

## Domestic Fundamentals:

**Market Outlook:** Cotton spot market prices were in Range-bound on Tuesday.

**In The News:** CCI around 400000 bales of cotton were procured under the MSP operations while the remaining 800000 bales were for commercial operations.

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

NCDEX Kapas Futures*: (Prices in Rs/20kg)									
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Cont. (C1)	3.5	894	901	892	898	1735	-480	6466	-34

  

Spread	Cont (C1)		
Spot	-131.5	-	-
	-	-	-

Updated at 05:00 pm as on 27-Mar-2018

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Mar-18	160	20140	20290	20090	20260	1040	-800	1243	-313
Apr-18	140	20450	20620	20400	20570	1633	-723	7266	396

Spread	Mar 18		-	-	--	--
Spot				-	-	-
Mar-18	-330			-	-	-

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

\* Updated at 05:00 pm as on 27-Mar 2018

**Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:**

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	27-Mar-18	26-Mar-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5255	5250	5
	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	5000	5000	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	4900	4910	-10
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	4930	4930	Unch
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	5075	4960	115
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	4800	4740	60
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	4900	4900	Unch
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	4750	4725	25
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	Closed	4900	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5050	5100	-50
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4470	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	5109	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	4301	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	5070	-
<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Lint</b>		<b>Prices (Rs./Maund)</b>		<b>Change</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>Centre</b>	<b>Variety</b>	<b>27-Mar-18</b>	<b>26-Mar-18</b>	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4190	4175	15
	Abohar	J-34	4190	4180	10
	Mansa	J-34	4160	4150	10
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4170	4165	5
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	3948	3901	47

**Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:**

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Kapas</b>		<b>Arrivals (Quintal)</b>		<b>Change</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>Centre</b>	<b>Variety</b>	<b>27-Mar-18</b>	<b>26-Mar-18</b>	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	50000	50000	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	1500	1500	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	5000	4000	1000
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	800	800	Unch
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	180	130	50
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	160	40	120
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	700	800	-100
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	1000	1000	Unch
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	Closed	300	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	2000	1500	500
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
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	NA	3716	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	36	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	1282	-
<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Lint</b>		<b>Arrivals (Quintal)</b>		<b>Change</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>Centre</b>	<b>Variety</b>	<b>27-Mar-18</b>	<b>26-Mar-18</b>	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4250	5950	-1700
	Abohar	J-34	510	510	Unch
	Mansa	J-34	340	340	Unch
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	1020	850	170
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	200	200	Unch

### DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS

#### Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				26-Mar-18	24-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	36400	Unch
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	40600	40600	Unch
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	41400	41400	Unch
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	43000	43000	Unch
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	53600	53600	Unch

### Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		27-Mar-18	26-Mar-18	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	730	730	Unch
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	720	720	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
		27-Mar-18	26-Mar-18	
Mahešana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1402	1398	4
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1427	1421	6

**INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES**
**China Cotton Index: As on 27-March-2018**

Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	15636	-11
CCIndex(527)	14623	-7
CCIndex(229)	16212	-12
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

**China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 26-March-2018**

Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	94.75	-0.16
FC Index (M)	91.44	-0.23
FC Index (L)	90.45	-0.21

**Cotlook Index: As on 26-March-2018**

Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	91.05	-0.50

**USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 26-March-2018**

Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	82.28	84.53	NIL
North Delta	80.78	82.53	NIL
South Delta	80.78	82.53	NIL
East TX-OK	76.50	78.25	1221
West Texas	75.75	77.75	4003
Desert SW	76.78	80.78	NIL
SJ Valley	77.28	86.18	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.): Ason26-March-2018**

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-Mar	82.08	82.57	81.5	81.78	-0.05
18-May	82.22	82.83	81.9	82.22	unch
18-Jul	78.88	78.88	78.88	78.88	-0.08
18-Oct	77.51	77.92	77.32	77.7	0.04
18-Dec	78	78.09	77.6	77.88	0.03
19-Mar	78.11	78.14	77.92	77.92	0.03

**Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on26-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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