

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton spot markets mostly noticed weak tone on Thursday.

In The News: As per the latest report published by International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), India's acreage area under cotton cultivation is expected to increase by 7% to 11.3 million hectares in 2017-18. While cotton production is projected to be around somewhat six million tonnes during the same duration. A higher cotton price and improved yield in 2016-17 has been the main contributing factors for the surge in acreage area under cotton cultivation in 2017-18.

On the other hand, India's cotton mill use is projected to increase by 2% to 5.2 million tonnes in 2017-18.

Cotton production this season has been 34 million bales compared to 33 million bales previous year. Though acreage was less, production increased amid higher productivity. In the coming season 2017 -18, cotton acreage is expected to increase amid better price realizations and normal monsoon. Exact percentage increase will be clear by the amount of rainfall during south -west monsoon. In Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, farmers are likely to shift towards cotton amid decline in price of pulses and chillies. Farmers in other cotton growing states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Haryana and Rajasthan are also likely to shift from foodgrains to cotton according to initial reports. According to industry sources, around 10-15 per cent increase in cotton acreage is expected this season.

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.

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.

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.

International Fundamentals:

According to the latest report published by International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), world's cotton area is likely to increase by 5% to 30.8 million hectares in 2017-18. A higher cotton price in China and a stable cotton policy there, the area under cotton cultivation is expected to increase by 3% to 2.9 million hectares while cotton production is expected to increase by 1% to 4.8 million tonnes in 2017-18. While, U.S is expected to increase its cotton acreage area by 12% this year to 4.3 million hectares and its production is expected to lie somewhat around at 4 million tonnes.

On the other hand, as per the same report issued by ICAC; world cotton use is expected to increase by 2% to 24.6 million tonnes in 2017-18. Cotton use in China, which is amongst the largest consumer, is projected to increase by 1% to 7.7 million tonnes in 2017-18. Due to the various government initiative introduced to promote cotton export by Pakistan, the cotton use in the country is also expected to increase by 1% to 2.3 million tonnes in 2017-18. Mill use in Bangladesh is also projected to rise by 5% to 1.5 million tonnes in 2017-18.

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Con_2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

(NB: Kapas future contract expired)

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
May-17	0.00	20610.00	20670.00	20490.00	20630.00	1,247	-306	7211	-101
Jun-17	+30.00	20790.00	20860.00	20650.00	20790.00	675	-395	1852	197

Spread	May-17	June-17	Jul-17	-	--	--
Spot	---			-	-	-
May-17		-160		-	-	-

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

* Updated at 5:05 pm as on 04 -May 2017

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS
Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	4-May-17	3-May-17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5500	5625	-125
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5555	5555	Unch
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5630	5685	-55
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	5625	5705	-80
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5550	5750	-200
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5310	5340	-30
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5950	6000	-50
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	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	5910	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	4300	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	5400	5520	-120
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5400	5400	Unch
	Jamner	Medium Staple	5250	5290	-40
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	5200	5250	-50
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	5710	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	4160	4160	Unch
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	5909	5993	-84
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	5700	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	4-May-17	3-May-17	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4710	4720	-10

	Abohar	J-34	4720	4720	Unch
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4630	4630	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	4-May-17	3-May-17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	25500	25500	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	975	1086	-111
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	1800	2050	-250
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	1670	2980	-1310
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	12500	12500	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	144	143	1
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	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	120	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	185	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	520	630	-110
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	150	150	Unch
	Jamner	Medium Staple	283	295	-12
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	382	686	-304
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	27	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	1561	1527	34
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-

	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	195	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	4-May-17	3-May-17	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	425	510	-85
	Abohar	J-34	425	340	85
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	170	85	85
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
				3-May-17	2-May-17	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	34600	34600	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	35600	35600	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	43600	43600	Unch
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	40600	40600	Unch
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	42100	42100	Unch
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	43700	43700	Unch
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	46000	46000	Unch
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
		4-May-17	3-May-17	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	615	617	-2
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	600	600	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	595	595	Unch
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	625	625	Unch

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		4-May-17	3-May-17	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1988	1998	-10
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1955	1970	-15

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES
China Cotton Index: As on 4-May-2017

Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	15996	16
CCIndex(527)	14939	11
CCIndex(229)	16376	13
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 4-May-2017

Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	90.21	-0.46
FC Index (M)	87.62	-0.48
FC Index (L)	86.73	-0.51

Cotlook Index: As on 3-May-2017

Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	89.10	0.45

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 3-May-2017

Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	78.02	79.27	NIL
North Delta	77.27	78.52	NIL
South Delta	77.27	78.52	NIL
East TX-OK	74.00	75.50	54
West Texas	74.00	75.50	34
Desert SW	73.27	77.27	NIL
SJ Valley	74.27	83.17	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 3-May-2017

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
May-17	80.91	80.91	80.59	80.69	-0.14
Jul-17	79.37	79.44	78.63	78.77	-0.60
Oct-17	76.02	76.02	76.02	76.02	-0.36
Dec-17	74.80	75.00	74.51	74.53	-0.40
Mar-18	74.46	74.56	74.06	74.06	-0.41
May-18	74.19	74.19	74.03	74.03	-0.39

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 3-May-2017

(in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	6700	135	6835
Equivalent	40 Kgs	7180	145	7325

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