

Domestic Fundamentals:

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

In The News: According to the official figures, cotton has been sown on 117.11 lakh hectares as on August 11, 2017 across the country compared to 99.03 lakh hectares during the same period previous year.

On the back of favorable weather conditions and lucrative expected returns, rating agency, ICRA projected India to produce 36 million bales of cotton in 2018, up by 6 per cent from the previous year.

The Cotton Association of India projected India's cotton export to decline by 17% to 6 million bales in 2016- 17 due to the appreciation of Indian rupee this year, which makes the Indian cotton less lucrative for the foreign importers.

Provided a normal monsoon this year, the Cotton Association of India projected india's cotton production to rise by 11.4% from 34.1 million bales in 2016-17 to 38 million bales in 2017-18

The Indian govt. had increased cotton MSP (Minimum Support Price) for long staple cotton from Rs 4,160/quintal in 2016-17 to Rs 4,320/quintal in 2017-18.

As per the latest report published by USDA, India is expected to produce 6.09 million Tonnes of cotton in 2017-18 which is 5.7% higher than the cotton produced last year in 2016-17.

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).

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.

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.

International Fundamentals:

On the back of a favorable weather condition , increased acreage and yield; the Chinese govt. forecasted the country to produce 5.28 MT of cotton in 2017-18. Alongwith it, cotton consumption by the country is also projected to lie at 7.9 MT during 2017-18.

As per the latest USDA report, global cotton production is expected to rise by 8.25% from 23.08 million tonnes in 2016-17 to 24.98 million tonnes in 2017-18; wherein China, U.S , Pakistan and Brazil are expected to produce 5.23 million tonnes, 4.18 million tonnes, 2.03 million tonnes and 1.52 million tonnes of cotton respectively in 2017-18.

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.

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.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Cont. (C1)	+6.00	866.00	877.00	866.00	867.00	2,005	428	6607	-430

Spread	Cont (C1)		
Spot	201	-	-
	-	-	-

Updated at 05:00 pm as on 18-Aug 2017

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Oct-17	+90.00	18380.00	18470.00	18360.00	18350.00	452	-147	2234	37
Nov-17	+90.00	17840.00	17930.00	17840.00	17820.00	107	-155	896	141

Spread	Oct-17	Nov-17	-	-	--	--
Spot		530	-	-	-	-
Oct-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	18-Aug-17	17-Aug-17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	NA	NA	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NA	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5340	Closed	-
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	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 (New Crop)	4400	4600	-200
	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	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	4500	4500	Unch
	Hathras	Desi	4100	4100	Unch
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4500	4500	Unch
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	4320	4320	Unch
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	4455	NA	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	18-Aug-17	17-Aug-17	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4440	4460	-20
	Abohar	J-34	4440	4460	-20
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-

	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4430	4450	-20
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	18-Aug-17	17-Aug-17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	NA	NA	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NA	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	300	Closed	-
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	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	1500	2000	-500
	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	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	300	300	Unch
	Hathras	Desi	150	150	Unch
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	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	7	NA	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	18-Aug-17	17-Aug-17	

Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Abohar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	NA	NA	-
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
				17-Aug-17	16-Aug-17	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	35500	35500	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	36400	36400	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	41800	42100	-300
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	41000	41100	-100
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	42200	42400	-200
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	44000	44100	-100
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	45700	45800	-100
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	53000	53000	Unch

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		18-Aug-17	17-Aug-17	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	665	670	-5
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	665	665	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	640	640	Unch
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	687	690	-3

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		18-Aug-17	17-Aug-17	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1698	1713	-15
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1566	1601	-35

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES
China Cotton Index: As on 18-August-2017

Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	15895	Unch
CCIndex(527)	14848	4
CCIndex(229)	16351	1

RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 18-August-2017

Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	85.91	Unch
FC Index (M)	83.30	Unch
FC Index (L)	80.84	Unch

Cotlook Index: As on 17-August-2017

Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	77.40	0.20

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 17-August-2017

Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	66.70	67.95	NIL
North Delta	65.95	67.20	NIL
South Delta	65.95	67.20	NIL
East TX-OK	67.00	68.50	834
West Texas	67.00	68.50	NIL
Desert SW	61.95	65.95	NIL
SJ Valley	62.95	71.85	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 17-August-2017

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Oct-17	67.35	67.45	67.25	67.45	-0.10
Dec-17	66.98	67.09	66.64	66.91	0.09
Mar-18	66.80	66.89	66.50	66.76	0.04
May-18	67.36	67.48	67.13	67.33	-0.04
Jul-18	67.90	67.95	67.76	67.95	-0.04
Oct-18	66.95	66.95	66.95	66.95	-0.02

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 17-August-2017

(in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	6100	145	6245
Equivalent	40 Kgs	6537	155	6692

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