

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton spot markets noticed range –bound to firm tone on Friday.

In The News: The sale of cotton seeds has picked up with sowing going on in full swing in the states of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and some parts of Karnataka. According to the National Seeds Association of India (NSAI), cotton seed sales are likely to cross 5.5 to 6.5 lakh packs (each of 450 gms) this season.

Farmers are likely to increase the area under cotton amid expectation of good monsoon this season and higher price of cotton during the previous season, farmers. According to initial projections by the Central Institute of Cotton Research, Nagpur, the cotton area sown would be around 6 lakh hectares in Haryana (compared to 4.98 lakh hectares during 2016-17) and 4 lakh hectare in Punjab (compared to 2.56 lakh hectares in 2016-17).

Cotton output for 2016 -17 has been estimated at 340.50 lakh bales for the month of April, same as that of March according to Cotton Association of India. The projected balance sheet drawn by the CAI estimated total cotton supply for the season at 410.50 lakh bales, while the domestic consumption is estimated at 300 lakh bales, which will leave an available surplus of 110.50 lakh bales.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)- Central Institute of Cotton Resarch (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 plantaion 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.

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.

International Fundamentals:

According to the Cotton Board of Zambia, it is likely to produce 117,000 tonnes of cotton this year compared to 116,000 tonnes in the previous year. Though the number of farmers cultivating cotton declined by over 20,000 from 277,560, production increased amid favourable weather in the growing regions.

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.

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)	-9.50	927	931	911	914	5200	2188	6365	621
Con_2	-9.50	927	931	911	914	5200	2188	6365	621
Spread	Cont (C1)								
Spot	+200				-		-		
	-				-		-		

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Jun-17	-30.00	21120	21160	20920	21000	1689	-657	5390	-157
Jul-17	-60.00	21320	21370	21140	21180	448	-160	2524	-21
Spread	June-17	July-17	-		-		--		
Spot	---				-		-		
Jun-17			-180		-		-		

(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	2-Jun-17	1-Jun-17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5575	5575	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5330	5355	-25
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5570	5560	10
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5750	5600	150
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	4955	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5900	5950	-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	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	5260	5260	Unch
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	5899	5889	10
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	5401	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	5600	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	2-Jun-17	1-Jun-17	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4755	4750	5
	Abohar	J-34	4755	4750	5

	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4660	4650	10
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	2-Jun-17	1-Jun-17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	17000	20400	-3400
	Gondal	Shankar-6	1092	810	282
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	1200	1800	-600
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5000	5000	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	68	-
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	56	56	Unch
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	1397	1551	-154
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	62	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	157	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change

State	Centre	Variety	2-Jun-17	1-Jun-17	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	34	85	-51
	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
				1-Jun-17	31-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	44100	44100	Unch
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	27	41200	41200	Unch
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 – 4.9	28	43100	43000	100
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	44400	44300	100
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	46200	46200	Unch
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
		2-Jun-17	1-Jun-17	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	640	630	10
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	615	615	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	600	600	Unch
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	635	636	-1

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		2-Jun-17	1-Jun-17	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1852	1862	-10
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1819	1835	-16

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 02-June-2017		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	16065	-1
CCIndex(527)	15055	-5
CCIndex(229)	16448	-10
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 02-June-2017		
Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	90.14	0.54
FC Index (M)	87.47	0.57
FC Index (L)	85.23	0.73

Cotlook Index: As on 01-June-2017		
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	86.95	-0.25

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 01-June-2017			
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	76.88	78.13	NIL
North Delta	76.13	77.38	NIL
South Delta	76.13	77.38	30
East TX-OK	75.25	76.75	NIL
West Texas	75.25	76.75	NIL
Desert SW	72.13	76.13	NIL
SJ Valley	73.13	82.03	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 01-June-2017					
Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Jul-17	76.96	77.81	76.81	77.63	0.65
Oct-17	75.69	75.69	75.69	75.69	0.65
Dec-17	72.62	73.70	72.48	73.50	0.71
Mar-18	72.20	73.24	72.20	73.14	0.72
May-18	72.81	73.46	72.70	73.41	0.67

Jul-18	73.09	73.95	73.01	73.70	0.63
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Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 01-June-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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