

**Cotton Domestic Fundamentals:**

- Cotton prices remained steady to firm supported by firm domestic demand and possible increase in exports of raw cotton.
- Government has restored incentives on export of cotton and cotton yarn which may continue to push prices firm.
- According to ministry of agriculture cotton have been sown in 105.56 lakh hectare as against 101.43 lakh hectare last year on this date. The area has increased by 4.07%.

**Weather Update**

According to IMD, widespread rainfall would occur over the north-eastern states and the southern peninsula in the next 48 hours and may help sowing.

**Cotton International Fundamentals:**

- Uncertainty on the outcome of debt ceiling negotiations in Washington and profit-taking as the end of the month pulled prices lower.
- However, traders also remain concerned about demand, and there has been little export demand reported by USDA in recent weeks.
- Bad weather in the US also threatens the Texas crop and may support prices at lows.

**Outlook: Domestic and International**

- **In the short term, domestic cotton prices move higher due to restoration of incentives on export of cotton. However the medium to long term trend would depend on acreage estimates for the current season.**
- **U.S markets may trade firm on lower U.S debt ceiling concerns. However bad weather conditions may reduce output and may support prices at lows.**

**NCDEX Cotton Futures**

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Feb-12	11.9	702.2	725.0	700.3	718.2
Mar-12	5.5	714.0	714.0	711.1	711.1
Apr-12	15.0	701.0	719.0	698.2	714.0

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Feb-12	59	42	135	5
Mar-12	2	-1	10	-1
Apr-12	2128	139	5062	7

Spread	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12
Basis	38.8	45.9	43.0
Feb-12	-	-7.1	-4.2
Mar-12		-	2.9
Apr-12			-

**NB:** Spread was done by taking Average of Spot prices at Kadi markets for Bt cotton.

**MCX Cotton Futures**

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar-12	15.6	718.9	730.0	713.0	728.3
Apr-12	15.5	711.9	728.4	708.5	724.6

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Mar-12	63	-4	195	-14
Apr-12	100	-14	522	-7

Spread	Mar-12	Apr-12
Basis	28.7	32.4
Mar-12	-	-3.7
Apr-12		-

**NB:** Spread was done by taking Average of Spot prices at Kadi markets for Bt cotton.

**ICE Cotton Futures:**

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Oct-11	-0.73	103.15	103.38	98.81	102.08
Dec-11	-0.80	102.60	102.80	98.57	101.77
Mar-12	-1.39	100.73	100.97	96.75	99.36
May-12	-1.26	96.48	98.54	95.72	98.46

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Oct-11	61	-27	536	-9
Dec-11	12,967	-1675	99,965	2,757
Mar-12	2,020	-1497	25,122	525
May-12	327	-133	5,552	42

**Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:**

Centre	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
	30-07-11	29-07-11	
Kadi – Bt Cotton	3650-3925	3600-3900	25
Amravati – Vunni Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Ahmedabad – Shankar-6	3300-3750	3250-3750	Unch
Abohar – J-34	3325	3300	25
Muktsar – J-34	3325	3300	25

**Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers**

Centre	Arrivals		Change
	30-07-11	29-07-11	
Kadi –Bt Cotton	20	12	8
Amravati –Vunni Mech-1	Nil	Nil	-
Ahmedabad – Shankar-6	2000	2000	Unch

Kadi-1 Truck-20 kgs

Amravati-1 Truck-100 kgs

Ahmedabad- in bags

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