

Domestic Fundamentals:

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

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)	-2.5	925	926.5	920	923	923	-86	5106	-180

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	40	20670	20790	20590	20700	922	323	7544	32
May-18	40	20920	21060	20860	20960	434	223	1456	79

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	10-Apr-18	9-Apr-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5250	5350	-100
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5195	NR	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	NR	5350	-
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	5365	5330	35
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5250	5250	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5205	5075	130
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5050	5050	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	0	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	4890	4910	-20
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NR	5110	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	4810	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	4930	4900	30
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	4760	4760	Unch
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	5100	5100	Unch
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5100	5050	50
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4550	4500	50
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	5451	-
	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	10-Apr-18	9-Apr-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	Closed	4220	-
	Abohar	J-34	4210	4220	-10
	Mansa	J-34	Closed	4200	-
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4195	4200	-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	10-Apr-18	9-Apr-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	35190	51000	-15810
	Gondal	Shankar-6	627	NR	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	NR	2600	-
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	3675	3690	-15
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	35000	45000	-10000
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	183	161	22
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	1500	2500	-1000
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	0	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	1800	800	1000
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NR	204	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	1150	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	200	600	-400
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	1000	250	750
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	400	400	Unch
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	1300	2000	-700
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-

Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	1832	NA	-
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	4357	-
	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	10-Apr-18	9-Apr-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	Closed	3060	-
	Abohar	J-34	425	1020	-595
	Mansa	J-34	Closed	680	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	510	425	85
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
				9-Apr-18	7-Apr-18	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42800	42700	100
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	43300	43200	100
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	40100	40000	100
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	37600	37500	100
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	41000	40900	100
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	41900	41800	100
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	43600	43500	100
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	53600	53600	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		10-Apr-18	9-Apr-18	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	745	750	-5
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	730	730	Unch
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
		10-Apr-18	9-Apr-18	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1432	1429	3
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1406	1403	3

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

<u>China Cotton Index: As on 10-April-2018</u>		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	15505	-1
CCIndex(527)	14548	Unch
CCIndex(229)	16118	-2
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

<u>China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 10-April-2018</u>		
Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	96.15	0.86
FC Index (M)	92.37	0.68
FC Index (L)	91.80	0.70

<u>Cotlook Index: As on 09-April-2018</u>		
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	92.05	Unch

<u>USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 09-April-2018</u>			
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	83.41	85.66	Unch
North Delta	81.91	83.66	Unch
South Delta	81.91	83.66	Unch
East TX-OK	75.75	77.50	2799
West Texas	75.00	77.00	87
Desert SW	77.91	81.91	Unch
SJ Valley	78.41	87.31	Unch

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
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	7300	145	7445
Equivalent	40 Kgs	7823	155	7978

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