AGRIWATCH

Cotton Domestic Fundamentals:

- The Cotton spot markets inched up on improving millers demand amid lower supplied on Friday.
- Arrivals in all the market except Kadi have been reported down as farmers waiting for better prices.
- The Directorate General of foreign Trade (DGFT) approved further 1 million bales of cotton to export as on 11th April 2012. The government already cleared 5, 00,000 bales of cotton reported registration certificates for export. In 2011/12, India has exported total 10 million bales of cotton so far.
- Agriculture ministry is expected to peg Indian cotton production at 35.2 million bales on higher side for
- the current marketing year in its four estimates.
- The Cotton spot prices of Shankar-6 stood down at 33800/candy as on 11th April 2011 as compared to
- previous day cotton prices at 34000/candy.

Cotton International Fundamentals

- The Government in Bangladesh decides to import cotton from other countries like Uzbekistan, Australia
- and US when Indian Government announced to be continuing over the cotton export ban after a review
- meeting with ministers.
- Bangladesh had purchased cotton from India in a higher quantum to 1.647 million bales in fiscal year 2010-11 followed by 1.391 million bales from Commonwealth of Independent states including Uzbekistan, 0.301 million bales from African countries and 0.598 million bales from other countries to meet its domestic mills demand.

Outlook: Domestic and International

Cotton prices may increase in next day on improving demand.

| NCDEX Kapas Futures: (Prices in Rs/20/g) | | | | MCX Kapa | as Futu | res: (Price | s in Rs/20 |)/kg) | | | |
|--|-------|--------|--------|----------|---------|-------------|------------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Contract | +/- | Open | High | Low | Close | Contract | +/- | Open | High | Low | Close |
| Apr-12 | -1.18 | 806.00 | 809.00 | 791.00 | 793.5 | Apr-12 | 0.32 | 789 | 790 | 778.1 | 781.5 |
| Apr-13 | 3.23 | 920.00 | 949.00 | 920.00 | 942.00 | | | | | | |

| Volumes and OI in Lots | | | | Volumes an | d OI lots | | | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|------|------------|-----------|--------|--------|------|--------|
| Contract | Volume | Change | OI | Change | Contract | Volume | Change | OI | Change |
| Apr-12 | 2621 | -1243 | 6175 | 6140 | Apr-12 | 353 | -300 | 2664 | -8 |
| Apr-13 | 202 | 155 | 186 | 80 | | | | | |

| Spread | April-12 | April-13 | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Basis | 31.50 | | | |
| Apr-12 | | -148.50 | | |
| NB: Spread | was done by taking av | vg spot prices at | | |
| Ahmedabad – Shankar-6 market. Basis = Spot- April | | | | |

SpreadApril-12Basis-33.10Apr-12NB: Spread was done by taking avg spot prices at

Ahmedabad – Shankar-6 market Basis = Spot - April

MCX Cotton Futures (29 mm Variety): Prices in Bales

| Contract | % Change | Open | High | Low | Close |
|------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 30-Mar-12 | Unch | 17100 | 17200 | 16970 | 17000 |
| 30-Apr-12 | Unch | 17550 | 17580 | 17350 | 17390 |
| 31-May-12 | -0.28 | 17910 | 17930 | 17760 | 17760 |
| 29-June-12 | -0.49 | 18320 | 18320 | 18100 | 18110 |



Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets

| Centre (1 bale = 170 Kg) | Prices (F | Prices (Rs/QtI) | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|--|
| | 13-4-2012 | 12-4-2012 | Change | |
| Kadi – Bt Cotton | 3750-4300 | 3500-4250 | +50 | |
| Amravati – Vunni Mech-1 | - | 3750 | - | |
| Ahmedabad – Shankar-6 | 4000-4250 | 3750-4250 | Unch | |
| Abhor – J-34 | 3600 | 3520 | +80 | |
| Muktsar – J-34 | 3600 | 3520 | +80 | |
| Fajlika Punjab | 3700-4150 | 3600-3950 | +200 | |
| Khandwa M.P | - | 3300-4000 | - | |

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers

| Centre (1 bale = 170 Kg) | Arriv | Change | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Centre (1 bale = 170 kg) | 13-4-2012 | 12-4-2012 | Change |
| Kadi –Bt Cotton (truck) | 125 | 200 | -75 |
| Amravati –Vunni Mech-1 (bales) | - | 5000 | - |
| Ahmedabad – Shankar-6 | 30000 | 25000 | +5000 |
| Abohar (bales) | 500 | 900 | -400 |
| Muktsar (bales) | 150 | 300 | -150 |
| Fajlika Punjab (quintal) | 2800 | 3000 | -200 |
| Khandwa M.P (Qtl) | - | 1700 | - |

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates: 11/4/2012

| Trade Name | Staple | Micronaire | Strength/ GPT | Rs. Per Candy (11/4/2012) | Rs. Per Candy (10/4/2012) | Change |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Bengal Deshi | Delew 00mm | | | | | Unch |
| (RG)/ Assam Comilla | Below 22mm | 5.0 - 7.0 | 15 | 33300 | 33300 | |
| Bengal Deshi (SG) | Below 22mm | 5.0 - 7.0 | 15 | 34300 | 34300 | Unch |
| J-34 | 25mm | 3.5 - 4.9 | 23 | 29400 | 29900 | -500 |
| H-4/ MECH-1 | 28mm | 3.5 - 4.9 | 25 | 32600 | 32800 | -200 |
| Shankar-6 | 29mm | 3.5 - 4.9 | 26 | 33800 | 34000 | -200 |
| Bunny/ Brahma | 31mm | 3.5 - 4.9 | 27 | 35000 | 35000 | Unch |
| MCU-5/ Surabhi | 33mm | 3.3 - 4.5 | 28 | N.Q. | N.Q. | - |
| sDCH-32 | 35mm | 2.8 - 3.6 | 31 | 45300 | 45300 | Unch |

| Cotlook Index: As on 12/4/2012 | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------|--|--|--|
| Cotlook Indices | Cents/Pound | Change | | | |
| A-Index | 98.50 | Unch | | | |

China Cotton Index: As on 13/4/2012

| Index | RMB/Ton | Change | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| CCIndex(328) | 19400 | -7 | | | | |
| CCIndex(527) | 16852 | -1 | | | | |
| CCIndex(229) | 20783 | -10 | | | | |
| DMD Donminhi 1DMD 0.16 \$110 | | | | | | |

RMB - Renminbi, 1RMB = 0.16 \$U.S.



USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 12/4/2012

| Growth Area | Leaf 4 to Staple 34 | Leaf 3 to Staple 35 | Arrivals | |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|--|
| Growin Area | cen | cents/lb. | | |
| Southeast | 88.25 | 91.25 | 52 | |
| North Delta | 87.50 | 88.50 | NIL | |
| South Delta | 87.50 | 88.50 | NIL | |
| East TX-OK | 83.25 | 88.00 | 44 | |
| West Texas | 83.50 | 89.75 | 626 | |
| Desert SW | 85.25 | 91.75 | NIL | |
| SJ Valley | 86.50 | 96.90 | NIL | |

Spot quotations are for cotton equal to the official standards, net weight, in mixed lots. Upland quotations are FOB car/truck, which includes compression and any brokerage charges. The upland base quality is color 41, leaf grade 4, staple 34 (1.05 to 1.07), mike 3.5, 3.6 and 4.3 to 4.9, strength 26.5 to 28.4 grams per Tex and uniformity 80.5 to 81.4

ICE Cotton Futures (Prices in cents/lb.): As on 12/4/2012

| Contract | Open | High | Low | Close | Change |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| May-12 | 91.41 | 93.30 | 91.10 | 93.00 | +1.62 |
| Jul-12 | 88.44 | 90.00 | 88.35 | 89.80 | +1.50 |
| Oct-12 | 89.61 | 89.61 | 89.61 | 89.61 | +1.69 |
| Dec-12 | 87.26 | 88.47 | 86.75 | 88.30 | +1.19 |
| Mar-13 | 87.79 | 89.30 | 87.79 | 89.25 | +1.16 |
| May-13 | 88.25 | 89.69 | 88.09 | 89.53 | +1.12 |

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 12/4/2012 (in Pakistan Rupees)

| Product | Rate for | Ex-Gin Price | Up Country Sales | Spot Rate Karachi |
|------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Cotton | 37.32 Kgs | 5600 | 130 | 5730 |
| Equivalent | 40 Kgs | 6002 | 130 | 6132 |

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