

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton spot market prices were noticed mixed tone on Monday.

In The News: Indian mills have exported more than 1.5 lakh bales of cotton to China during last 10 days since the trade war between China and US broke out.

90% cotton crop has arrived in the markets and new crop season already set in, the estimate for cotton arrival has been lowered fifth time for Punjab. On other hand, the estimates have been revised upwards in the neighbouring states of Haryana and Rajasthan.

As per Agriwatch estimates, cotton acreage in the southern states might decline by 8-10% in 2018-19, because of losses this year, but a part of it will be made up by the northern states. Overall we expect the national acreage to decline by about 3%. Current year's yields in southern states were affected by pink bollworm attacks.

According to trade sources, India is looking to sell 2.5 million to 3 million bales, each of 170 kg, to China in the next season beginning in October, up from around 800,000 bales of expected exports in the 2017/18 marketing year.

Cotton prices which are currently ruling in the range of Rs 40,000-40,800 per candy (each of 356 kg) may cross Rs 45,000 by the end of May.

Cotton sowing commenced officially from April 1 in Punjab, the state agriculture department is yet to release the list of varieties recommended by the Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana. PAU-recommended varieties of hybrid BT cotton seed are also approved by the genetic engineering appraisal committee (GEAC).

India, the world's second-biggest cotton exporter, is hoping to treble shipments of the fibre to China next year as Beijing seeks to replenish stockpiles and imposes a 25 per cent import tax on cargoes from the United States.

The trade war between the US and China could provide opportunities for Indian Oilseed meals and Cotton producers in the Asian country's market, industry sources said.

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 Kapas Futures*: (Prices in Rs/20kg)									
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Cont. (C1)	-2	922	927	918	923.5	1009	-1698	5286	-71

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

Updated at 05:00 pm as on 09-Apr-2018

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Apr-18	20	20660	20680	20530	20640	599	-1157	7512	-5
May-18	20	20940	20950	20790	20900	211	-77	1377	80

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

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

* Updated at 05:00 pm as on 09-Apr 2018

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	9-Apr-18	7-Apr-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5350	5300	50
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NR	NR	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5350	5285	65
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5250	5250	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5075	NR	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5050	5050	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	4910	4925	-15
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	5011	NR	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	4870	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NR	4700	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	4900	4900	Unch
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	4760	4775	-15
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	5100	Closed	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5050	5075	-25
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	0	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	0	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NR	4500	-
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	5451	5420	31
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	3505	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	NA	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	9-Apr-18	7-Apr-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4220	4225	-5
	Abohar	J-34	4220	4230	-10
	Mansa	J-34	4200	4220	-20
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4200	4205	-5
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	9-Apr-18	7-Apr-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	51000	42500	8500
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NR	NR	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	2600	3200	-600
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	45000	35000	10000
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	161	NR	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	2500	1500	1000
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	800	1800	-1000
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	204	NR	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	4500	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NR	30	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	600	500	100
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	250	200	50
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	400	Closed	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	2000	1800	200
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-

	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NR	2416	-
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	4357	1964	2393
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	30	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	NA	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	9-Apr-18	7-Apr-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	3060	3400	-340
	Abohar	J-34	1020	680	340
	Mansa	J-34	680	850	-170
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	425	680	-255
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		9-Apr-18	7-Apr-18	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	750	745	5
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	720	730	-10
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	NR	NR	-
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	772	772	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices

Cotton Seed Oil Cake Prices at Key Centers:

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		9-Apr-18	7-Apr-18	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1429	1400	29
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1403	1413	-10

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 09-April-2018		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	15506	-5
CCIndex(527)	14548	-8
CCIndex(229)	16120	-11
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 09-April-2018

Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	95.60	0.86
FC Index (M)	91.82	0.68
FC Index (L)	91.10	0.66

Cotlook Index: As on 06-April-2018

Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	92.05	3.00

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 06-April-2018

Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	85.29	83.04	NIL
North Delta	83.29	81.54	NIL
South Delta	83.29	81.54	NIL
East TX-OK	77.50	75.75	12460
West Texas	77.00	75.00	2241
Desert SW	81.54	77.54	NIL
SJ Valley	86.94	78.04	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.): Ason06-April-2018

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-Mar	82.00	83.46	81.8	82.54	-0.03
18-May	81.89	83.04	81.44	82.18	0.03
18-Jul	79.72	79.72	79.72	79.72	-0.19
18-Oct	77.62	78.14	77.5	77.94	0.07
18-Dec	78.02	78.25	77.72	78.12	0.03
19-Mar	78.21	78.34	77.81	78.34	0.04

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 06-April-2018

(in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
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Cotton	37.32 Kgs	7300	145	7445
Equivalent	40 Kgs	7823	155	7978

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