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Cotton Domestic Fundamentals:

- Cotton prices remained range bound to weak at most trading centers on Thursday.
- Sentiments remained weak as stockists and farmers continue to offload stocks.
- Sentiments remained firm as acreage of cotton could reduce due to lower rains in major states like Maharashtra, Gujarat and A.P.
- Cotton sowing area has been down by almost 5 per cent to 26.22 lakh hectares as against 27.53 lakh hectares in the period under review.
- However lower demand from yarn manufacturers due to higher carry-in stocks continued to keep the markets sentiments week in the long run.

Cotton International Fundamentals:

- U.S futures slides as farmers are preparing to abandon 50% of their crop after the worst drought damaged the crop in Texas.
- USDA reported that about 55% of the Texas cotton fields were in poor condition.
- Pakistan is expected to produce record 15 lakh bales in 2011-12.
- China cut import duties in a bid to increase supplies which may improve demand for cotton.

Outlook: Domestic and International

- In the short term, domestic cotton prices move higher on lower rainfall anticipations in important sowing areas.
- U.S Cotton futures may trade lower on easing global supply concerns.

NCDEX Cotton Futures					ICE Cotton Futures:						
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Feb-12	27.3	676.0	682.6	672.7	682.6	Jul-11	-2.35	162.75	163.00	158.00	159.79
Mar-12	5.0	678.0	678.0	671.1	674.0	Dec-11	-2.81	121.40	123.00	116.40	118.59
Apr-12	9.2	675.0	685.0	673.2	682.1	Mar-12	-2.88	113.40	114.16	107.50	109.62
						May-12	-1.70	110.26	110.30	103.77	107.07
Contract	Volun	ne Char	nge Ol	C	Change	Jul-12	-1.08	106.76	106.80	101.04	104.04

Contract	volume	Change	U	Change
Feb-12	11	9	69	-1
Mar-12	10	3	18	-1
Apr-12	973	165	3039	31

Spread	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12
Basis	42.4	51.0	42.9
Feb-12	-	8.6	0.5
Mar-12		-	-8.1
Apr-12			-

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Jul -11	76	-212	1829	-68
Dec-11	6690	-5032	102754	349
Mar-12	744	-1433	16923	302
May-12	759	267	4247	565
Jul-12	945	686	6462	833



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Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Centre	Prices (F	Chango	
Centre	30-06-11	29-06-11	Change
Kadi – Bt Cotton	3250-3625	3500-3750	-125
Amravati – Vunni Mech-1	NA	3200-4250	NA
Ahmedabad – Shankar-6	NA	NA	NA
Abohar – J-34	3800-3850	3800-3850	Unch
Muktsar – J-34	3850	3850	Unch

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers

Centre	Arı	Change	
Centre	30-06-11	29-06-11	- Change
Kadi –Bt Cotton	50	40	10
Amravati –Vunni Mech-1	NA	100	NA
Ahmedabad – Shankar-6	NA	NA	NA

Kadi-1 Truck-20 kgs Amravati-1 Truck-100 kgs Ahmedabad- in bags

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