

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Most of Cotton spot markets were closed due to festivals and long weekend.

In The News: Foreign buyers are interested in sourcing cotton from India as they find it cost effective and less expensive in comparison to other countries.

India will export 65-70 lakh bales of cotton in the ongoing season 2017-18 amid aggressive demand from neighbouring countries like Bangladesh and Pakistan. Apart from the neighbouring countries, India has also been receiving demands from several other countries, including Vietnam, Indonesian and Turkey.

In the early six months of this cotton production and marketing season 2017-18 (October-March), India has sold 55 lakh bales of cotton, of which 17 lakh bales have been shipped to Bangladesh followed by 11 lakh bales to Pakistan, 10 lakh to Vietnam, seven lakh to China, 7 lakh to Indonesia and Taiwan, and 3 lakh to other countries including Sri Lanka, Turkey and Thailand, among others," the CAI chief told IANS.

NCDEX market closed today due to Mahaveer jayanthi so, trade was very thin not price auction is witnessed.

Cotton prices are expected to remain firm, rating agency ICRA in its report said domestic demand has started showing signs of improvement because transition of GST and changes in export incentives structure subsiding.

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.

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.

NCDEX Kapas Futures*: (Prices in Rs/20kg)									
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Cont. (C1)	-4.5	899.5	901	892.5	894.5	1863	643	6319	-244

Spread	Cont (C1)		
Spot	-130	-	-
	-	-	-

Updated at 05:00 pm as on 30-Mar-2018

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Apr-18	-20	20470	20500	20420	20430	324	242	7635	55
May-18	10	20750	20770	20690	20720	66	23	835	10

Spread	Apr 18		-	-	--	--
Spot			-	-	-	-
Apr-18	-270		-	-	-	-

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

* Updated at 05:00 pm as on 30-Mar 2018

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	31-Mar-18	30-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	5200	5200	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5030	5025	5
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	4880	4880	Unch
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	4900	4910	-10
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	4847	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	4700	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	4900	4880	20
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	4760	NR	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	Closed	Closed	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	Closed	5100	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NR	NR	-

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	NA	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	NA	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	31-Mar-18	30-Mar-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4210	4205	5
	Abohar	J-34	4210	4210	Unch
	Mansa	J-34	4180	4175	5
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4190	4190	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	3948	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	31-Mar-18	30-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	45000	45000	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	1000	1200	-200
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	3000	4000	-1000
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	800	1100	-300
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	2230	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	17	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	300	600	-300
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	1000	NR	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	Closed	Closed	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	Closed	2100	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-

Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NR	NR	-
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	NA	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	NA	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	31-Mar-18	30-Mar-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	3400	3400	Unch
	Abohar	J-34	340	510	-170
	Mansa	J-34	340	340	Unch
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	340	850	-510
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	100	-

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				30-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42200	42400	-200
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42700	42900	-200
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	39700	39900	-200
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	37100	37000	100
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	40700	40600	100
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	41500	41400	100
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	43100	43000	100
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	53600	53600	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		31-Mar-18	30-Mar-18	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	740	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
		31-Mar-18	30-Mar-18	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	Closed	Closed	-
Akola	Rs./Qtl	Closed	Closed	-

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES
China Cotton Index: As on 30-March-2018

Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	15546	-31
CCIndex(527)	14569	-6
CCIndex(229)	16157	-3
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 30-March-2018

Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	94.17	0.69
FC Index (M)	90.79	0.69
FC Index (L)	89.94	0.75

Cotlook Index: As on 29-March-2018

Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	89.95	-1.35

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 29-March-2018

Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	81.96	84.21	NIL
North Delta	80.46	82.21	NIL
South Delta	80.46	82.21	NIL
East TX-OK	76.00	77.75	4022
West Texas	75.25	77.25	796
Desert SW	76.46	80.46	NIL
SJ Valley	76.96	85.86	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.): Ason30-March-2018

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-Mar	80.74	82.2	80.68	81.46	0.72
18-May	81.18	82.51	81.08	81.8	0.62
18-Jul	79.23	79.23	79.23	79.23	-0.08
18-Oct	76.95	77.78	76.9	77.73	0.74
18-Dec	77.22	77.93	77.13	77.82	0.59
19-Mar	77.43	78.03	77.43	77.93	0.53

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on30-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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