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Cotton Domestic Fundamentals:

- Mixed tone seen in the cotton spot markets amid ups and downs in local mills demand on Thursday. •
- Arrivals are rapidly declining in most of the major markets like Amravati, Rajkot and Fajlika.
- Total Arrivals in India has been reported around 30 thousands bales for the day. •
- Indian Government declared the cotton minimum support price 2012/13 up by 28.57% to 3600 per • guintal for medium staple and long staple by 18.18% to 3900 per guintal against last year MSP i.e. 2800 per guintal and 3300 per guintal respectively to encourage cotton farmers. However, Lower cotton prices against dull demand and other lucrative crops like Guar, Soybean has compelled cotton farmers to reduce cotton area in 2012/13.
- There are clouds in Gujarat but rains at Marathawada in Maharashtra. •
- South-west monsoon is likely to progress further into east coast and west coast in the near -term.

Cotton International Fundamentals

According to recent release of WASDE report world's ending stock is likely to increase by 1% to 74.5 million bales as compared to previous month as China is projected to hold 45% of the total. However, world cotton production has been forecasted down by 1.4 million bales as major growing countries like Brazil, Argentina and Australia are likely to reduce cotton area in 2012/13. Due to fall in cotton prices in 2011/12.

Outlook: Domestic and International

We expect domestic cotton price to trade steady to bullish phase.

| NCDEX Kapas Futures: (Prices in Rs/20/g) | | | | MCX Kapa | as Futur | es: (Price | s in Rs/20 |)/kg) | | | |
|--|-----|-------|-------|----------|----------|------------|------------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Contract | +/- | Open | High | Low | Close | Contract | +/- | Open | High | Low | Close |
| Feb-13 | 5 | 952 | 966.5 | 952 | 966.5 | Feb-13 | 7.6 | 948.5 | 970 | 948.5 | 965 |
| Apr-13 | 9 | 960.5 | 977 | 958 | 971.5 | Apr-13 | 8.8 | 961 | 973 | 959 | 971.8 |

Volumes and OI in Lots

| Contract | Volume | Change | OI | Change | Volumes an | nd OI lots | | | |
|---|--------|-------------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|------------|--------|----|--------|
| Feb-13 | 5 | 2 | 46 | 1 | Contract | Volume | Change | OI | Change |
| Apr-13 | 1,804 | 659 | 1598 | -34 | Feb-13 | 7 | 0 | 19 | -1 |
| Spread | | Feb-13 | Δ | pr-13 | Apr-13 | 39 | 16 | 53 | 3 |
| Basis | | -221.5 | | | | | | | |
| Feb-13 | | | | 5.00 | Spread | | Feb-13 | A | Apr-13 |
| April-13 | | | | | Basis | | -220 | | |
| NB: Spread | | e by taking | • • | • | Apr-13 | | | | 6.80 |
| Ahmedabad – Shankar-6 market. Basis = Spot- April | | | NB: Spread Ahmedabad | | by taking a 5 market Basis | • • | | | |

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

| Contract | % Change | Open | High | Low | Close | | |
|-----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
| 29-Jun-12 | 1.9 | 15950 | 16170 | 15810 | 16080 | | |
| 31-Jul-12 | 1.86 | 16240 | 16530 | 16180 | 16420 | | |
| 31-Aug-12 | 1.76 | 16540 | 16870 | 16540 | 16790 | | |



Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets

| Centre (1 bale = 170 Kg) | Prices | Change | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| | 14-6-2012 | 13-6-2012 | enange |
| Amravati–Vunni Mech-1# | 3750-3800 | 3750 | +50 |
| Kadi–Bt Cotton# | 3800-4100 | 3675-4100 | Unch |
| Ahmedabad–Shankar-6# | 3600-3850 | 3610-3850 | Unch |
| Gondal | - | - | - |
| Rajkot | 3575-3900 | 3475-3920 | -20 |
| Abohar–J-34* | 3525-3540 | 3500 | +40 |
| Muktsar-J-34* | 3525-3540 | 3500 | +40 |
| Fajlika# | 3800 | 3800 | Unch |
| Khandwa | - | - | - |
| Patan | 3450-3500 | 3450-3500 | Unch |
| Sri-Ganganagar | 3300-3420 | 3450 | -30 |

*-Rs/maund, #-Rs.qtl

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers

| Contro (1 holo $-$ 170 Kg) | Arriv | Change | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Centre (1 bale = 170 Kg) | 14-6-2012 | 13-6-2012 | Change |
| Amravati –Vunni Mech-1` | 2500 | 3000 | -500 |
| Kadi –Bt Cotton | 50 | 25 | +25 |
| Ahmedabad – Shankar-6 | 12000 | 12000 | Unch |
| Gondal | - | - | - |
| Rajkot | 3000 | 3350 | -350 |
| Abohar | 100 | 50 | +50 |
| Muktsar | - | - | - |
| Fajlika | 50 | 200 | -150 |
| Khandwa | - | - | - |
| Patan | - | - | - |
| Sri-Ganganagar | - | - | - |

Khandwa, Kadi, Fajlika-1 Truck-100 Qtls, Amravati-1 Truck-100 kgs, Ahmadabad, Abohar and Muktsar-Bales



| Trade Name | Staple | Micronaire | Strength/ GPT | Rs. Per Candy (13/6/2012) | Rs. Per Candy (12/6/2012) | Change |
|---|------------|------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Bengal Deshi (RG)/ Assam Comilla(101) | Below 22mm | 5.0 - 7.0 | 15 | 34800 | 34800 | Unch |
| Bengal Deshi (SG)(201) | Below 22mm | 5.0 - 7.0 | 15 | 36000 | 36000 | Unch |
| J-34(202) | 26mm | 3.5 - 4.9 | 23 | 30700 | 30700 | Unch |
| H-4/ MECH-1(105) | 28mm | 3.5 - 4.9 | 27 | 32500 | 33000 | -500 |
| Shankar-6(105) | 29mm | 3.5 - 4.9 | 28 | 32000 | 32000 | Unch |
| Bunny/ Brahma(105) | 31mm | 3.5 - 4.9 | 30 | 34400 | 34400 | Unch |
| MCU-5/ Surabhi(106) | 32mm | 3.3 - 4.9 | 31 | 35500 | 35800 | -300 |
| DCH-32(107) | 34mm | 3.0 - 3.8 | 33 | 46000 | 46000 | Unch |

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates: 13/6/2012

| Cotlook Index: As on 13/6/2012 | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Cotlook Indices | Cents/Pound | Change | | | | |
| A-Index | 82.50 | Unch | | | | |

China Cotton Index: As on 14/6/2012

| Index | RMB/Ton | Change |
|--------------|---------|--------|
| CCIndex(328) | 18358 | -47 |
| CCIndex(527) | 16097 | -63 |
| CCIndex(229) | 19468 | -34 |
| | | |

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

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 13/6/2012

| Growth Area | Leaf 4 to Staple 34 | Leaf 3 to Staple 35 | Arrivals | |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|--|
| Growth Area | cen | cents/lb. | | |
| Southeast | 72.09 | 75.09 | NIL | |
| North Delta | 71.09 | 72.09 | NIL | |
| South Delta | 71.09 | 72.09 | NIL | |
| East TX-OK | 66.50 | 71.50 | 638 | |
| West Texas | 66.75 | 73.00 | 180 | |
| Desert SW | 66.84 | 73.34 | NIL | |
| SJ Valley | 67.59 | 78.24 | 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 13/6/2012

| Contract | Open | High | Low | Close | Change |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Jul-12 | 75.65 | 76.35 | 74.25 | 75.09 | -0.48 |
| Oct-12 | 68.22 | 70.7 | 68.02 | 69.26 | 1.45 |
| Dec-12 | 69 | 71.16 | 68.7 | 70.41 | 1.57 |
| Mar-12 | 71.21 | 72.9 | 70.93 | 72.38 | 1.63 |
| May-12 | 72.22 | 74 | 72 | 73.54 | 1.69 |
| Jul-12 | 73.09 | 74.83 | 72.95 | 74.47 | 1.52 |

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 13/6/2012 (in Pakistan Rupees)

| Product | Rate for | Ex-Gin Price | Up Country Sales | Spot Rate Karachi |
|------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Cotton | 37.32 Kgs | 5700 | 130 | 5830 |
| Equivalent | 40 Kgs | 6109 | 130 | 6239 |

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