AGRIWATCH

20thSeptember, 2012

Cotton Domestic Fundamentals:

- Cotton prices showed steady to strong tone on Tuesday.
- Arrivals have started picking up in spot markets.
- Pest has attached cotton crops in Punjab which is ready for plucking
- Cotton sowing progress, 114.44 million hectares in 2012-13, which is 5.6 million hectares, lower than previous year.

Cotton International Fundamentals

- According to USDA reports, world cotton production declined to 114 million bales which is 8 percent decline from previous year.
- Global cotton exports are expected to fall by 13.5 percent to 8.3 million tonnes in 2012-13.
- According to USDA, Chinese imports will fall by 51 percent in 2012-13 marketing year, putting pressure on global prices.

We expect domestic cotton price to trade on bearish phase.

NCDEX Kapas Futures: (Prices in Rs/20/g)				МСХ Кара	as Future	es: (Price	s in Rs/20	/kg)			
Contract	+/-	Open	Hiah	Low	Close	Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
			5	-		= 1 10	-7.30	964	964.4	951.1	961.00
Feb-13	-13.50	959.50	960	950	950.00	Feb-13					
160-15							0.00	982	986	971	984.5
A	2.00	990.00	993	974	988.50	Apr-13	0.00	302	300	571	304.5
Apr-13											

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Volumes an	d OI lots			
	16	-2	63	-11	Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Feb-13					Feb-13	258	92	413	86
Apr-13	7,724	131	7139	300	Feb-13		100		
					Apr-13	257	-123	294	-15
Spread	Feb	-13	Apr-1	3	Spread	Feb-	13	Apr-13	
Basis	-87.5	5			Basis	-98.5			
Feb-13			38.50		Feb-13			23.50	
April-13					April-13				

NB: Spread was done by taking avg spot prices at
Ahmedabad – Shankar-6 market. Basis = Spot- AprilNB: Spread was done by taking avg spot prices at
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MCX Cotton Futures (29 mm Variety): Prices in Bales

Contract	% Change	Open	High	Low	Close
31-Oct-12	0.06	16710	16730	16630	16690
30-Nov-12	0.12	16380	16410	16270	16340
31-Dec-12	0.49	16460	16510	16390	16500
31-Jan-13	-0.66	16540	16840	16540	16680
28-Feb-13	1.2	16800	16800	16800	16800

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets

Centre (1 bale = 170 Kg)	Prices (Prices (Rs/Qtl)		
	18-9-2012	17-9-2012	Change	
Amravati–Vunni Mech-1#	-	4400-4450	-	
Kadi–Bt Cotton#	-	-	-	
Ahmedabad–Shankar-6#	4000-4625	4750-4775	-150	
Gondal1	2155-4055	2155-3955	+100	
Rajkot-(B.T)	3775-4800	3725-4750	+50	
Abohar–J-34*	3675	3670	+5	
Muktsar–J-34*	3675	3670	+5	
Fajlika#	3650	3650	Unch	
Khandwa M.P.		4400	Unch	
Patan-(B.T)	-	-	-	
Sri-Ganganagar	3600	3625	-25	

*-Rs/maund, #-Rs.qtl

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers

Centre (1 bale = 170 Kg)	Arriv	Change	
Centre (1 baie = 170 kg)	18-9-2012	17-9-2012	Change
Amravati –Vunni Mech-1#	-	400	-
Kadi –Bt Cotton	-	-	-
Ahmedabad – Shankar-6#	2000	2000	Unch
Gondal	489	983	-494
Rajkot-(B.T)	540	810	-270
Abohar	200	10	+190
Muktsar	-	-	-
Fajlika	-	-	-
Khandwa M.P.	-	-	-
Patan-(B.T)	-	-	-
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 (17/9/2012)	Rs. Per Candy (15/9/2012)	Change
Bengal Deshi (RG)/ Assam Comilla(101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	39200	39200	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	39800	39800	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	33100	33100	Unch
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	27	35200	35700	-500
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	35000	35900	-900
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	38500	39000	-500
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	40100	40100	Unch
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	52500	53000	-500

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates: 17/9/2012

Cotlook Index: As on 17/9/2012

Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	84.90	+1.85

China Cotton Index: As on17/9/2012

Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	18639	+4
CCIndex(527)	16335	+5
CCIndex(229)	19582	+2

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

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 17/9/2012

Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals	
Glowill Alea	cen	cents/lb.		
Southeast	71.83	74.83	112	
North Delta	71.08	72.58	NIL	
South Delta	71.08	72.58	NIL	
East TX-OK	68.5	73.25	7236	
West Texas	68	73.75	4647	
Desert SW	69.83	76.33	NIL	
SJ Valley	70.58	81.23	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 17/9/2012

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Oct-12	74.7	75.94	74.39	74.53	-0.86
Dec-12	75.4	76.77	75.12	75.33	-0.57
Mar-13	76.38	77.52	75.98	76.08	-0.71
May-13	77.25	78.25	76.89	76.95	-0.69
Jul-13	77.91	79	77.83	77.89	-0.62
Oct-13	78.12	79.08	78.12	79.08	-0.52

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 17/9/2012 (in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	5600	155	5755
Equivalent	40 Kgs	6002	155	6157

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