

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Most of Cotton spot market prices were noticed firm on Monday.

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.

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.

NCDEX Kapas Futures*: (Prices in Rs/20kg)									
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Cont. (C1)	25.5	904	924	904	920	4012	2149	6024	-295

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

Updated at 05:00 pm as on 02-Apr-2018

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Apr-18	210	20500	20700	20500	20640	1181	857	7822	187
May-18	200	20890	20960	20830	20920	169	103	898	63

Spread	Apr 18		-	-	--	--
Spot				-	-	-
Apr-18	-260			-	-	-

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

* Updated at 05:00 pm as on 02-Apr 2018

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	2-Apr-18	31-Mar-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5300	Closed	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NR	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5175	Closed	-
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NR	Closed	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5200	5200	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	Closed	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	Closed	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	Closed	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5080	5030	50
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	Closed	4880	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	4920	4900	20
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	4900	4900	Unch
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	4760	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	5200	Closed	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5100	Closed	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4450	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	5311	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	2-Apr-18	31-Mar-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4215	4210	5
	Abohar	J-34	Closed	4210	-
	Mansa	J-34	Closed	4180	-
	Muktsar	J-34	Closed	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	Closed	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4200	4190	10
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	3995	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	2-Apr-18	31-Mar-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	51000	Closed	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NR	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	1200	Closed	-
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NR	Closed	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	50000	45000	5000
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	Closed	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	Closed	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	Closed	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	1500	1000	500
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	Closed	3000	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	600	800	-200
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	1000	300	700
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	1000	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	300	Closed	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	2100	Closed	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-

Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NA	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	5343	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	2-Apr-18	31-Mar-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	1700	3400	-1700
	Abohar	J-34	Closed	340	-
	Mansa	J-34	Closed	340	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	NA	340	-
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS

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

Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		2-Apr-18	31-Mar-18	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	750	740	10
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	735	725	10
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	NR	NR	-
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	765	760	5

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		2-Apr-18	31-Mar-18	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1402	Closed	-
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1420	Closed	-

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES
China Cotton Index: As on 02-April-2018

Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	15533	-13
CCIndex(527)	14566	-3
CCIndex(229)	16155	-2
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 02-April-2018

Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	94.30	0.13
FC Index (M)	90.80	0.01
FC Index (L)	89.94	Unch

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 on 02-April-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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