

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton spot markets noticed steady to firm tone Tuesday.

In The News: The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)- Central Institute of Cotton Research (CICR) predicted India's cotton acreage area to rise by 7-10 per cent this year (2017-18) from 105 lakh hectares of land brought under cotton cultivation last year i.e. 2016-17.

As per the latest data released by Indian govt., cotton plantation in the country rose by 32% as 8.93 lakh hectares of land has been brought under cotton cultivation till 19th May, 2017 compared to 6.75 lakh hectares of land cultivated last year during the same interval.

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.

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)									
Con_2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spread	May-17								
Spot	-				-		-		
	-				-		-		

Updated at 04:50 pm as on 29-May 2017

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
May-17									
Jun-17									
Spread	May-17	June-17	Jul-17		-	--	--		
Spot	---				-	-	-		
May-17		-			-	-	-		

(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	30-May-17	29-May-17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5575	5575	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5430	5400	30
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5690	5665	25
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5450	5450	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5355	5140	215
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5900	5900	Unch
	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	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	5263	5272	-9
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	5100	5100	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	5853	5839	14
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	5400	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	5600	5700	-100
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	30-May-17	29-May-17	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4750	4750	Unch
	Abohar	J-34	4750	4740	10

	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4650	4650	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	30-May-17	29-May-17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	25500	22100	3400
	Gondal	Shankar-6	1130	1488	-358
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	2200	2000	200
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5000	5000	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	100	112	-12
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	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	130	141	-11
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	1063	1620	-557
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	180	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	180	390	-210
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change

State	Centre	Variety	30-May-17	29-May-17	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	85	170	-85
	Abohar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	255	170	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
				29-May-17	27-May-17	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	35200	35200	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	36100	36100	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	43900	43700	200
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	27	41200	41100	100
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 – 4.9	28	43000	42900	100
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	44400	44300	100
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	46200	46000	200
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	55500	55500	Unch

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		30-May-17	29-May-17	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	625	630	-5
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	610	615	-5
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	600	605	-5
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	640	640	Unch

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		30-May-17	29-May-17	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1874	1893	-19
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1872	1889	-17

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

<u>China Cotton Index: As on 30-May-2017</u>		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	Unq	-
CCIndex(527)	Unq	-
CCIndex(229)	Unq	-
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

<u>China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 30-May-2017</u>		
Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	Unq	-
FC Index (M)	Unq	-
FC Index (L)	Unq	-

<u>Cotlook Index: As on 29-May-2017</u>		
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	Unq	-

<u>USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 29-May-2017</u>			
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	Unq	Unq	-
North Delta	Unq	Unq	-
South Delta	Unq	Unq	-
East TX-OK	Unq	Unq	-
West Texas	Unq	Unq	-
Desert SW	Unq	Unq	-
SJ Valley	Unq	Unq	-
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			

<u>ICE Cotton Futures (Prices in cents/lb.): As on 29-May-2017</u>					
Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Jul-17	77.27	77.60	77.01	77.09	-0.07
Oct-17	74.27	76.19	74.27	75.18	0.69
Dec-17	73.45	73.45	72.69	72.79	-0.43
Mar-18	72.97	73.04	72.53	72.63	-0.36

May-18	73.40	73.45	73.09	73.18	-0.27
Jul-18	73.75	73.77	73.50	73.63	-0.18

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 29-May-2017				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	6850	135	6985
Equivalent	40 Kgs	7341	145	7486

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