

**Cotton Domestic Fundamentals:**

- Cotton prices noticed week tone on Tuesday except Rajkot and Muktsar.
- There is not much demand from the millers around current levels.
- Lack of demand for yarn weighed on prices to certain extent.
- Lack of sufficient stocks in the ready market lent some support to the market.
- According to the Indian Cotton Confederation, production of cotton in 2012 -13 is estimated to be around 326 lakh bales.
- According to industry sources, an import of cotton in the current season is likely to be higher compared to the previous season's import of 12 lakh bales.
- Export registration for cotton is likely to exceed the set limit of 80 lakh bales amid good Chinese demand according to the Cotton Advisory Board.
- Total Exports in current season 2012-13 stood at 79.25 lakh bales while imports are at 7.25 lakh bales.
- Cotton prices are likely to notice steady to weak tone amid lack of demand from the millers.

**Cotton International Fundamentals**

- Cotton futures at NYMEX noticed firm tone amid fresh buying by millers.
- According to China Cotton Association, it will start procuring cotton at same price compared to previous year in order to stabilize domestic production.
- Building of stocks by China will weigh on prices in the medium –term.
- According to Pakistan Ginner's Association, production of cotton in the first nine months ending on March 31, 2013 is estimated at 12.88 million bales compared to 14.67 million bales during the same period previous year.

**Outlook:** We expect domestic cotton prices to notice sideways to weak tone amid lack of buying interest from the millers.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Apr-13	-16.0	893.0	896.5	879.5	882.50

**Volumes and OI in Lots**

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Apr-13	4941	-1114	4762	-1114

**Spread Feb-13 Apr-13**

Basis 127.5

**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
Apr-13	-14.20	890.6	891.5	875	879.50
Apr-14	-9.20	1055	1058	1046	1048.00
May-14					

**Volumes and OI lots**

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Apr-13	955	-55	944	-166
Apr-14	80	-39	433	-10
May-14				

**Spread Apr-13 Apr-14 May-14**

Spread	Apr-13	Apr-14	May-14
Basis	131.50	-	
April-13	-	92.40	
April-14	-	-	-
May-14	-	-	-

**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
30-Apr-13	-2.19	18250	18280	17730	17880
31-May-13	-1.94	18530	18560	17990	18200
28-Jun-13	-2.13	18720	18720	18240	18410
31-Jul-13	-1.94	18930	18950	18480	18680

**Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets**

Centre (1 bale = 170 Kg)	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
	16-Apr-13	15-Apr-13	
Amravati-Vunni Mech-1#	4720	-	-
Mahesana-Kadi-Bt Cotton#	5000	5100	-100
Abohar-J-34*	4035	4120	-85
Muktsar-J-34 *(Cotton )	4130	4115	15
#(Kapas BT Cotton)	4650	4700	-50
Ahmedabad-Shankar-6#	5000	5050	-50
Fajlika    #(Cotton New)	4010	4175	-165
#(Kapas BT Cotton)	4650	4750	-100
Khandwa-(M.P)	4800	4850	-50
Khargaon-(M.P)	4800	-	-
Gondal	4960	4980	-20
Rajkot-(B.T)	5000	4995	5
Sri-Ganganagar	4000	4030	-30
Patan(B.T. Cotton)	4930	4990	-60
Bhiwani- *(Cotton )	3970	4080	-110
#(Kapas BT Cotton)	4600	4700	-100

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

**Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers**

Centre (1 bale = 170 Kg)	Arrivals		Change
	16-Apr-13	15-Apr-13	
Amravati -Vunni Mech-1#	1600	-	-
Mahesana-Kadi -Bt Cotton	125	125	Unch
Abohar-J-34*	500	500	Unch
Muktsar-J-34 #(Kapas BT Cotton)	200	150	50

Ahmedabad – Shankar-6#	17000	15000	2000
Fajlika#(Kapas BT Cotton)	1000	1000	Unch
Khandwa (M.P)	800	800	Unch
Khargaon-(M.P)	2000	-	-
Gondal	493	630	-137
Rajkot-(B.T)	2410	2350	60
Sri-Ganganagar	2141	2141	Unch
Patan(B.T. Cotton)	2500	4150	-1650
Bhiwani #(Kapas BT Cotton)	500	500	Unch

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

**Cotton Association of India Spot Rates: 15/4/2013**

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy (15/4/2013)	Rs. Per Candy (13/4/2013)	Change
Bengal Deshi (RG)/ Assam Comilla(101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	34200	34400	-200
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	35100	35300	-200
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	37100	37100	Unch
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	38100	38500	-400
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	38400	38900	-500
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	39900	40400	-500
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	40800	41400	-600
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	49400	50000	-600

**Cotlook Index: As on 15/4/2013**

Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	93.10	0.90

**China Cotton Index: As on 16/4/2013**

Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	19382	-3
CCIndex(527)	17012	3
CCIndex(229)	20083	-2

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

**USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 15/4/2013**

Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		bales
Southeast	82.33	85.58	13
North Delta	81.33	83.83	1170
South Delta	81.33	83.83	NIL
East TX-OK	79.00	81.75	1618
West Texas	79.00	82.00	80
Desert SW	77.83	84.33	NIL
SJ Valley	78.83	89.48	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 15/4/2013**

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
13-May	85.81	86.2	84.19	84.33	-1.25
13-Jul	87.95	88.04	85.96	86.12	-1.5
13-Oct	86.44	86.52	85.28	85.28	-1.34
13-Dec	86.5	86.75	85.12	85.18	-1.16
14-Mar	86.06	86.15	85.11	85.11	-1.01
14-May	85.06	85.06	85.06	85.06	-1.01

**Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 15/4/2013 (in Pakistan Rupees)**

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	6800	155	6955
Equivalent	40 Kgs	7288	155	7443

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