

## Domestic Fundamentals:

**Market Outlook:** Cotton spot market noticed mostly firm tone on Thursday.

**In The News:** According to the first advance estimates for Kharif 2015-16 released by Department of Agriculture and Co-operation (DAC), Ministry of Agriculture, cotton production in country would be around 33.51 million bales (of 170 kg each), fairly lower when compared to the final estimates for 2014-15 which was 35.47 million bales.

To purchase cotton directly from farmers, 90 outlets of Cotton Corporation (CCI) of India would start working from Oct 10 in Telangana, said Marketing minister T Harish Rao. He also said that government would issue the identity cards shortly to cotton farmers in state.

Immediate compensation of Rs 10 crore has been announced by the Punjab Chief Minister, Parkash Singh Badal for the farmers who have uprooted their cotton crop due to the attack of white fly.

Around 114.75 lakh hectares of cotton has been sown so far throughout the country, as on 11 September this year. This is around 8.5% lower than the corresponding sowing progress of last season which was 125.29 lakh hectares, according to Ministry of Agriculture.

According to USDA's FAS (Foreign Agriculture Services), Mumbai, Cotton production in India would be around 37 million bales (of 170 kg each) in the season 2015-16 starting from October. Yield is expected to stand around 524 Kg per hectares against the five year average yield of 527 kg per hectare. The reason for the fall in the yield is the deficient rainfall in the latter half of the monsoon season which has slowed down the boll development and attack of pink bollworm and whitefly on the crop in Gujarat and Punjab respectively.

Around 377.5 lakh bales of cotton has been arrived in the market till 27 August 2015 from the 2014-15 crop, is the 97 percent of the total production during the season, said Cotton Corporation of India (CCI). CCI has auctioned 54.5 lakh bales (of 170 kg each), which is around 62 percent of the total procurement done by the CCI under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation during the season 2014-15.

Gujarat is likely to produce 95.29 Lakh tons of cotton in 2015-16 according to the first advance estimate released by the State Agriculture Department. Yield of cotton (lint yield) would stand around 600 kg per hectares in 2015-16.

Cotton Association of India (CAI) has released its first estimates for season 2015-16. According to CAI cotton production in the country would be around 380 lakh bales, and would be majorly contributed by the central zone of the country including the states Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. On the better situation of rain, which has boosted the yield, cotton production would stand similar to the current season in 2015-16, despite the fall in acreage. Total supply would be around 470.65 lakh bales where as domestic consumption would be around 325 lakh bales.

Cotton output in central region of the India, including Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra is likely to be around 203 lakh bales in 2015-16, marginally lower than the current season's output of 204.50 lakh bales, said CAI. In northern zone, which includes Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan cotton output is expected to surge slightly to 55.50 in 2015 from 53.50 lakh bales in current season. In southern region, including Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu cotton production is expected to fall slightly to 115.50 lakh bales in 2015-16 from 118.75 lakh bales in current season.

### International Fundamentals:

Cotton imports by China in August stood 70,000 tons, the lowest monthly import since at least year 2005 and around 65.8 percent lower than the imports during the same month last year, as revealed by custom data. The fall in the import is the result of issuance of lower import quota by Beijing in order to amplify the demand of domestic crop.

USDA has further slashed down the cotton production estimates for the season 2015-16 to 23.67 million tons in September, which was earlier estimated to be around 23.73 million tons a month ago. Cotton production for the season 2014-15, according to USDA would be standing around 25.89 million tons.

World cotton exports in 2015-16 according to USDA are likely to be around 7.45 million tons as per the latest estimates by USDA, slightly lower than 7.51 million tons, which was estimated a month ago. According to USDA, world cotton export for the season 2014-15 is likely to stand around 7.70 million tons.

### Outlook

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

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Feb-16	-3	787	815	787	815	2	--	17	--
Apr-16	-2.5	840	840	834	835.5	1579	355	6092	-275

  

Spread	Feb-16	Apr-16
Spot	157	
Feb-16		-20.5

(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 16 September 2015

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Oct-15	-40	15960	16010	15910	15930	474	358	2147	204
Nov-15	-60	15850	15910	15790	15800	265	159	1119	94
Dec-15	-60	15990	16000	15830	15840	271	85	4216	20
Jan-16	-70	16050	16050	16000	16000	15	-28	628	-17

  

Spread	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16
Spot	--			
Oct-15		130		
Nov-15			-40	
Dec-15				-160
Jan-16				

(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
		17-Sep-15	16-Sep-15	
	<b>Kapas</b>	<b>(Rs./Qtl)</b>		
Amravati	Mech-1	4800	4800	Unch
Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	<b>Kapas</b>	<b>(Rs./Qtl)</b>		
Mahesana(Kadi)	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	Closed	4860	-
Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Muktsar	B.T. Cotton*	4300	4250	50
Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Bhiwani	Desi*	NA	NA	-
Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton*	4700	4650	50
Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Dabwali	B.T. Cotton*	4360	4215	145
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	-
	<b>Kapas</b>	<b>(Rs./Qtl)</b>		
Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	NA	NA	-
Gondal	Shankar-6	4830	5005	-175
	<b>Kapas</b>	<b>(Rs./Qtl)</b>		
Jamner (Jalgaon)	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Hathras	Desi	4150	4150	Unch
Bijapur	Bunny	NA	NA	-
Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	NA	-
Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	4050	-
East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	4050	-
	<b>Lint</b>	<b>Rs./Maund (of 37.3242 kg each)</b>		
Abohar	J-34*	3590	3580	10
Muktsar	J-34	NA	NA	-
Fazilika	J-34	NA	NA	-
Bhatinda	J-34*	3560	3550	10

Sirsa	J-34*	3565	3560	5
Mansa	J-34*	3585	3570	15
Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	3455	3455	Unch

\*New Crop Prices

### Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Variety	Arrivals (Qtl)		Change
		17-Sep-15	16-Sep-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	490	-
Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	5	-
Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	850	170	680
Bhiwani	Desi*	NA	NA	-
Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	6000	5000	1000
Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	100	110	-10
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	152	305	-153
Jamner (Jalgaon)	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Bijapur	Bunny	NA	NA	-
Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	7	-
Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Abohar	J-34	85	510	-425
Bhatinda	J-34	425	510	-85

Sirsa	J-34	80	80	Unch
Mansa	J-34	50	NA	-
Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

**Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:**

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy		Change
				16-Sep-15	15-Sep-15	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	< 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	32700	32700	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	< 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	33200	33200	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	33300	33500	-200
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	32700	33000	-300
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	34500	34700	-200
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	33600	33800	-200
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	34700	34800	-100
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	42500	42500	Unch

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		17-Sep-15	16-Sep-15	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	620	620	Unch
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	598	598	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	Closed	600	-
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	Closed	630	-

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		17-Sep-15	16-Sep-15	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	Closed	2052	-
Akola	Rs./Qtl	Closed	2081	-

**INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES**

China Cotton Index: As on 17/9/2015		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	13058	1
CCIndex(527)	11956	3
CCIndex(229)	13636	-1

**China Foreign Cotton (FC) Index : As on 17/9/2015**

Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	75.79	Unch
FC Index (M)	70.36	Unch
FC Index (L)	67.41	Unch

**Cotlook Index: As on 16/9/2015**

Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	69.25	-0.10

**USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 16/9/2015**

Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		bales
Southeast	60.88	64.13	NIL
North Delta	60.13	62.88	NIL
South Delta	60.13	62.88	NIL
East TX-OK	59.25	61.50	391
West Texas	58.25	60.50	NIL
Desert SW	59.38	65.88	NIL
SJ Valley	60.38	70.28	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 16/9/2015**

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
15-Oct	63.35	63.35	62.29	62.38	-0.44
15-Dec	62.52	62.93	62.29	62.71	0.19
16-Mar	62.39	62.68	62.06	62.42	0.03
16-May	62.77	63.00	62.46	62.70	-0.07
16-Jul	63.16	63.18	62.84	62.94	-0.17
16-Oct	62.02	62.02	62.02	62.02	-0.16

**Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 16/9/2015 (in Pakistan Rupees)**

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	4700	135	4835
Equivalent	40 Kgs	5037	145	5182

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