

Domestic Fundamentals:

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

In The News: Bathinda Deputy Commissioner Diprava Lakrahe said that for 2018, the government aimed at bringing 1.10 lakh hectares of land under cotton cultivation as compared to 99,000 hectares last year. Similarly, last year the cotton yield per hectare was 850 kg lint, which is now being targeted at 860 kg lint per hectare, he added.

Indian cotton exports were 183kt in Feb 2018, down 13.3% month on month, but up 45.2% year on year and the accumulative exports in 2017/18 (from Aug 2017 to Feb 2018) were 822kt, an increase of 6.6% year on year. In the first two months of 2018, exports totaled 394kt, up 7.2% year on year.

In Feb 2018, cotton imports in India were 17kt, an upswing of 37% year on year and 8.3% month on month. From Aug 2017 to Feb 2018, imports totaled 182kt, down 46.1% year on year and in the first two months of 2018, imports amounted to 32kt, up 27.1% year on year.

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, Saurastra farmers having 40% Kapas in their Godown but Some farmers mixed further kapas in Good quality so it may create quality issues.

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.



International Fundamentals

China state reserve sold only 8,900.81 tonnes(59.34%) out of the total quantity at 15,000.15 tonnes of cotton reserved in the first session of its auction on March 27.

From March 12 to March 21, the cumulative turnover of reserve cotton china was 167,600 tons, and transaction rate was 69.78%.

Last night New York futures market May 2018 closed at 83 cents per pound while July futures 2018 closed at 83.60 cents per pound. Cotlook A Index closed at 92 cents per pound.

The Chinese state reserve auction finished this week. It had a 61.56 percent turnover rate; 30004.679 tonnes offered versus 18470.98 tonnes purchased.

In February 2018, cotton imports of Vietnam reached 111.4kt, down 5.9% year on year and 22.5%, month on month. And Brazilian cotton imports increased a significant high of 232% year on year to reach 18.4kt mainly due to improvement on cotton demand in Vietnam China sold 28,100 metric tons (129,061 480-pound bales) in the first day of its resumed auctioning of reserve stocks, 93.6% of total offerings of 30,000 tons (137,788 bales).

World consumption is raised slightly, while world trade is forecast 600,000 bales higher, as higher expected imports by Turkey, Bangladesh, China, and Vietnam more than offset a decline for Taiwan. World ending stocks are now projected at 88.8 million bales, nearly 300,000 bales above last month.

U.S. all-cotton production in 2017-18 projected down 140,000 bales from USDA's latest estimate and exports up 390,000 bales ahead of the monthly supply-demand reports.

As of Feb. 15, Turkey ranked as the third largest export customer for U.S. cotton this season on purchases of 1.428 million statistical bales. China was the largest, having bought 2.33 million bales, and Vietnam ranked second on purchases of 2.216 million bales.

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	899.5	901	895	898	1220	-515	6563	97
Spread		Cont	(C1)						
Spot		-13	80						
	Updated at 05:00 pm as on 28–Mar-2018								



Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	ces in Rs/	Change	OI	Change
Mar-18	-10	20200	20340	20100	20200	745	-295	519	-724
Apr-18	-40	20370	20610	20370	20480	1213	-420	7552	286
Spread	Ma	ar 18							
Spot									
Spot Mar-18	-2	270							

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (R	s./Quintal)	Change
State	Centre	Variety	28-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	Change
	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Gujarat	Patan	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5250	5255	-5
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Dunioh	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Punjab	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5050	5000	50
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	4910	4900	10
Haryana	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	4940	4930	10
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	5021	5075	-54
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	4750	4800	-50
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	4900	4900	Unch
Najasillali	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	4770	4750	20
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	Closed	Closed	-
Wauriya Frauesii	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5100	5050	50
wana asiiu a	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Ottal Flaucsii	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4450	4470	-20
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Aliullia Flaucsii	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-



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	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-	
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-	
	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	5133	-	
Karnataka	Hubli	D.C.H.	4311	4651	-340	
Karnataka	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-	
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	5050	-	
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change	
					Change	
State	Centre	Variety	28-Mar-18	27-Mar-18		
State	Bhatinda	J-34	28-Mar-18 4210	27-Mar-18 4190	20	
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State Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4210	4190	20	
	Bhatinda Abohar	J-34 J-34	4210 4215	4190 4190	20 25	
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Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity		Kapas	Arrivals	(Quintal)	Change
State	Centre	Variety	28-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	Change
	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Gujarat	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	-
Demiah	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Punjab	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	2000	1500	500
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	5000	5000	Unch
Haryana	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	800	800	Unch
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	247	180	66
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	145	160	-15
Deigothon	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	500	700	-200
Rajasthan	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	1000	1000	Unch
Madhya Bradach	Khandwa	Mech-1	Closed	Closed	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	1700	2000	-300
wanarasnira	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Litter Dredock	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-





Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4879	NA	-
	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Aliuliia Flauesii	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	1786	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	14	2	12
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	1170	-
Commodity	Line	t	Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	28-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	Change
	Bhatinda	J-34	4250	4250	Unch
Punjab	Abohar	J-34	510	510	Unch
	Mansa	J-34	340	340	Unch
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	850	1020	-170
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	200	200	Unch

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:							
Trade Name	Otombo	Micronaire	Strength/	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change	
Trade Name	Staple	Wilcronaire	GPT	27-Mar-18	26-Mar-18	Change	
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	Pri	Change	
Centre	Offit	28-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	Change
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	Pri	Change	
Centre	Offic	28-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	Change
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1402	1402	Unch
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1421	1427	-6

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 28-March-2018					
Index	RMB/Ton	Change			
CCIndex(328)	15603	-33			
CCIndex(527)	14585	-38			
CCIndex(229)	16183	-29			
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.					

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index: As on 27-March-2018					
Index	Cents/lb	Change			
FC Index (S)	94.75	Unch			
FC Index (M)	91.44	Unch			
FC Index (L)	90.45	Unch			

Cotlook Index: As on 27-March-2018		
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	91.05	Unch

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 27-March-2018						
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals			
	cen	Bales				
Southeast	82.52	84.77	NIL			
North Delta	81.02	82.77	NIL			
South Delta	81.02	82.77	NIL			
East TX-OK	76.50	78.25	6978			
West Texas	75.75	77.75	966			
Desert SW	77.02	81.02	NIL			
SJ Valley	77.52	86.42	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.): Ason27-March-2018							
Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change		
18-Mar	81.88	82.77	81.72	82.02	0.24		
18-May	82.22	83.14	82.16	82.44	0.22		
18-Jul	79.04	79.04	79.04	79.04	0.16		
18-Oct	77.5	77.92	77.5	77.62	-0.08		
18-Dec	78	78.06	77.8	77.8	-0.08		
19-Mar	77.83	77.83	77.83	77.83	-0.09		

Pakistan Cotton	(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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