

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton spot prices witnessed range –bound to weak tone on Monday.

In The News: According to industry sources, India cotton exports are expected to decline by 10 per cent to 6 million bales in the current year ending September amid increase in domestic prices, which has made the fibre uncompetitive in the global market. India had exported 6.7 million bales (Of 150 kg each) in the 2014 - 15 marketing year. Till date in the current marketing year 2015 -16, India has exported around 5 million bales. Currently not much export is taking place as global prices are declining and domestic cotton prices are increasing.

Around two-third of the cotton crop had been damaged last year in Punjab amid whitefly attack. Farmers in Malwa are looking for different alternatives to cotton to grow this season. The government is trying to convince the farmers to give another try for cotton.

The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to reduce the Bt Cotton area in the state from 6.7 lakh hectares to 4.5 lakh hectares after the crop developed pink bollworm pest. The state agriculture department will take up a massive campaign to create awareness among farmers against sowing Bt cotton in red and light soil regions.

According to Cotton Association of India (CAI), output of cotton in India for 2015 -16 season is estimated to be around 341 lakh bales compared to 382.75 lakh bales in 2014 -15. The projected balance sheet drawn by the CAI estimated total cotton supply for the season 2015-16 at 428.60 lakh bales while the domestic consumption is estimated at 305 lakh bales.

India exported 0.658 lakh bales of cotton last week (25 Apr -01 May 2016), which was 0.739 lakh bales previous to last week (18 -24 Apr 2016), according to the data released by IBIS and compiled by Agriwatch.

Major importer of Indian cotton during the week (25 Apr -01 May, 2016) was Bangladesh. According to the data released by IBIS and compiled by Agriwatch, Bangladesh imported 0.358 lakh bales of cotton from India in the past week (25 Apr -01 May 2016). Other major importers were Pakistan, China, Vietnam and Indonesia and their imported volumes were 0.097 lakh bales, 0.084 lakh bales, 0.078 lakh bales and 0.007 lakh bales respectively.

Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) in its second advance estimates, has revised the cotton production estimates downwardly for the season 2015-16 at 306.92 lakh bales (of 170 kg each). For the season 2014-15, the estimate was 346.23 lakh bales according to the first advance estimates for the season.

The Foreign Agriculture Services (FAS), division of USDA has lowered the production forecast for India in its latest report to 356 lakh bales. The reason for the downfall in the revision is lower yield expectation in Punjab and Haryana due to the attack of white fly and impact of pink bollworm in Gujarat.

According to Cotton Association of India (CAI), the arrivals during 2015-16 season up to the end of March 2016 are estimated at 280.15 lakh bales compared to 318.45 lakh bales arrived up to the same period last year. This reduction in the arrivals of cotton is an indication of a lower crop this season.

International Fundamentals:

The Chinese government has started the auction of its huge reserves of cotton this month. Stocks of cotton are expected to decline amid decline in Chinese imports and falling domestic production. The ICAC forecast that a policy of government auctions, and import limitations, will lower Chinese cotton stocks by 7% in 2015-16, and a further 10% in 2016-17. The US Department of Agriculture has forecast China's cotton stocks to fall by 6% in 2015-16, to 13.9m tons.

According to Cotton South Africa, cotton harvest in the country is likely to decline by around 50% this season as farmers are switching to more profitable crops such as corn. The nation will probably produce 48,262 bales of cotton in the 2015-16 season, including an estimated 600 bales from Swaziland, a tiny monarchy surrounded by South Africa.

According to USDA latest report, global 2015/16 cotton ending stocks are revised down this month. World 2015-16 cotton production is projected at 99.8 million bales, 16 per cent below last season. World ending stocks are now projected at 102.2 million bales.

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
Con_1	-7.00	888	889.5	880.5	881	803	-587	15826	0
Con_2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Spread	May-16	May-17	
Spot	136		-
May-17		881	-

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

*Updated at 5.25 pm on 09 May- 2016

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
May-16	-110	17500	17500	17240	17350	1541	-559	665103	257552
July-16	-110	17740	17820	17720	17740	381	9	149654	-24599
Sep-16	-80	17280	17280	17150	17180	165	85	63757	42396

Spread	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	--	--
Spot	—			-	-	-
May-16		-390		-	-	-
July-16			560	-	-	-
Sep-16	—	-	-	-	-	-

(NB: Spread Basis = Spot- Near Month Future)

* Updated at 5.25 pm on 09 May 2016

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	9-May-16	7-May-16	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5125	5100	25
	Gondal	Shankar-6	4990	4990	Unch
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5085	5070	15
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	Closed	5075	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5100	5200	-100
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	Closed	4995	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5200	5200	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	4800	4800	Unch
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	4985	5025	-40
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	5000	5050	-50
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	5000	5000	Unch
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	4600	4700	-100
	Khargaon	Mech-1	4985	5080	-95
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	4900	4900	Unch
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	4827	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4300	4300	Unch
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	4200	4200	Unch
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	4100	4100	Unch
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	5299	5289	10
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	5150	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change

State	Centre	Variety	9-May-16	7-May-16	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	3815	3815	Unch
	Abohar	J-34	3790	3800	-10
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	3720	3620	100
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	9-May-16	7-May-16	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	20400	22100	-1700
	Gondal	Shankar-6	975	984	-9
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	1245	1160	85
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	Closed	1350	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	12500	25000	-12500
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	Closed	48	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	400	400	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	213	170	43
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	25	10	15
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	50	50	Unch
	Khargaon	Mech-1	600	600	Unch
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5000	6000	-1000
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	18	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-

Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	370	960	-590
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	255	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	9-May-16	7-May-16	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	170	255	-85
	Abohar	J-34	NA	17	-
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	102	85	17
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				7-May-16	6-May-16	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	32200	32200	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	32700	32700	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	34500	34500	Unch
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	27	34100	34100	Unch
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 – 4.9	28	34800	34800	Unch
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	37100	37100	Unch
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	38000	38000	Unch
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	49500	49500	Unch

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		9-May-16	7-May-16	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	665	666	-1
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	640	640	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	645	645	Unch
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	657	660	-3

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		9-May-16	7-May-16	

Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2311	2303	8
Akola	Rs./Qtl	2263	2314	-51

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 9-May-2016		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	12476	11
CCIndex(527)	11402	3
CCIndex(229)	12818	8
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 6-May-2016		
Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	73.72	0.10
FC Index (M)	70.84	0.04
FC Index (L)	68.10	0.06

Cotlook Index: As on 6-May-2016		
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	69.65	-0.90

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 6-May-2016			
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		bales
Southeast	62.33	65.58	1031
North Delta	62.08	64.83	Nil
South Delta	62.08	64.83	86
East TX-OK	56.75	58.75	88
West Texas	56.75	58.50	1307
Desert SW	58.58	64.58	100
SJ Valley	59.83	69.73	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 6-May-2016

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
16-May	62.00	62.00	61.63	61.63	Unch
16-Jul	62.02	62.20	61.66	61.83	0.04
16-Oct	62.05	62.27	61.90	62.11	0.28
16-Dec	61.25	61.55	61.01	61.37	0.36
17-Mar	61.43	61.88	61.40	61.71	0.30
17-May	61.95	62.17	61.75	62.11	0.31

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 7-May-2016

(in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	5650	135	5785
Equivalent	40 Kgs	6055	145	6200

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