

Cotton Domestic Fundamentals:

- Cotton prices noticed strong tone on Thursday.
- Cotton prices raised on good demand from millers.
- Total arrivals reported across country were 58,000 bales.
- Lack of demand from millers and exporters weighed on the market.
- Selling around current levels is weighing on prices.
- Buyers are waiting for better levels in the coming days.

Cotton International Fundamentals

- US cotton raised on the speculations of lower than expected harvested area for cotton in upcoming USDA plantation report.
- Pakistan levied 2 percent duty on imported cotton, which is likely to affect Indian exports to same.
- There is power shortage in Australia that could hamper production hence giving gap for importers.

Outlook: We expect domestic cotton prices to notice steady to weak tone in the coming days amid lack of demand in the spot market.

NCDEX Kapas Futures: (Prices in Rs/20kg)

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar-13	0	0	00	0	0
Apr-13	-9.5	939.0	939.0	922.0	925.5

Volumes and OI in Lots

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Mar-13	0	0	1	0
Apr-13	6296	127	9185	127

Spread Feb-13 Apr-13

Basis	-170	
Mar-13		-84.5
April-13		

NB: Spread was done by taking avg spot prices at Ahmedabad – Shankar-6 market. Basis = Spot- April

MCX Kapas Futures: (Prices in Rs/20kg)

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar -13	2.70	865	871.9	862	870.5
Apr-13	-10.90	938.4	943	924.8	928.90

Volumes and OI lots

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Mar -13	156	98	310	-165
Apr-13	1433	578	1658	121

Spread Feb-13 Apr-13

Basis	142.6	
Mar -13		58
April-13		

NB: 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
29-Mar-13	0.54	19000	19000	18570	18750
30-Apr-13	0.53	19010	19070	18870	19050
31-May-13	0.62	19290	19400	19180	19360
28-Jun-13	0.67	19440	19550	19360	19540
31-Jul-13	0.77	19600	19720	19550	19700

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets

Centre	Prices		Change
	28-3-2013	26-3-2013	
Amravati–Vunni Mech-1#	4750	4750	Unch
Mahesana-Kadi–Bt Cotton#	4950	4850	100
Abohar–J-34*	4160	4140	20
Muktsar–J-34 *(Cotton) #(Kapas BT Cotton)	4175	4140	35
	4900	4850	50
Ahmedabad–Shankar-6#	Closed	5050	-
Fajlika #(Cotton) #(Kapas BT Cotton)	4150	4105	45
	4970	4850	120
Khandwa-(M.P)	Closed	-	-
Khargaon-(M.P)	Closed	-	-
Gondal	Closed	Closed	-
Rajkot-(B.T)	Closed	Closed	-
Sri-Ganganagar	4050	Closed	-
Patan(B.T. Cotton)	Closed	Closed	-
	4750	4750	Unch

*-Rs/maund, #-Rs.qtl,

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers

Centre	Arrivals		Change
	28-3-2013	26-3-2013	
Amravati –Vunni Mech-1#	1500	1300	200
Mahesana-Kadi –Bt Cotton	50	50	Unch
Abohar–J-34*	300	500	-200
Muktsar–J-34 #(Kapas BT Cotton)	100	125	-25
Ahmedabad – Shankar-6#	-	15000	-
Fajlika #(Kapas BT Cotton)	500	1500	-1000
Khandwa (M.P)	-	-	-
Khargaon-(M.P)	-	-	-
Gondal	-	-	-
Rajkot-(B.T)	-	-	-
Sri-Ganganagar	-	-	-

Patan(B.T. Cotton)	-	-	-
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Khandwa, Kadi, Fajlika-1 Truck-100 Qtls, Amravati-1 Truck-100 kgs, Ahmadabad, Abohar and Muktsar-Bales

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates: 25/03/2013

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy (25/03/2013)	Rs. Per Candy (23/03/2013)	Change
Bengal Deshi (RG)/ Assam Comilla(101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	35100	35100	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	35900	36100	-200
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	37100	37300	-200
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	37600	37800	-200
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	38200	38300	-100
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	39200	39500	-300
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	-	-	-
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	48000	47500	+500

Cotlook Index: As on 27/03/2013

Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	94.60	+1.45

China Cotton Index: As on 28/03/2013

Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	19373	+2
CCIndex(527)	16987	+1
CCIndex(229)	20077	+2

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

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 27/03/2013

Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		bales
Southeast	86.28	89.53	NIL
North Delta	85.03	87.53	NIL
South Delta	85.03	87.53	NIL
East TX-OK	81	83.75	181
West Texas	81	84	696
Desert SW	82.03	88.53	NIL
SJ Valley	83.03	93.68	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 27/03/2013

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
13-May	87.8	88.66	87.13	88.53	0.49
13-Jul	89.13	89.92	88.43	89.8	0.47
13-Oct	86.85	87.8	86.85	87.8	0.14
13-Dec	87	87.3	85.7	87.25	0.02
14-Mar	86.35	87.05	85.75	87.01	0.05
14-May	86.3	86.67	86.3	86.67	0.02

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 27/03/2013 (in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	6900	155	7055
Equivalent	40 Kgs	7395	155	7550

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