

Domestic Fundamentals:

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

In The News: In a first, the Indian government is planning to launch a cotton price index of its own after taking into account benchmark rates from four different sources. The index will be made up of prices of cotton on the Multi-Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) and those of the Cotton Association Of India (CAI), the Indian Cotton Federation (ICF) and the Cotlook Index.

According to preliminary report by the government, cotton sowing as on 22nd July, 2016 has been covered under 86.86 lakh hectares compared to 99.52 lakh hectares during the same period previous year.

According to trade sources, Indian cotton imports are likely to be more than 15 lakh bales in 2015 -16 amid lower domestic supplies due to two consecutive years of drought. Imports might go up to 18 lakh bales this season according to trade sources.

The Cotton Advisory Board has lowered cotton output in 2015-16 season on lower acreage. Cotton production estimates are 12 per cent lower at 338 lakh bales in 2015 -16 season compared to 386 lakh bales during the previous season. India's cotton imports have already touched 15 lb (14 lb) and may hit 18 lakh bales in next three months. The total cotton supply is estimated lower by three per cent to 419 lb (433 lb). Exports are seen higher at 68 lb (58 lb) even as domestic mill consumption dropping to 274 lb (278 lb) leading to higher demand of 376 lb (367 lb). The closing stock is expected to be lower at 43 lb (66 lb).

India exported 0.124 lakh bales of cotton last week (18 -24 July 2016), which was 0.251 lakh bales previous to last week (11 -17 July 2016), according to the data released by IBIS and compiled by Agriwatch.

Major importer of Indian cotton during the week (18 -24 July, 2016) was Bangladesh. According to the data released by IBIS and compiled by Agriwatch, Bangladesh imported 0.085 lakh bales of cotton from India in the past week (18 -24 July, 2016). Other major importers were Pakistan, China, Japan and Thailand and their imported volumes were 0.018 lakh bales, 0.006 lakh bales, 0.002 lakh bales and 0.001 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:

India exported 101.8 million kg of spun yarns worth US\$283 million or INR1,881 crore in June 2016 at an average realisation of US\$2.78 per kg. This was significantly lower compared to same month a year ago. Export volume was down 12% Y-o-Y and value declined 17% in US\$ terms. The drop also reflects the lean season for global textile industry in this part of the year. Exports have declined amid increasing prices in the domestic market and limited demand.

According to official sources at the Ministry of Textile Industry, cotton sowing in Pakistan is less by 21 per cent this season compared to previous season. The government has downward revised cotton production target as well as area and fixed at 14.1 million bales from 7.4 million acres for the season 2016-17 compared to 15.49 million bales from 7.7 million acres estimated for the season 2015-16.

According to USDA latest report, global 2015/16 cotton ending stocks are revised down this month. World 2015-16 cotton production is projected at 97.92 million bales, 18 per cent below last season. World ending stocks are now projected lower at 100.27 million bales. For India, production is forecast at 26.8 million bales, same as previous month's estimates and India's crop is estimated 9 per cent below 2014/15 and the lowest since 2009/10.

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	+5.50	1032	1041	1021	1039	5284	-3736	364704	0
Con_2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Spread	April-17		
Spot	288	-	-
May-17	-	-	-

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

*Updated at 5.10 pm on 27 July- 2016

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
July-16	+110	21780	21840	21670	21830	91	98	49529	-52781
Nov-16	+190	22190	22300	21960	22290	2314	619	1266904	-339475

Spread	Jul-16	Nov-16	Jan-17	Mar-17	--	--
Spot	—			-	-	-
July-16		-460		-	-	-
Nov-16			-	-	-	-
	—			-	-	-

(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	27-Jul-16	26-Jul-16	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	NA	NA	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	6805	6355	450
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	6635	6605	30
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	6350	6500	-150
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	6250	6225	25
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	6250	6250	Unch
	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	NA	NA	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4500	4300	200
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	4150	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	6569	6609	-40
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	6000	6000	Unch
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	27-Jul-16	26-Jul-16	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4775	4750	25

	Abohar	J-34	4770	4750	20
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4740	4740	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	27-Jul-16	26-Jul-16	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	NA	NA	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	77	6	71
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	80	150	-70
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	NA	100	-
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	85	68	17
	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	NA	NA	-
	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	40	370	-330
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-

	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	10	7	3
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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
				26-Jul-16	25-Jul-16	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	34400	34600	-200
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	34900	35100	-200
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	44600	44800	-200
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	45800	46100	-300
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	46600	46800	-200
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	49000	48900	100
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	49600	49600	Unch
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	57000	57000	Unch

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		27-Jul-16	26-Jul-16	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	710	710	Unch
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	690	690	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	665	665	Unch
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	715	720	-5

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		27-Jul-16	26-Jul-16	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2756	2768	-12
Akola	Rs./Qtl	2723	2753	-30

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 27-July-2016		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	15322	33
CCIndex(527)	14391	31
CCIndex(229)	15612	37
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 26-July-2016		
Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	85.59	-0.33
FC Index (M)	83.18	-0.28
FC Index (L)	79.99	-0.23

Cotlook Index: As on 26-July-2016		
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	83.60	-0.20

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 26-July-2016			
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		bales
Southeast	74.63	76.88	NIL
North Delta	73.13	75.88	NIL
South Delta	73.13	75.88	288
East TX-OK	70.00	72.00	43
West Texas	70.00	71.75	NIL
Desert SW	70.88	76.88	NIL
SJ Valley	72.13	82.03	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 26-July-2016

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Oct-16	72.48	74.42	72.48	73.63	1.51
Dec-16	72.41	74.23	72.17	73.95	1.66
Mar-17	73.00	74.47	72.94	74.37	1.39
May-17	72.97	74.22	72.92	74.12	1.16
Jul-17	72.80	73.85	72.76	73.75	0.96
Oct-17	73.16	73.16	73.16	73.16	0.87

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 26-July-2016

(in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	6250	135	6385
Equivalent	40 Kgs	6698	145	6843

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