

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton spot markets noticed mixed trend on Thursday.

In The News: Textile sector seeks Technology Mission On Cotton (TMC) amid decline in yield of cotton. Though India is the largest producer and net exporter of cotton, productivity declined below 500kg of lint/hectare in 2015-16 from a high of 566 kg/ha in 2013-14. During the current season, productivity has been recorded at 568 kg/ha amid good monsoon. the national average yield in Australia, Brazil, China, Turkey Mexico and Israel is more than 1,500 kg/ha. India's poor productivity is related to obsolete technology and insufficient fund support for cotton research. The textile sector wants the TMC back in a revised format. It will help to double the income of the cotton farmer and fuel the growth of the textile industry.

Cotton acreage in the northern states of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan are expected to increase in the forthcoming kharif season. Cotton growers are likely to switch back to cotton from cereals mainly paddy following higher price of cotton. According to cottonseed makers, farmers and traders, acreage under the crop will increase by around 20-25 per cent in 2017 -18 kharif season over last year's acreage of 11.96 lakh hectares.

The Southern India Mills Association (SIMA) has advised the mills to avoid panic buying of cotton. Till date cotton arrivals in the domestic market are lower compared to previous year. Both at the global level and in India, the cotton supply position is comfortable. According to sources at SIMA, India has contracted to import 15 lakh bales of cotton from West Africa and U.S. Prices are likely to ease when Australian cotton arrives in the market around May. Reports indicate that there has been a significant increase in the Australian cotton crop — from 28 lakh bales previous year to 45 lakh bales this year and an 18 per cent increase in the US cotton crop. China has restricted cotton imports and the global cotton position is more than comfortable according to sources at SIMA.

India's textiles exports declined by around 4.5 per cent to \$26 billion during April-December this fiscal year. The exports of textiles during April –December (2016 -17) were recorded at \$26 billion compared to \$27.2 billion during the same period previous year.

Cotton acreage in North India, which stood at a high of 15.55 lakh hectares in 2014-15, declined to 13.90 lakh ha in the following year and reached a low of 11.96 lakh ha in 2016-17 amid rising pest attacks and declining yields. Cotton prices are ruling firm in the country on lower availability and steady demand in the domestic market. Cotton has yielded better returns in 2016-17 compared with other competing crops.

The agriculture ministry has decided to retain last year's maximum sale price (MSP) of Bt Cottonseed at Rs.800 per 850 gm packet for the 2017-18 kharif season. The share of Bt variety in total cotton area sown declined to 83% in 2016-17 from 91% in the previous season.

The Cotton Association of India (CAI), has maintained the crop estimate for 2016-17 at 341 lakh bales of 170 kg. each in its latest estimates for February. Consumption is expected at 295 lakh bales same as compared to previous estimate. Total arrivals of cotton in the country as on February 28, 2017 is reported at to be 226.30 lakh bales. The projected balance sheet drawn by the CAI estimated total supply for cotton season 2016-17 at 407 lakh bales. Considering the domestic consumption of 295 lakh bales as stated above, the total available surplus for the season is estimated at 112 lakh bales.

International Fundamentals:

According to agriculture ministry, Mali's cotton production for the upcoming 2017/18 season is estimated at 725,000 tonnes compared to 645,000 tonnes in the current season. Plantation of more land, renewing subsidies and continuing a two-year-old programme that provides tractors at reduced prices will help in achieving higher production in the coming season.

Good demand for quality lint, increasing prices in the global markets and lack of availability of quality cotton led to increase in cotton prices in Pakistan during the previous week. The Karachi Cotton Association increased its spot rates by Rs. 50 to Rs 6,700 per maund (37.3242 kg) and Rs 7,180 for 40 kg. The Ex-Karachi rates also increased to Rs 6,835 per maund and Rs 7,325 for 40 kg. There is good buying from the millers amid limited stocks with ginners.

According to USDA latest report, global 2016/17 cotton ending stocks are revised up this month. World 2016-17 cotton production is projected at 105.72 million bales, around 9.00 per cent above last season. World ending stocks are now projected higher at 90.48 million bales. For India, production is forecast at 27.00 million bales, same as previous month's estimates and India's crop is estimated 2.27 per cent above 2015/16.

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
Con_1	+29.50	994.50	1021.50	994.00	992.00	946	181	2352	-694
Con_2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Spread	April-17		
Spot	177	-	-
May-17	-	-	-

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

*Updated at 5:05 pm as on 20-Apr 2017

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Apr-17	+230.00	20980.00	21180.00	20980.00	20950.00	1,676	371	3040	-1124
May-17	+240.00	21170.00	21390.00	21170.00	21120.00	2,669	1,286	6574	455

Spread	April-17	May-17	June-17	April-17	--	--
Spot	---			-	-	-
Apr-17		-170		-	-	-

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

* Updated at 5:05 pm as on 20-Apr 2017

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS
Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	20-Apr-17	19-Apr-17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5750	5750	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5730	5755	-25
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5845	5810	35
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	5885	5840	45
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5750	5750	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5800	5750	50
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	5900	5950	-50
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	5900	5860	40
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	5800	5885	-85
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5500	5500	Unch
	Jamner	Medium Staple	5600	5702	-102
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NA	5220	-
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	5469	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	4160	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	5961	6029	-68
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	5850	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	20-Apr-17	19-Apr-17	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4755	4745	10
	Abohar	J-34	4760	4740	20

	Mansa	J-34	4740	4700	40
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4665	4640	25
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	20-Apr-17	19-Apr-17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	25500	25500	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	1378	1965	-587
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	2950	3050	-100
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	4710	4596	114
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	15000	15000	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	12	NA	-
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	100	100	Unch
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	1110	1050	60
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	60	160	-100
	Jamner	Medium Staple	323	317	6
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NA	2295	-
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	23	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	1876	2645	-769
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-

	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	442	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	20-Apr-17	19-Apr-17	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	680	850	-170
	Abohar	J-34	170	255	-85
	Mansa	J-34	170	85	85
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	170	170	Unch
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
				19-Apr-17	18-Apr-17	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	33800	33800	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	34800	34800	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	43700	43700	Unch
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	41000	41100	-100
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	42700	42700	Unch
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	44300	44500	-200
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	45800	46000	-200
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	57500	58000	-500

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		20-Apr-17	19-Apr-17	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	615	615	Unch
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	600	600	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	600	600	Unch
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	630	630	Unch

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		20-Apr-17	19-Apr-17	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2065	2064	1
Akola	Rs./Qtl	2043	2044	-1

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 20-April-2017		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	15859	Unch
CCIndex(527)	14838	13
CCIndex(229)	16262	7
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 20-April-2017		
Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	91.08	0.32
FC Index (M)	88.74	0.18
FC Index (L)	86.96	0.25

Cotlook Index: As on 19-April-2017		
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	87.80	Unch

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 19-April-2017			
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		bales
Southeast	77.57	78.82	NIL
North Delta	75.82	77.07	NIL
South Delta	75.82	77.07	NIL
East TX-OK	75.75	77.00	1924
West Texas	75.75	77.25	2370
Desert SW	72.82	76.82	NIL
SJ Valley	73.82	82.72	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 19-April-2017

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
May-17	76.81	77.75	76.58	77.67	0.85
Jul-17	78.30	78.98	77.66	78.32	0.16
Oct-17	74.03	74.26	74.03	74.08	0.13
Dec-17	74.40	74.82	74.01	74.46	0.05
Mar-18	74.12	74.45	74.07	74.29	0.07
May-18	74.43	74.50	74.26	74.30	0.05

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 19-April-2017

(in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	6750	135	6885
Equivalent	40 Kgs	7234	145	7379

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