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Cotton Domestic Fundamentals:

- Cotton sentiments remained range bound to weak at major centers on Wednesday as rains brightens crop prospects.
- According to state officials over 10 lakh hectares has been covered in Gujarat and the target is 27 lakh hectares. Same is the case in Maharashtra where farmers have planted in 14.51 lakh hectares out the target is 35 lakh hectares.
- Meanwhile, SIMA appeals Tamil Nadu CM to exempt cotton textiles from VAT as the cotton textile industry has been facing a grave crisis for the last four months due to abnormal drop in cotton and yarn prices, sudden glut in the domestic and international market, huge accumulation of yarn stock, closure of dyeing units.

Weather Update

According to IMD, isolated to very heavy rainfall would occur over coastal Karnataka, Telegana, coastal A.P, West M.P, north interior Karnataka, Marathwada and Central Maharashtra during the next 48 hours.

Cotton International Fundamentals:

- U.S futures moved higher on Wednesday on concern U.S. output to drop.
- Cotton moved higher on concerns that production will drop more than forecast in the U.S.
- However, the market sentiments remained weak due to ongoing concerns over a slowdown in demand from China.

Outlook: Domestic and International

- In the short term, domestic cotton prices move lower on improvement of rainfall in sowing areas.
- U.S markets may trade lower on weaker demand, however sentiments may remain firm in the long run on lower production estimates in U.S.

NCDEX Cotton Futures						
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	
Feb-12	6.9	655.0	656.1	646.7	654.0	
Mar-12	-	-	645.3	645.3	645.3	
Apr-12	4.1	648.0	655.0	645.2	651.7	

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	
Feb-12	16	-17	95	10	
Mar-12	-	-3	11	-	
Apr-12	731	-211	3910	-25	
Spread	Spread Feb-12		Mar-12		
Basis	16.0	24.7		18.3	
Feb-12	-	-8.7		-2.3	
Mar-12		-		6.4	
Apr-12				-	

MCX Cotton Futures							
Contract	+/-	Open	High	1	Low		Close
Mar-12	1.3	655.0	664.0	0	651.9		659.7
Apr-12	5.7	658.9	661.9	9	654.0		658.9
Contract	Volume	Cha	nge	ΟΙ		Ch	ange
Mar-12	7	-9		94		9	
Apr-12	56	-15		416		4	
Spread	Mar-12		Apr-12				
Basis	10	.3		1	1.1		
Mar-12	-			-	3. 8		
Apr-12				-			

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Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec-11	4.07	104.75	108.85	104.44	108.46
Mar-12	3.75	100.56	103.75	100.49	103.63
May-12	3.65	99.32	102.00	98.40	101.25
Contract	Volume	Change		OI	Change
Dec-11	5,828	-1,977		1,00,622	-2,201
Mar-12	1,840	538		21,271	444
May-12	696	576		4,795	260

ICE Cotton Futures:

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Contro	Prices (F	Change		
Centre	13-07-11 12-07-11		Change	
Kadi – Bt Cotton	3250-3350	3150-3500	-150	
Amravati – Vunni Mech-1	3500-4100	NA	NA	
Ahmedabad – Shankar-6	3400-4000	3250-3850	150	
Abohar – J-34	3375-3400	3500-3525	-125	
Muktsar – J-34	3375-3400	3500	-100	

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers

Contro	Arriv	Change		
Centre	13-07-11	12-07-11	Change	
Kadi –Bt Cotton	12	17	-5	
Amravati –Vunni Mech-1	NA	NA	NA	
Ahmedabad – Shankar-6	1000	500	500	

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

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