

## Domestic Fundamentals:

**Market Outlook:** Cotton spot market prices were noticed firm on Tuesday.

**In The News:** Warangal cotton market traded nearly 4665/Qtl and market received around 1500 bales of cotton on Monday.

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)	-4.5	917.5	922.5	911	915	2147	-1865	5523	-501

  

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

Updated at 05:00 pm as on 03-Apr-2018

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Apr-18	-70	20710	20710	20530	20550	718	-463	7881	59
May-18	-60	20860	20930	20810	20830	75	-94	1019	121

Spread	Apr 18		-	-	--	--
Spot			-	-	-	-
Apr-18	-220		-	-	-	-

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

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**Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:**

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	3-Apr-18	2-Apr-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5300	5300	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NR	NR	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5240	5175	65
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	5325	5125	200
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5000	5200	-200
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NR	Closed	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	Closed	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	Closed	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5050	5080	-30
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	Closed	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	4925	4920	5
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	5000	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	4935	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	4900	4900	Unch
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	4770	NR	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	5200	5200	Unch
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5200	5100	100
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4470	4450	20
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	5311	-
	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	3-Apr-18	2-Apr-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4220	4215	5
	Abohar	J-34	4230	Closed	-
	Mansa	J-34	4200	Closed	-
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	Closed	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	Closed	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4215	4200	15
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	3995	3995	Unch

**Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	3-Apr-18	2-Apr-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	51000	51000	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NR	NR	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	1050	1200	-150
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	1694	1110	584
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	55000	50000	5000
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NR	Closed	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	Closed	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	Closed	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	1000	1500	-500
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	Closed	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	1200	600	600
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	170	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	90	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	200	1000	-800
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	500	NR	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	300	300	Unch
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	1800	2100	-300
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	2743	NA	-

<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
<b>Karnataka</b>	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	5343	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	NA	-
<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Lint</b>		<b>Arrivals (Quintal)</b>		<b>Change</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>Centre</b>	<b>Variety</b>	<b>3-Apr-18</b>	<b>2-Apr-18</b>	
<b>Punjab</b>	Bhatinda	J-34	2550	1700	850
	Abohar	J-34	510	Closed	-
	Mansa	J-34	1700	Closed	-
<b>Haryana</b>	Sirsa	J-34	1190	NA	-
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

### DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS

<b>Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:</b>						
Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				1-Apr-18	31-Mar-18	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42700	42200	500
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	43200	42700	500
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	40000	39700	300
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	37400	37100	300
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	40800	40600	200
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	41700	41500	200
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	43300	43100	200
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	53600	53600	Unch

### Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		3-Apr-18	2-Apr-18	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	745	750	-5
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	735	735	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	NR	NR	-
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	778	765	13

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		3-Apr-18	2-Apr-18	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1405	1402	3
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1424	1420	4

**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 2-April-2018**

Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	81.47	83.72	NIL
North Delta	79.97	81.72	NIL
South Delta	79.97	81.72	NIL
East TX-OK	75.50	77.25	4841
West Texas	74.75	76.75	913
Desert SW	75.97	79.97	NIL
SJ Valley	76.47	85.37	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.): Ason 2-April-2018**

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-Mar	81.80	82.71	80.92	80.97	-0.49
18-May	82.10	82.88	81.24	81.27	-0.53
18-Jul	78.89	78.89	78.89	78.89	-0.34
18-Oct	77.80	77.95	77.45	77.49	-0.24
18-Dec	77.84	78.10	77.74	77.81	-0.01
19-Mar	77.88	78.18	77.82	77.92	-0.01

**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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