

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton spot market noticed steady to firm tone on Wednesday.

In The News: Cotton Association of India (CAI) kept its cotton production estimates for season 2014-15 at 382.75 lakh bales in June, unchanged from the previous month estimates. According to the association, total cotton supply would be around 453.65 lakh bales and the consumption would stand around 315 lakh bales. Total available surplus including exports would be around 138.56 lakh bales.

The inability of Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) to sell the cotton, which it procured under MSP operation is likely to lead to the bulged cotton stock in the country. According to Cotton Association of India (CAI) cotton inventory are likely to increase by around 25% to 7.39 million bales in 2014-15 as compared to 5.89 million bales a year ago. Following the situation cotton prices are likely to go southwards further.

Around 101.91 lakh hectares of cotton has been sown so far throughout the country, as on 31 July this year. This is around 2.79% lower when compared to the corresponding sowing progress of last season which was 104.84 lakh hectares, according to Ministry of Agriculture.

Around 88.86% of the cotton sowing has been completed in Gujarat, according to State Agriculture Department. Area sown under cotton as on 27 July 2015 stood 24.23 lakh hectares in Gujarat against the total normal area of 27.26 lakh hectares and previous year as on date area of 25.84 lakh hectares.

In Andhra Pradesh, around 47.72% of the cotton planting has been completed so far. Around 2.78 lakh hectares of cotton has been planted as on 29 July 2015 which is around 53.3% lower when compared to the area sown for cotton during the same period last year which was 5.98 lakh hectares.

Cotton export to China from India has declined by 56.72 per cent in 2014-15, which has caused cotton prices in domestic market to fall drastically. In year 2014-15 India exported only 26 lakh bales of cotton to China in 2014-15 against 61 lakh bales in 2013-14. Citing the situation, Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in the written reply to Rajya Sabha that due to this reason cotton domestic prices are ruling weaker as compared to the previous year and cotton policy adopted by China is the major cause for less imports.

According to the officials, India is likely to sell its cotton to Thailand too, after succeeding in selling cotton to Bangladesh. One of the biggest mills in Thailand has shown interest in buying cotton from India. According to the CCI officials, samples of cotton from India have approved and CCI is all set to get buyers from Thailand, besides Bangladesh.

Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) is getting good response for its e-auctions, said India Cotton Federation (ICF). Miller, traders and exporters are buying cotton from CCI according to their current and future requirements. Currently CCI is holding the unsold stock of approximately 62 lakh bales out of approximately 87 lakh, which it procured in the current season under the MSP operation.

Cotton output in India is likely to be around 6.423 million tones (377.8 lakh bales of 170 kg each.) in the season 2015-16, same as the output of season 2014-15, according to USDA. The country is likely to export 1.023 million tones (60.17 lakh bales of 170 kg each.) of cotton in 2015-16, around 17.45% higher when compared to export in season 2014-15 which was 0.871 million tones (51.23 lakh bales of 170 kg each), said USDA.

International Fundamentals:

USDA estimated cotton imports to be around 7.41 million tones in 2015-16, around 1.5% lower when compared to the imports in the current season i.e. 2014-15. It should be noted the net fall in the cotton imports is caused by the lower cotton imports by China, otherwise all the major importing nation are expected to import higher in 2015-16.

In its July estimates, USDA estimated world cotton export to be around 7.413 million tones in season 2015-16, around 1.6% lower when compared to export in the current season that is 2014-15. Except India and Uzbekistan, where exports would be on higher side and Burkina where export would remain steady, all the major exporting countries are likely to face fall in exports.

Egypt's cabinet decide to cancel a temporary ban on cotton imports imposed last week and form a committee to review agricultural policy on cotton.

Outlook

We expect domestic prices to remain range bound to firm in the near -term.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Feb-16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Apr-16	4	844	852	838.5	848	1726	467	2703	-9
Spread	Feb-16			Apr-16					
Spot	--			--					
Feb-16	--			91					

(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 05 August 2015

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Oct-15	100	15920	16150	15870	16050	395	164	2052	-19
Nov-15	130	15650	15870	15590	15790	97	9	559	33
Dec-15	110	15640	15870	15600	15780	150	-8	2163	-11
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Spread	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	--					
Spot	--								
Oct-15		270							
Nov-15			-10						
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 Markets:

Centre	Variety	Prices		Change
		5-Aug-15	4-Aug-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	4695	4670	25
Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	NA	4500	-
Adampur	B.T. Cotton	4690	4650	40
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	NA	NA	-
Gondal	Shankar-6	4605	4605	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	3900	4000	-100
Guntur	Un-Ginned	4050	4050	Unch
Kurnool	Un-Ginned	4050	4050	Unch
Krishna	Un-Ginned	4100	4050	50
East Godavari	Un-Ginned	4050	4050	Unch
	Lint	Rs./Maund of 37.32kg each)		
Abohar	J-34	3700	3680	20
Muktsar	J-34	NA	NA	-
Fazilika	J-34	NA	NA	-
Bhatinda	J-34	3705	3700	5
Sirsa	J-34	3625	3620	5
Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	3384	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Variety	Arrivals (Qtl)		Change
		5-Aug-15	4-Aug-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	240	200	40
Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
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	NA	NA	-
Gondal	Shankar-6	153	167	-14
Jamner (Jalgaon)	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Bijapur	Bunny	NA	NA	-
Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
Raichur	H-44 Cotton	22	7	15
Guntur	Un-Ginned	1	1	Unch
Kurnool	Un-Ginned	1	1	Unch
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	NA	-
Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy		Change
				4-Aug-15	3-Aug-15	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	33200	33200	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	33700	33700	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	33100	33100	Unch
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	27	33100	31500	1600
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 – 4.9	28	31700	33700	-2000
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	34200	34200	Unch
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	35200	35200	Unch
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	42700	42700	Unch

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		5-Aug-15	4-Aug-15	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	595	595	Unch
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	590	590	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	570	580	-10
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	605	605	Unch

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		5-Aug-15	4-Aug-15	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1960	1967	-7
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1923	1925	-2

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 5/8/2015		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	13141	13
CCIndex(527)	12029	2
CCIndex(229)	13767	-3

China Foreign Cotton (FC) Index : As on 27/7/2015		
Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	78.63	0.20
FC Index (M)	72.13	Unch
FC Index (L)	69.44	Unch

Cotlook Index: As on 4/8/2015		
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	71.90	-0.20

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 4/8/2015			
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		bales
Southeast	63.41	66.66	NIL
North Delta	62.66	65.41	NIL
South Delta	62.66	65.41	NIL
East TX-OK	59.00	61.25	NIL
West Texas	59.00	61.25	NIL
Desert SW	61.91	68.41	NIL
SJ Valley	62.91	72.81	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 4/8/2015

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
15-Oct	65.25	65.49	64.91	64.91	-0.45
15-Dec	63.70	64.25	63.37	63.64	-0.36
16-Mar	63.50	64.18	63.37	63.62	-0.36
16-May	63.68	63.93	63.64	63.88	-0.35
16-Jul	63.99	64.24	63.95	64.14	-0.34
16-Oct	64.35	64.35	64.35	64.35	-0.39

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 4/8/2015 (in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	4600	150	4750
Equivalent	40 Kgs	4930	160	5090

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