

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton spot prices noticed steady to weak tone on Wednesday.

In The News: Cotton yield is expected to be normal in Punjab though there is decline in acreage amid whitefly attack last season. Acreage has declined to 2.56 lakh hectares this season compared to 3.39 lakh hectares during the previous season. As on date the growth of the plant denotes that yield will be normal.

According to preliminary report by the government, cotton sowing as on 12th August, 2016 has been covered under 99.03 lakh hectares compared to 108.67 lakh hectares during the same period previous year.

With a view to promote Cotton farming, during cotton season 2016-17, Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmer Welfare has fixed minimum support price for medium staple length cotton at Rs. 3860/- per quintal and for long staple at Rs. 4160/- per quintal.

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 0.132 lakh bales of cotton last week (01 -06 August 2016), which was 0.194 lakh bales previous to last week (25 -31 July 2016), according to the data released by IBIS and compiled by Agriwatch.

Major importer of Indian cotton during the week (01 -06 August, 2016) was Bangladesh. According to the data released by IBIS and compiled by Agriwatch, Bangladesh imported 0.129 lakh bales of cotton from India in the past week (01 -06 August, 2016). Other major importer was Pakistan and its imported volume was 0.003 lakh bales.

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:

The International Cotton Advisory reduced world cotton stock estimates and International cotton prices jumped to over 80 cents/lb in the second half of July 2016 from an average of 70 cents/lb for the rest of the season. Significantly lower crops in the five largest producing countries and higher than expected demand led to tighter stocks at the end of 2015/16, at which time world ending stocks were estimated to have fallen by 12% to 19.7 million tons. Stocks outside of China decreased by 9%, to 8.4 million tons, which is the lowest level since 2010/11, when they reached 8.3 million tons. Furthermore, strong demand in China has reduced its national stocks by 12%, to 11.3 million tons.

Pakistan has turned to be the largest buyer of Indian cotton this season (October –September) 2015 -16 purchasing 25 lakh bales till date. This is about 40% of the total shipments of cotton from the country so far in the 2015 -16 season. Cotton production in Pakistan is estimated to have declined by 35% to around 97 lakh bales in 2015-16 season. Pakistan usually imports about 12 lakh bales of cotton a year.

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	+8.50	943	951	940	948	5296	-4028	364704	0
Con_2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Spread	April-17		
Spot	379	-	-
May-17	-	-	-

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

*Updated at 6.31 pm on 17 Aug- 2016

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
July-16	180	21110	21180	20980	21100	2013	698	1051812	-380692
Nov-16	160	19720	19800	19670	19750	472	461	233013	-209034

Spread	Jul-16	Nov-16	Jan-17	Mar-17	--	--
Spot	—				-	-
July-16		1350			-	-
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	17-Aug-16	16-Aug-16	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	NA	NA	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	6000	6605	-605
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	6635	6645	-10
	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	6000	6150	-150
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	6175	6250	-75
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	6175	6225	-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	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	4200	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4600	4650	-50
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	4150	4150	Unch
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	6635	NA	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	5879	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	17-Aug-16	16-Aug-16	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4840	4870	-30

	Abohar	J-34	4840	4870	-30
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4800	4860	-60
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change	
	State	Centre	Variety	17-Aug-16		16-Aug-16
Gujarat		Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	NA	NA	-
		Gondal	Shankar-6	33	86	-53
		Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	180	160	20
		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	34	43	-9
		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	25	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	170	NA	-
		Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-

	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	15	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	17-Aug-16	16-Aug-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
				16-Aug-16	13-Aug-16	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	33200	33700	-500
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	33700	34200	-500
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	45100	45600	-500
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	46100	46400	-300
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	46800	47100	-300
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	48800	49100	-300
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	49200	49500	-300
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	57500	57500	Unch

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		17-Aug-16	16-Aug-16	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	730	725	5
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	700	690	10
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	680	680	Unch
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	740	735	5

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		17-Aug-16	16-Aug-16	

Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2623	2622	1
Akola	Rs./Qtl	2665	2668	-3

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 17-August-2016			
Index		RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)		14561	-41
CCIndex(527)		13741	-26
CCIndex(229)		14800	-52

RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 17-August-2016			
Index		Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)		82.13	-0.44
FC Index (M)		80.06	-0.56
FC Index (L)		75.96	-0.47

Cotlook Index: As on 16-August-2016			
Cotlook Indices		Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index		78.40	-1.60

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 16-August-2016			
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		bales
Southeast	71.26	69.01	NIL
North Delta	70.26	67.51	NIL
South Delta	70.26	67.51	NIL
East TX-OK	66.50	64.50	132
West Texas	66.25	64.50	176
Desert SW	71.26	65.26	NIL
SJ Valley	76.41	66.51	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-August-2016					
Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Oct-16	68.09	68.09	66.23	68.01	-0.08
Dec-16	68.75	69.00	66.88	68.60	-0.26
Mar-17	69.31	69.57	67.51	69.09	-0.32
May-17	69.40	69.47	67.70	69.06	-0.46
Jul-17	69.15	69.15	67.70	68.83	-0.63
Oct-17	68.50	68.50	68.50	68.50	-0.56

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 16-August-2016				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	6550	135	6685
Equivalent	40 Kgs	7020	145	7165

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