

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton spot market prices were noticed mixed tone on Wednesday.

In The News: Cotton planting in India, the world's top producer of fiber, could fall 12 per cent in the 2018-19 crop year as infestation by the pink bollworm has slashed farmers' incomes and prompted them to choose other crops, industry officials said.

According to trade sources, Saurashtra farmers having 40% Kapas in their Godown but Some farmers mixed further kapas in Good quality so it may create quality issues.

According to trade sources, panic of more inferior quality availability, Investor out of market in cotton seed, cotton cake and cotton and yet 35 to 40% seed Cotton with farmers were the reasons to Indian price on lower basis comparing to world cotton prices

India's cotton exports have been gathering pace after global prices jumped to four-year highs, with traders in the world's top producer of the fibre signing contracts in the last three weeks to ship over 1 million bales, industry officials told Reuters.

Cottonseed oil cake prices drifted lower by Rs 13.50 to Rs 1,426.50 per quintal in futures trade yesterday on trimming of portfolios by participants coupled with a weak trend at the spot markets.

Cotton seed oil price noticed weak. Weekly average price in New Delhi is Rs 725 per 10 Kg, compared to the weekly average price of Rs 736 per 10 Kg in previous week.

There is continuous export demand at the current price level; India could export more than 6 million bales in the current season ending on Sept. 30, up a fifth from previous estimates, of CAI.

Indian cotton is being offered around 82 to 85 cents per lb on a cost and freight basis (C&F) to buyers in Bangladesh and Vietnam, compared to over 90 cents from the United States and Brazil.

According to a notification issued last week by the agriculture ministry, the MSP for the Bt cotton seeds in the 2018-19 kharif season will be Rs 740 for a 450-gm packet, down 7.5% from earlier. The trait value has seen a steeper 20% cut to Rs 39/packet. Before the Centre capped retail price of the Bt cotton seed, its price was in the range of Rs 830-1,000/450-gram packet, as existed in 2015-16 kharif season.

Indian cotton prices hovered at Rs 41,200 per candy. The carry-over stock at the end of this season on September 30, 2018, is estimated to be 22 lakh bales which is lower by 20 lakh bales over the previous closing stock of 42 lakh bales.

Cotton prices traded firm taking cues from international market. Export continued at good pace and further sales were witnessed in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Vietnam and Indonesia.

Guntur cotton ginning mills directly buying kapas from farmers at Rs 4000-4500/Qtl and selling cotton seed and lint at Rs 1400/qtl and Rs 40000/ candy.

Sri Lanka's apparel and textile export segment is likely to experience the highest rate of growth in overseas shipment in 2018 as Sri Lanka focus on achieving \$20 billion in export earnings by 2020, Sri Lanka CEO survey have resoundingly voted for textile and apparel as the growth engine for exports in the year ahead, as per the a recent survey conducted by the Oxford Business Group (OBG).

NCDEX Kapas Futures*: (Prices in Rs/20kg)									
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Cont. (C1)	-1.5	894	896	887.5	892	2831	-148	6667	-466

Spread	Cont (C1)		
Spot	-121	-	-
	-	-	-

Updated at 05:00 pm as on 21-Mar-2018

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Mar-18	120	20250	20300	20190	20260	1224	-418	4123	-625
Apr-18	100	20530	20590	20480	20540	1207	209	4529	634

Spread	Mar 18		-	-	--	--
Spot				-	-	-
Mar-18	-290			-	-	-

(NB: Spread Basis = Spot- Near Month Future)

* Updated at 05:00 pm as on 21-Mar 2018

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	21-Mar-18	20-Mar-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5200	5200	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5025	5000	25
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5125	5095	30
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	5150	5240	-90
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5100	5250	-150
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NR	5000	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5080	5050	30
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	4900	4900	Unch
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	4970	4930	40
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	5036	5320	-284
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	4918	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	4975	4790	185
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	4900	4910	-10
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	4760	4800	-40
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	4900	4900	Unch
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5000	5000	Unch
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4450	4440	10
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	5189	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	4000	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	5000	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maunder)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	21-Mar-18	20-Mar-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4200	4170	30
	Abohar	J-34	4200	4170	30
	Mansa	J-34	4175	4140	35
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4190	4150	40
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	3901	3854	47

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	21-Mar-18	20-Mar-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	51000	54400	-3400
	Gondal	Shankar-6	1674	1386	288
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	3000	2000	1000
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	3346	2380	966
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	40000	45000	-5000
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NR	455	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	3000	2000	1000
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	4000	5000	-1000
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	800	800	Unch
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	171	230	-59
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	1820	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	30	190	-160
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	600	1200	-600
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	300	2000	-1700
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	300	300	Unch
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	1500	1300	200
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-

Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	3699	3363	336
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	1972	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	30	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	952	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	21-Mar-18	20-Mar-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	5100	5950	-850
	Abohar	J-34	510	510	Unch
	Mansa	J-34	340	510	-170
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	340	1190	-850
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	500	500	Unch

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:						
Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				20-Mar-18	19-Mar-18	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42300	42600	-300
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42800	43100	-300
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	39700	40000	-300
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	37100	37600	-500
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	40400	40600	-200
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	41200	41600	-400
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	42900	43200	-300
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	53600	53800	-200

Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		21-Mar-18	20-Mar-18	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	730	735	-5
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	725	725	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	NR	NR	-
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	760	760	Unch

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		21-Mar-18	20-Mar-18	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1407	1398	9
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1437	1435	2

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

<u>China Cotton Index: As on 21-March-2018</u>		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	15671	-6
CCIndex(527)	14655	-2
CCIndex(229)	16236	Unch
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

<u>China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 20-March-2018</u>		
Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	94.24	-1.43
FC Index (M)	91.01	-1.38
FC Index (L)	89.95	-1.50

<u>Cotlook Index: As on 20-March-2018</u>		
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	90.75	-1.35

<u>USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 20-March-2018</u>			
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	83.58	85.83	390
North Delta	82.08	83.83	NIL
South Delta	82.08	83.83	NIL
East TX-OK	77.75	79.50	7508
West Texas	77.00	79.00	3252
Desert SW	78.08	82.08	NIL
SJ Valley	78.58	87.48	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.): Ason20-March-2018

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-Mar	81.15	83.35	80.95	83.08	1.85
18-May	81.47	83.37	81.31	83.18	1.66
18-Jul	79.25	79.27	79.25	79.27	0.97
18-Oct	77.3	77.99	77.22	77.99	0.7
18-Dec	77.47	78.17	77.45	78.17	0.67
19-Mar	77.67	78.16	77.67	78.16	0.54

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on20-March-2018

(in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	7500	145	7645
Equivalent	40 Kgs	8038	155	8193

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