

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton spot market noticed mixed on Wednesday.

In The News: According to Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India (ICRA), cotton prices in year 2016 is likely to remain range bound despite the expectation of fall in production by 10-15%. ICRA in its report said that in the last four year (CY 2011-12 to 2014-15), the global cotton prices and trade were majorly driven by government policies in various producing and consuming countries, despite the increasing supply and negligible growth in demand.

Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has sold around 15 lakh bales of cotton so far from the stock of 87 lakh bales which it procured during the current season under the procurement operation, said Indian Cotton Federation (ICF).

Cotton sowing has been started in almost every cotton growing region including Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka following the arrival of good rainfall in the states. Cumulative rainfall during 01 June to 22 June in the current monsoon season (starting from 01 June) stood 126.1 mm, around 21% higher than the normal rainfall of 103.8 mm for the same period.

Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) has issued the district specific advisory for sowing cotton across the country, considering the difference in the status of monsoon in different states. CICR has suggested the immediate sowing in Maharashtra in the coming week particularly in Jalgaon, Yavatmal, Nanded, Amravati, Buldana and Aurangabad districts as dry situation is expected in the period of July 03-16.

Around 19.66 lakh hectares of cotton has been sown so far throughout the country, as on 19 June this year, which is around 1.7% lower when compared to the sowing progress of last season during the corresponding period which was 20.00 lakh hectares, according to Ministry of Agriculture.

India exported 0.449 lakh bales of cotton last week (08-14 June 2015), which was 0.453 lakh bales previous to last week (31 May-07 June 2015), according to the data released by IBIS and compiled by Agriwatch. Imports on the other hand stood 0.259 lakh bales last week, which was 0.254 lakh bales previous to last week.

Minimum Support Price (MSP) of cotton has been revised upwardly for the year 2015-16 by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CACP) by Rs 50 for each of Medium and Long staple. The MSP of Medium staple cotton has been revised to Rs 3800 per quintal for 2015-16 which was Rs. 3750 in 2014-15. Similarly, the MSP for Long staple has been revised to Rs. 4100 for the upcoming season 2015-16, which was Rs 4050 in the current season.

Cotton consumption in India is likely to increase by around 5.09% in the coming season i.e. 2015-16 to 5.606 million tones as compared to 5.334 million tones in the current season, said USDA. Consumption on global front too is likely to increase by around 3.44% to 25.10 million tones in 2015-16 as compared to 24.27 million tones in current season.

All India cotton arrivals, as on May 30, 2015 has reached 27.5 million 480 lb. bales (35.3 million 170 kg bales/5.9 mmt), as reported by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI). The pace of arrivals has slowed by around 5 percent when compared to last year. CCI procurement under MSP stood at 6.8 million 480 lb. bales (8.7 million 170 kg bales/1.5 mmt) during the current season. CCI sales reported as of May 30 have recorded 1 million 480 lb. bales (1.3 million 170 kg bales/221,000 mt).

International Fundamentals:

Around 94% of cotton planting has been completed in USA as on June 21 this year, which was 91% last week and 99% last year on same date, according to USDA. The five year average sowing progress is 100% as on date, slightly higher than the current sowing pace.

In the month of May, China imported 163,000 tons of cotton, around 14.8 percent lower when compared to the imports during the same month in 2014. China cotton imports has fallen drastically this year after the country announced that it would restrict low-tariff quotas to 894,000 tons, the amount agreed with World Trade Organisation.

World cotton production estimates for the season 2015-16 has been upwardly revised by USDA. Cotton production on global front is likely to stand around 24.238 million tons in the coming season around 0.07% higher when compared to the estimates of previous month which was 24.222 million tons and around 6.34% lower when compared to the production of current month.

Outlook

We expect domestic prices to remain range bound to weak in near term.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Apr-16	-0.5	892.5	897.5	890	893.5	1658	574	3313	295
Spread	Apr-15								
Spot	10.5				--		--		

(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 24 June 2015

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Jul-15	-50	15790	15820	15670	15730	1505	796	4326	508
Oct-15	-140	16580	16600	16450	16460	149	103	473	43
Nov-15	-130	16190	16190	16160	16160	17	13	109	-5
Dec-15	-90	16280	16280	16190	16200	116	29	601	155
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Spread	Jul-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15					
Spot	--								
Jul-15		-730							
Oct-15			300						
Nov-15				-40					
Dec-15					--				
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(NB: Spread Basis = Spot- Near Month Future)

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DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS
Cotton Prices at Key Spot Market:

Centre	Variety	Prices		Change
		24-Jun-15	23-Jun-15	
	Kapas	(Rs./Qtl)		
Amravati	Mech-1	4700	4700	Unch
Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Kapas			
Mahesana(Kadi)	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	4560	4560	Unch
Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	4600	-
Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	4750	4750	Unch
Adampur	B.T. Cotton	4710	4700	10
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	-
Hathras	B.T. Cotton(US)	NA	NA	-
Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kapas			
Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	4350	4500	-150
Gondal	Shankar-6	4545	4545	Unch
	Kapas			
Jamner (Jalgaon)	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Bijapur	Bunny	NA	NA	-
Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
Raichur	H-44 Cotton	4700	4680	20
Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	4050	-
	Lint	Rs/Maund (of 37.32 Kg each)		
Abohar	J-34	3820	3820	Unch
Muktsar	J-34	NA	NA	-
Fazilika	J-34	NA	NA	-
Bhatinda	J-34	3620	3630	-10
Sirsa	J-34	3680	3680	Unch
Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	3431	3431	Unch

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Variety	Arrivals (Qtl)		Change
		24-Jun-15	23-Jun-15	
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	NA	800	-
Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	6	-
Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Muktsar	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	-
Hathras	B.T. Cotton(US)	NA	NA	-
Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	1700	850	850
Gondal	Shankar-6	NA	92	-
Jamner (Jalgaon)	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Bijapur	Bunny	NA	NA	-
Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
Raichur	H-44 Cotton	225	240	-15
Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Abohar	J-34	NA	NA	-
Bhatinda	J-34	NA	NA	-
Sirsa	J-34	NA	17	-
Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy		Change
				23-Jun-15	22-Jun-15	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	< 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	34600	34600	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	< 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	35100	35100	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	35100	35200	-100
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	27	33000	33100	-100
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 – 4.9	28	33700	33800	-100
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	34900	35000	-100
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	35900	36000	-100
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	44000	44000	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Prices
Refined Cotton Seed Oil at Key Centers:

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		24-Jun-15	23-Jun-15	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	615	615	Unch
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	605	605	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	590	585	5
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	610	610	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices
Cotton Seed Oil Cake Prices at Key Centers:

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		24-Jun-15	23-Jun-15	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1922	1921	1
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1808	1818	-10

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 24/6/2015		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	13297	-33
CCIndex(527)	12180	-7
CCIndex(229)	13996	-19
RMB - Renminbi, 1RMB = 0.16 \$U.S.		

China Foreign Cotton (FC) Index : As on 24/6/2015

Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	78.57	-0.75
FC Index (M)	72.28	-1.04
FC Index (L)	71.08	-0.34

Cotlook Index: As on 23/6/2015

Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	72.05	0.80

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 23/6/2015

Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		bales
Southeast	67.23	63.98	NIL
North Delta	65.98	63.23	NIL
South Delta	65.98	63.23	NIL
East TX-OK	63.25	61.00	NIL
West Texas	63.25	61.00	NIL
Desert SW	68.98	62.48	NIL
SJ Valley	73.38	63.48	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 23/6/2015

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
15-Jul	64.00	64.05	62.98	63.58	-0.45
15-Oct	65.89	66.00	64.94	65.48	-0.42
15-Dec	64.95	65.03	63.93	64.55	-0.25
16-Mar	64.66	64.94	64.00	64.62	-0.13
16-May	64.80	65.25	64.33	64.95	-0.10
16-Jul	64.95	65.28	64.92	65.28	-0.07

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 23/6/2015 (in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	5250	150	5400
Equivalent	40 Kgs	5626	160	5786

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