

**Domestic Fundamentals:**

**Market Outlook:** Cotton spot market prices witnessed mixed tone on Saturday.

**In The News:** Nearly 9 lakh cotton farmers have approached the Maharashtra government seeking compensation for failed crops after severe pest attack. After complaints of huge losses, the state government has deployed its machinery to survey the affected districts and has also invited applications from the farmers seeking compensation from seed companies.

On the spot markets in Rajkot, each bale (of 170 kg) of 29-mm cotton was quoted at Rs 19,459 as on December 22 from Rs 18,098 quoted a month ago.

Maharashtra government will provide compensation of Rs. 30,800 and Rs. 37,500 per hectare for cotton growers whose crop was damaged by the attack of pest Pink Bollworm, Minister for Agriculture Pandurang Fundkar announced on Friday. The compensation for farmers on irrigated land would be more than the same for non-irrigated land.

Cotton prices at Karachi market have stabilised at Rs7,500 per maund on sustained demand from spinners on Saturday. Buyers continue to chase quality lint in the background of diminishing prospects of imports owing to prevailing higher rates in world market. Ginners readily disposed their stocks at current high rates.

With Bollgard-II technology failing to control pink bollworms and illegal Bt3 technology seeds flooding the market, farmers in Telangana have demanded State and Central governments to ensure payment of compensation for crop losses they suffered this kharif.

Cotton yarn exports declined 10 %, mainly due to policy lapses, exports between April and September in 2016 was 517 million kg and it was 464 million kg during the same period this year.

Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr Fadnavis said the government would ensure that all the cotton farmers, affected from Pink ballworm would get compensation from crop insurance, compensation from seed companies concerned and moreover from the state government.

Ginners across the country have decided to observe a day's strike on Friday, with the threat of more action later, in protest at the five per cent goods and services tax (GST) on cotton.

Election fever in India's largest cotton producing state Gujarat has hit arrivals this month. According to traders and brokers, arrival of new crop has declined 35 per cent compared to last year.

Experts of Punjab Agricultural University said that Picking should be completed as early as possible and trashes of cotton and unopened bolls should be removed from field, after last picking allow goats, sheep and other animals to graze on unopened bolls and plant debris in the cotton fields.

Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) has estimated that cotton production in 2017-18 is likely to rise 9.3 per cent to 37.7 million bales.

The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has procured 1.29 lakh tonnes of cotton in Telangana so far this season. The CCI made these purchases from 243 centres that it set up for the season. And also opened its collection centres in 202 ginning mills and 41 public market yards.

India's current cotton crop for the season ending this September is expected to be about 34.1 million bales.

NCDEX Kapas Futures*: (Prices in Rs/20kg)									
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Cont. (C1)	-1.5	1030	1039	1016	1030	8626	2281	11067	-146

  

Spread	Cont (C1)		
	40		
Spot		-	-
	-	-	-

  

Updated at 05:00 pm as on 30-Dec-2017

  

MCX Cotton Futures*: (Prices in Rs/170 kgs)									
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Dec-17	290	20100	20430	20040	20430	293	-328	1240	115
Jan-18	-90	20340	20400	20240	20260	2558	2069	8493	3567

  

Spread	DEC-17	Jan-18				
Spot					-	-
Jan-18	-170				-	-

  

(NB: Spread Basis = Spot- Near Month Future)  
 \* Updated at 05:00 pm as on 30-Dec 2017

**DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS**
**Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:**

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	30-Dec-17	29-Dec-17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5400	5400	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5335	NR	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5370	5375	-5
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	5300	5345	-45
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5450	5500	-50
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	5100	5130	-30
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5305	5360	-55
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5525	5550	-25
	Bhiwani	Desi	6200	6300	-100
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	5400	5370	30
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	5450	5450	Unch
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	5590	5600	-10
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	5537	5564	-27
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	5250	5280	-30
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	5400	5450	-50
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	5370	5350	20
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	Closed	5300	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	Closed	5450	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5150	NR	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	5600	5600	Unch
	Hathras	Desi	4500	4500	Unch
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	5606	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	4230	4320	-90
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	5839	5809	30
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	7151	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	5400	5400	Unch
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maunder)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	30-Dec-17	29-Dec-17	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4275	4280	-5
	Abohar	J-34	4275	4290	-15
	Mansa	J-34	4225	4230	-5
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-

Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4250	4250	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	3995	3972	24

**Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	30-Dec-17	29-Dec-17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	59500	68000	-8500
	Gondal	Shankar-6	739	NR	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5000	5200	-200
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	19791	16794	2997
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	50000	45000	5000
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	300	400	-100
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	375	379	-4
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	1500	2500	-1000
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	15	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	2500	3000	-500
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	500	600	-100
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	1275	595	680
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	1150	1120	30
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	450	700	-250
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	2500	2000	500
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	1500	1000	500
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	Closed	700	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	Closed	6320	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	10000	NR	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
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	704	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	2400	2640	-240
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	16	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	1170	1350	-180
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	30-Dec-17	29-Dec-17	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	8500	8500	Unch
	Abohar	J-34	1020	850	170

	Mansa	J-34	510	425	85
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	510	510	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	500	500	Unch

**Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:**

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				29-Dec-17	28-Dec-17	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	41400	41800	-400
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42200	42500	-300
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	40000	40200	-200
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	39500	39500	Unch
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	41100	41200	-100
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	42300	42500	-200
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	44200	44400	-200
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	56500	56700	-200

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		30-Dec-17	29-Dec-17	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	675	672	3
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	660	665	-5
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	NA	NA	-
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	695	695	Unch

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		30-Dec-17	29-Dec-17	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1832	1842	-10
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1864	1866	-2

**INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES**
**China Cotton Index: As on 29-December-2017**

Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	15699	-6

CCIndex(527)	14663	<b>-20</b>
CCIndex(229)	16223	<b>-12</b>
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

**China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 29-December-2017**

Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	92.37	<b>-0.10</b>
FC Index (M)	88.65	<b>-0.13</b>
FC Index (L)	86.70	<b>-0.14</b>

**Cotlook Index: As on 29th-December-2017**

Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	89.60	<b>Unch</b>

**USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 29th-December-2017**

Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	79.63	82.38	NIL
North Delta	77.88	79.63	NIL
South Delta	77.88	79.63	NIL
East TX-OK	75.75	77.50	10177
West Texas	74.25	76.25	9140
Desert SW	73.63	77.63	NIL
SJ Valley	74.63	83.53	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.): Ason 29th-December-2017**

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar-18	78.75	78.93	78.22	78.63	<b>-0.17</b>
May-18	78.69	79.16	78.25	78.96	<b>0.08</b>
Jul-18	79.01	79.35	78.38	79.24	<b>0.19</b>
Oct-18	75.46	75.46	75.46	75.46	<b>0.18</b>
Dec-18	74.08	74.69	73.59	74.51	<b>0.26</b>
Mar-19	73.19	74.00	73.19	73.87	<b>0.21</b>

<b>Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 29th-December-2017</b>				<b>(in Pakistan Rupees)</b>
<b>Product</b>	<b>Rate for</b>	<b>Ex-Gin Price</b>	<b>Up Country Sales</b>	<b>Spot Rate Karachi</b>
<b>Cotton</b>	<b>37.32 Kgs</b>	7100	145	7245
<b>Equivalent</b>	<b>40 Kgs</b>	7609	155	7764

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