16	<b>+11</b>	36	<b>-4</b>
Mar-12	6	<b>+6</b>	9	<b>-1</b>
Apr-12	243	<b>+121</b>	381	<b>+9</b>

Spread	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12
Spot	147.2	143	146.4
Feb-12	-	4.2	0.8
Mar-12		-	-3.4
Apr-12			-

### ICE Cotton Futures:

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Jul -11	<b>-0.04</b>	155.00	157.02	150.06	155.61
Oct-11	<b>+1.92</b>	130.54	134.11	130.54	134.11
Dec-11	<b>+0.57</b>	119.10	120.24	117.11	119.76
Mar-12	<b>+0.56</b>	112.00	112.05	110.12	111.77
May-12	<b>+0.67</b>	108.00	108.43	106.30	108.38

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Jul -11	8,593	<b>-4,852</b>	70,012	<b>+59</b>
Oct-11	9	<b>-11</b>	418	<b>-5</b>
Dec-11	3,713	<b>-1,133</b>	62,274	<b>-296</b>
Mar-12	1,179	<b>+814</b>	9,906	<b>+769</b>
May-12	173	<b>+121</b>	2,461	<b>+28</b>

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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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