

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton market noticed mostly weak movement.

In The News: According to Ministry of Agriculture, around 104.84 lakh hectare of area has been sown for cotton this year as on August 01, around 3.39% lower than the previous year, when it was 108.52 lakh hectares during the same period.

According to the State Agriculture Department, as on July 28, sowing of cotton in Gujarat has reached to 2.58 million hectares, 95.11% of the total area sown last year which was 2.61 million hectares.

Cotton farmers in India have requested the Union Government to impose import ban on cotton and issue measures to revive cotton export. Vidarbha Janandolan Samiti has said that prices of cotton have declined drastically since the new government has formed. Farmers urged the government to increase the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) from the existing Rs.4050 per quintal to Rs 6500 per quintal.

The Government of India has reduced insurance premium on cotton crop from 17.19% to 6%, giving relief to farmers in cotton-growing states like Gujarat and Maharashtra, after fears of weak monsoon gripped farmers.

The worries of cotton farmers are likely to be continued throughout the season though the rainfall has revived significantly. Situation for cotton is getting critical as delayed sowing has increased the sowing expenditure on one hand and expectation of less remunerative prices of cotton on other hand. The late sowing has pushed back the season by about 40 days hence new crop is likely to come in November or early December.

China's cotton import demand between September and December is likely to surge to low inventories and a lack of high-quality cotton in the huge state reserves. Currently, prices are dwindling on Uncertainty over a policy shift to crop subsidies in China and record production in USA and India-Jernigan Commodities.

With the revival of monsoon, cotton sowing in the key central regions of the country is picking up. Although continuous rains in Maharashtra slowed down the planting pace, the sowing is likely to gain momentum in coming days. According to the Central Institute of Cotton Research (CICR), despite the delayed sowing, cotton acreage would be around 110 lakh hectares this season, which was 115 lakh hectares last season.

Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), a public sector undertaking which carries out market intervention in order to support cotton farmers, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Textile Corporation (NTC) to set up a Ginning cum Pressing (GNP) mill in the Telangana. Also CCI plans to set up a warehouse with storage capacity of 100,000 tonnes.

According to Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Textile, cotton output in India during season 2014-15 is expected to decline to five year low to 30 million bales (of 170 kg. each), measuring a decline of 17% from the current year's production which is 36.5 million bales, as estimated in third advance estimate by Department of Agriculture and Co-operation.

Cotton imports are expected to notice a two-fold rise in the current season due to higher domestic prices than abroad. As estimated by Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI), cotton imports would stand around 1.5 million bales (of 170 kg each) this season (Oct'13-Sep'14) compared to 0.7 million bales last season.

International Fundamentals:

Morgan Stanley expects USA cotton crop production at 17.2 Million Bales; 4.2% higher than the USDA's estimates.

As reported by Vietnam Plus, the Government of Vietnam will assist cultivation of cotton in its provinces by allocating around 13,600 kg of cotton seeds to the cotton growers.

According to the latest report released by USDA, on July 20, 2014, 52% of cotton crop in USA was in excellent to good condition compared to 53% a week ago and 44% a year ago. 76 % squaring has reported in cotton which was 70% last week and 85% a year ago.

Cotton crop in China is witnessing a slower and dull growth this year compared to previous year due to unfavorable weather conditions and pest damage, said China Cotton Association (CCA). The CCA also forecasted that China's cotton planting area would fall to 4.08 million hectares in 2014, lower 12.6 percent year on year basis.

Outlook

We expect domestic prices to remain weak in near term.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Apr-15	7	810	825	809	818	3184	-2925	9905	368

Spread	Apr-15		
Spot	211	--	--

(NB: Spread was done by taking avg. spot prices at Rajkot – B.T. Cotton market. Basis = Spot- Near Month Future)

*Updated at 5:00 pm on 01 August, 2014

MCX Cotton Futures*: (Prices in Rs/170 kgs)

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Oct-14	-70	17340	17400	17280	17290	904	224	2203	-240
Nov-14	-40	16680	16750	16650	16650	281	-125	2453	285
Dec-14	-30	16530	16620	16520	16520	273	-11	2828	197

Spread	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	
Spot	--			
Oct-14		1760		
Nov-14			630	
Dec-14				

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DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS
Cotton Prices at Key Spot Market:

Centre	Variety	Prices		Change
		1-Aug-14	31-Jul-14	
	Kapas	(Rs./Qtl)		
Amravati	Mech-1	5250	5250	Unch
Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Kapas	(Rs./Qtl.)		
Mahesana(Kadi)	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5145	5175	-30
Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	5050	5050	Unch
Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Uchana (Jind)	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rawatsar (Hanumangarh)	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kapas	(Rs./Qtl.)		
Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	NA	4750	-
Gondal	Shankar-6	4735	4855	-120
	Kapas	(Rs/Qtl)		
Bijapur	Bunny	5039	5150	-111
Hubli	D.C.H.	-	-	-
Raichur	H-44 Cotton	-	4300	-
	Lint	(Rs./Maund of 37.32kg each)		
Abohar	J-34	4190	4200	-10
Muktsar	J-34	4190	4250	-60
Fazilika	J-34	NA	NA	-
Bhatinda	J-34	4250	4265	-15
Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Sirsa	J-34	4145	4140	5
Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-
Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Variety	Arrivals (Qtl)		Change
		1-Aug-14	31-Jul-14	
Amravati	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Mahesana(Kadi)	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	600	1100	-500
Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Uchana (Jind)	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rawatsar (Hanumangarh)	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	NA	1700	-
Gondal	Shankar-6	70	166	-96
Bijapur	Bunny	67	186	-119
Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	25	-
Abohar	J-34	NA	NA	-
Muktsar	J-34	NA	NA	-
Bhatinda	J-34	NA	NA	-
Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Sirsa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-
Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				31-Jul-14	30-Jul-14	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	37500	37500	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	38000	38000	Unch

J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	38300	38300	Unch
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	27	38500	38700	-200
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 – 4.9	28	39500	39700	-200
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	41300	41500	-200
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	42200	42400	-200
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	58800	59000	-200

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 31/7/2014

Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	17139	-8
CCIndex(527)	16046	-2
CCIndex(229)	17795	-3

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

Cotlook Index: As on 31/7/2014

Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	79.6	-0.80

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 31/7/2014

Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		bales
Southeast	67.09	70.84	NIL
North Delta	65.59	68.09	33
South Delta	65.59	68.09	NIL
East TX-OK	62	64.25	NIL
West Texas	62	64	NIL
Desert SW	61.09	67.84	NIL
SJ Valley	61.34	71.99	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 31/7/2014

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Oct-14	63.3	63.3	61.9	62.09	-1.25
Dec-14	63.95	64	62.32	62.87	-1.13
Mar-15	64.78	64.86	63.26	63.51	-1.33
May-15	65.88	65.88	64.43	64.66	-1.33
Jul-15	67	67	65.65	65.87	-1.23
Oct-15	66.3	66.3	66.3	66.3	-2.16

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 28/7/2014 (in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	5700	155	5855
Equivalent	40 Kgs	6109	155	6264

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