

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton spot prices noticed mixed tone on Wednesday.

In The News: According to preliminary report by the government, cotton sowing till date has been covered under 9.87 lakh hectares compared to 14.30 lakh hectares during the same period previous year.

According to sources, the delay in cotton sowing in Gujarat by around 10 days is likely to favour farmers as the fear of pink bollworm in the cotton crop will be eliminated. If cotton sowing begins after the first shower of monsoon, pink bollworm is likely to be eliminated.

Indian cotton planting in the 2016 -17 marketing season is likely to decline to the lowest in seven sources according to industry sources. Forecast of good monsoon and pest attack in certain states during the previous season are motivating farmers to switch other crops like sugarcane, peanut and pulses. Cotton planting area is likely to decline to around 11 million hectares in the next marketing year that starts on Oct. 1, the lowest since 2009/10 compared to 11.9 million hectares in the current marketing year.

The Cotton Association of India (CAI) has estimated India's cotton output in 2015 -16 at 341.50 lakh bales (of 170 kg each), around 10.8 per cent lower than compared to the previous year's production of 383 lakh bales. The projected balance sheet drawn by the CAI for 2015-16 pegs total supply at 429.10 lakh bales, while domestic consumption is seen at 305 lakh bales, thus leaving an available surplus of 124.10 lakh bales.

India exported 0.526 lakh bales of cotton last week (06 -12 June 2016), which was 0.619 lakh bales previous to last week (30 May -05 June, 2016), according to the data released by IBIS and compiled by Agriwatch.

Major importer of Indian cotton during the week (06 -12 June, 2016) was Bangladesh. According to the data released by IBIS and compiled by Agriwatch, Bangladesh imported 0.347 lakh bales of cotton from India in the past week (06 -12 June, 2016). Other major importers were Vietnam, China, Djibouti and Pakistan and their imported volumes were 0.064 lakh bales, 0.052 lakh bales, 0.029 lakh bales and 0.026 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 April 2016 are estimated at 302.40 lakh bales, lower compared to previous year. This reduction in the arrivals of cotton is an indication of a lower crop this season.

International Fundamentals:

According to the Central Agency for Public Mobilisation and Statistics (CAPMAS), exports of Egyptian cotton declined by 54.2% in the second quarter of the agricultural season 2015-16.

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 US Department of Agriculture has forecast China's cotton stocks to fall by 6% in 2015-16, to 13.9m tons. As expected, prices have started declining recently with the unloading of stocks.

Cotton gins are declining as Arkansas farmers abandon cotton for more profitable crops. The number of gins in the state has declined from 86 to 26 in the past 15 years according to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

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	+3.50	929.5	937.5	929.5	932	3131	497	364704	0
Con_2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Spread	April-17		
Spot	238		-
May-17	-	-	-

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

*Updated at 7.12 pm on 15 June- 2016

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
July-16	310	19510	19820	19510	19800	2258	-814	1092954	388173
Nov-16	-10	19380	19490	19270	19300	451	-97	218574	70414

Spread	Apr-16	May-16	Jul-16	Nov-16	--	--
Spot	—			-	-	-
July-16		-		-	-	-
Nov-16			500	-	-	-
	—			-	-	-

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

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DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS
Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	15-Jun-16	14-Jun-16	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5750	5750	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5865	6000	-135
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5850	5875	-25
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5550	5625	-75
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5655	5655	Unch
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5500	5500	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	5775	5730	45
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	5750	5725	25
	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	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5800	5800	Unch
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4400	4400	Unch
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	4100	4100	Unch
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	6001	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	5000	5100	-100
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	15-Jun-16	14-Jun-16	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4175	4170	5
	Abohar	J-34	4200	4170	30

	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4150	4160	-10
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	15-Jun-16	14-Jun-16	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5100	6800	-1700
	Gondal	Shankar-6	443	464	-21
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	940	975	-35
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	600	1000	-400
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	15	21	-6
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	200	200	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	298	340	-43
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	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	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	800	1200	-400
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
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	NA	650	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-

	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	112	60	52
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	15-Jun-16	14-Jun-16	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Abohar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	NA	NA	-
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
				14-Jun-16	13-Jun-16	
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	38300	38000	300
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	39100	38600	500
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	39500	39000	500
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	41800	41300	500
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	42400	41900	500
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	53000	52500	500

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		15-Jun-16	14-Jun-16	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	665	665	Unch
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	650	650	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	635	635	Unch
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	670	672	-2

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		15-Jun-16	14-Jun-16	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2576	2584	-8
Akola	Rs./Qtl	2536	2531	5

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 15-June-2016		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	12669	1
CCIndex(527)	11721	Unch
CCIndex(229)	12997	2
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 15-June-2016		
Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	75.94	-0.28
FC Index (M)	73.54	-0.23
FC Index (L)	70.41	-0.25

Cotlook Index: As on 14-June-2016		
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	73.10	-0.85

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 14-June-2016			
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		bales
Southeast	63.54	65.79	NIL
North Delta	63.29	66.04	NIL
South Delta	63.29	66.04	NIL
East TX-OK	59.75	61.75	NIL
West Texas	59.75	61.50	68
Desert SW	59.79	65.79	NIL
SJ Valley	61.04	70.94	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 14-June-2016					
Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Jul-16	63.79	63.79	62.58	63.04	-0.75
Oct-16	64.57	64.57	63.62	64.14	-0.43
Dec-16	64.01	64.22	63.28	63.91	-0.17
Mar-16	64.66	64.89	63.99	64.62	-0.16
May-16	64.92	65.31	64.48	65.08	-0.11
Jul-16	65.29	65.69	64.92	65.49	-0.10

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 14-June-2016				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	5500	135	5635
Equivalent	40 Kgs	5894	145	6039

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