

Domestic Fundamentals:**Market Outlook:** Cotton spot markets noticed mixed tone on Saturday

In The News: As per the latest report published by USDA, India is expected to produce 28 million bales of cotton in 2017-18 which is 5.7% higher than the cotton produced last year in 2016-17.

The Indian govt. is planning to increase cotton MSP (Minimum Support Price) this year from Rs 3,860/quintal (medium staple cotton) & Rs 4,160/quintal (long staple cotton) in 2016-17 to Rs 4,020/quintal (medium staple cotton) & Rs 4,320/quintal (long staple cotton) in 2017-18.

In the 2016 -17 season, Indian cotton imports have touched an all time high of 30 lakh bales compared to 20 lakh bales previous season. Imports had touched an all time high of 25 lakh bales in 2001 -02 season. According to industry sources, farmers are expected to plant 20% more cotton in 2017 -18 season following good prices fetched during this season. The domestic and international market rates of cotton have been almost on par and most cotton mills in South India have found it feasible to import.

The govt. of India targeted a cotton crop production of 14.40 million bales in 2017-18 compared to the target of 14.1 million bales of production in 2016-17.

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.

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.

International Fundamentals:

As per the latest report published by USDA, China is projected to produce 23.5 million bales of cotton in 2017-18 which is 3% higher than the cotton produced last year in 2016-17. While an increase in acreage area and improvement in yield could cause Pakistan to produce 8.5 million bales of cotton in 2017-18. Cotton production in Brazil and Australia too is projected to increase by 3% and 9% respectively in 2017-18.

In a bid to discourage imports and to promote domestic sowing and harvesting of cotton, the Pakistan govt. had re-imposed import duty of 4% & sales tax of 5% on import of cotton to the country that is going to get effective from 15th July, 2017.

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.

NCDEX Kapas Futures*: (Prices in Rs/20kg)

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Cont. (C1)	+1.50	990.00	997.00	987.00	988.00	828	-308	2982	52
Con_2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Spread	May-17		
Spot	-200	-	-
	-	-	-

Updated at 05:00 pm as on 19 –May 2017

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
May-17	+10.00	21100.00	21160.00	21050.00	21100.00	749	-187	3621	-215
Jun-17	+20.00	21330.00	21370.00	21260.00	21300.00	682	114	4146	57

Spread	May-17	June-17	Jul-17	-	--	--
Spot	---			-	-	-
May-17		145		-	-	-

(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	20-May-17	19-May-17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5575	5575	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5500	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5630	5665	-35
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	5850	5850	Unch
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5750	5700	50
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	4850	5160	-310
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5900	5800	100
	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	NA	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	5610	5570	40
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	5156	5150	6
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	5150	5150	Unch
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	4160	4160	Unch
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	5850	5850	Unch
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	5600	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	20-May-17	19-May-17	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4680	4665	15
	Abohar	J-34	4670	4670	Unch

	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4570	4580	-10
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	20-May-17	19-May-17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	25500	25500	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	640	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	1200	1400	-200
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	433	376	57
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	12500	12500	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	87	128	-41
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	NA	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	1500	150	1350
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	179	185	-6
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	67	146	-79
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	938	1116	-178
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	150	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change

State	Centre	Variety	20-May-17	19-May-17	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	170	170	Unch
	Abohar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
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-May-17	18-May-17	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	35300	35300	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	36300	36300	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	43400	43400	Unch
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	40600	40600	Unch
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	42800	42700	100
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	44300	44300	Unch
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	46200	46200	Unch
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	55300	55800	-500

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		20-May-17	19-May-17	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	645	645	Unch
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	625	620	5
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	615	615	Unch
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	635	635	Unch

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		20-May-17	19-May-17	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1993	1994	-1
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1939	1941	-2

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 19-May-2017		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	16059	13
CCIndex(527)	15027	5
CCIndex(229)	16439	16
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 19-May-2017		
Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	89.62	-0.76
FC Index (M)	86.73	-0.77
FC Index (L)	84.42	-1.00

Cotlook Index: As on 19-May-2017		
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	88.75	-0.90

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 19-May-2017			
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	78.70	79.95	NIL
North Delta	77.95	79.20	NIL
South Delta	77.95	79.20	NIL
East TX-OK	76.75	78.25	NIL
West Texas	76.75	78.25	2
Desert SW	73.95	77.95	NIL
SJ Valley	74.95	83.85	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-May-2017

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Jul-17	79.40	79.50	78.42	79.45	0.21
Oct-17	74.98	75.81	74.98	75.81	0.13
Dec-17	73.99	74.05	73.15	73.45	-0.19
Mar-18	73.45	73.49	72.86	73.00	-0.24
May-18	73.75	73.82	73.26	73.26	-0.27
Jul-18	73.50	73.50	73.40	73.40	-0.30

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 19-May-2017
(in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	6800	135	6935
Equivalent	40 Kgs	7288	145	7433

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