

Domestic Fundamentals:

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

In The News: Maharashtra has made it mandatory for Bt cotton seed companies in the state to submit seed samples, which they wish to sell in market, to government-approved laboratories for getting them tested in order to obtain to sale licenses. The step has been taken to prevent the sale of illegal varieties in the market, according to Director of agriculture, inspection and quality control.

The reduction in planting area could cut into export supply from India and further bolster global cotton prices, which earlier this month hit their highest since June 2014. "We are expecting lower sowing in Maharashtra and Telangana due to pink bollworm attacks. Many farmers in these states are likely to switch to other crops like soybeans," said Atul Ganatra, president of the Cotton Association of India (CAI).

Today Cotton (Long staple) in Adoni is trading at Rs.5150/quintal. We expect that prices may not fall much further from current levels.

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.

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)	-5.5	884	886.5	878.5	881	1451	-1233	6571	-260

Spread	Cont (C1)		
Spot	-139.5	-	-
	-	-	-

Updated at 05:00 pm as on 23-Mar-2018

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Mar-18	-150	20130	20190	20010	20010	1474	551	2388	-1021
Apr-18	-120	20450	20510	20320	20330	1890	638	5889	518

Spread	Mar 18		-	-	--	--
Spot				-	-	-
Mar-18	-320			-	-	-

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

* Updated at 05:00 pm as on 23-Mar 2018

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	23-Mar-18	22-Mar-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5250	5200	50
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5025	5020	5
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5155	5130	25
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	5135	5155	-20
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5200	5200	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5080	5080	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	4900	4900	Unch
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	4950	4970	-20
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	5160	5200	-40
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	5019	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	4775	4825	-50
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	4900	4950	-50
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	4750	4750	Unch
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	4900	4900	Unch
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	NR	5050	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4450	4460	-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	5290	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	4601	5100	-499
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	5050	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maunder)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	23-Mar-18	22-Mar-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4185	4205	-20
	Abohar	J-34	4185	4200	-15
	Mansa	J-34	3950	4165	-215
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4160	4190	-30
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	3901	3901	Unch

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	23-Mar-18	22-Mar-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	51000	51000	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	1029	1044	-15
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	1800	3050	-1250
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	2149	2604	-455
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	65000	50000	15000
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	2000	3000	-1000
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	4000	5000	-1000
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	900	700	200
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	170	140	30
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	1290	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	200	225	-25
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	800	1200	-400
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	500	200	300
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	300	300	Unch
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	NR	1500	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-

Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4756	4605	151
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	3139	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	36	234	-198
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	1155	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	23-Mar-18	22-Mar-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	5100	5950	-850
	Abohar	J-34	510	680	-170
	Mansa	J-34	425	340	85
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	1020	510	510
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	600	500	100

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:						
Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				22-Mar-18	21-Mar-18	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42400	42400	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42900	42900	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	39800	39800	Unch
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	36400	36700	-300
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	40600	40600	Unch
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	41500	41500	Unch
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	43000	43000	Unch
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	53700	53700	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		23-Mar-18	22-Mar-18	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	730	735	-5
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	720	725	-5
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	NR	NR	-
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	765	765	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices

Cotton Seed Oil Cake Prices at Key Centers:

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		23-Mar-18	22-Mar-18	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1414	1403	11
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1432	1438	-6

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 23-March-2018		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	15657	-13
CCIndex(527)	14643	-6
CCIndex(229)	16232	-1
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 22-March-2018		
Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	95.41	-0.45
FC Index (M)	92.17	-0.44
FC Index (L)	91.16	-0.50

Cotlook Index: As on 22-March-2018		
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	91.95	-0.50

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 22-March-2018			
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	82.65	84.90	NIL
North Delta	81.15	82.90	NIL
South Delta	81.15	82.90	NIL
East TX-OK	76.50	78.25	1806
West Texas	75.75	77.75	593
Desert SW	77.15	81.15	NIL
SJ Valley	77.65	86.55	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.): Ason22-March-2018

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-Mar	82.66	83.21	81.77	82.15	-0.44
18-May	82.94	83.32	82.03	82.4	-0.39
18-Jul	78.96	78.96	78.96	78.96	-0.18
18-Oct	77.88	78	77.59	77.95	-0.05
18-Dec	78.01	78.15	77.8	78.13	-0.06
19-Mar	78.02	78.23	77.92	78.21	-0.05

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on22-March-2018

(in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	7600	145	7745
Equivalent	40 Kgs	8145	155	8300

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