

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton spot market prices were noticed Range-bound on Friday.

In The News: Agriculture company Monsanto suffered a loss in India. Last week when the High Court of Delhi concluded that the company's patent on genetically modified cotton seeds is not valid. The High Court backed Indian agribusiness Nuziveedu in its dispute, which included a patent opposition, with Monsanto.

According to trade sources, With Indian cotton selling at discounts of 7-10 cents per pound, there is demand for all qualities of cotton.

The area under Cotton cultivation in India likely to go down by 10-15% this year as farmers are expected to shift to Soyabean that gives better returns and because of the risk of pink bollworm attack, industry sources said.

Cotton Association of India has released its March estimate of the 2017-18 crop year beginning from 1st October 2017-18. In this latest estimate, the CAI has estimated cotton crop for the ongoing 2017-18 season at 360 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each, which is lower by 2 lakh bales – one lakh bales each in the states of Maharashtra and Karnataka

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.



International Fundamentals

From March 12 to April 13, the cumulative turnover of cotton reserves was 411,600 tons, with a turnover rate of 57.15%.

According to China Cotton Association, survey China Cotton plantings seen falling 4% in 2018-19 to 2.8 Mln ha as farmers respond to lower prices last year.

As per the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) figures, India is the largest producer of cotton in the world with 365 lakh bales this year, followed by China (353 lakh bales), the U.S. (273 lakh bales), Pakistan (105 lakh bales) and Brazil (103 lakh bales).

ICE cotton contract for May expiry settled up 0.72 cent, or 0.89 percent, at 81.46 cents per lb. It traded within a range of 80.68 and 82.2 cents a lb the contract was down 0.45 percent for the week.

Cotton in Australia estimates there were 372,000 hectares of irrigated cotton planted this season and 81,000 green hectares of dry land, giving total Australian crop of 453.000 ha.

Pakistan cotton imports for 2018-19 were forecast at 2.40 m bales, a drop of 200,000 bales from this season, reflecting the increased production hopes. The country imports primarly better grades of cotton, for lifting the quality of domestic textile output to export grade.

China state reserve sold only 8,900.81 tonnes (59.34%) out of the total quantity at 15,000.15 tonnes of cotton reserved in the first session of its auction on March 27.

Last night New York futures market May 2018 closed at 83 cents per pound while July futures 2018 closed at 83.60 cents per pound. Cotlook A Index closed at 92 cents per pound.

The Chinese state reserve auction finished this week. It had a 61.56 percent turnover rate; 30004.679 tonnes offered versus 18470.98 tonnes purchased.

NCDEX Kapas Futures*: (Prices in Rs/20kg)									
Contract	+/- 4	Open 915	High 918.5	Low 912.5	Close 916	Volume 717	Change -266	O I 4198	Change -242
Spread		Cont	(C1)			1			1
Spot		Cont (C1) -141.5							
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Updated at 05:00 pm as on 13–Apr-2018									



Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Apr-18	110	20840	20940	20780	20890	828	-80	7283	-170
May-18	90	21140	21230	21080	21170	677	-57	2551	118
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Spread	Ap	or 18							
Spot									
Apr-18	-2	290							
(NB: Spread Basis = Spot- Near Month Future)									

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity		Kapas	Prices (R	s./Quintal)	Change
State	Centre	Variety	13-Apr-18	12-Apr-18	Change
	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5400	5300	100
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5200	5245	-45
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5300	5290	10
Gujarat	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NR	5375	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5250	5300	-50
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5055	5250	-195
Dunish	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Punjab	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5050	5050	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	4860	4875	-15
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Deigothon	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	4915	4900	15
Rajasthan	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NR	-
Madhya Dradaah	Khandwa	Mech-1	4900	NR	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5100	5100	Unch
เขาสเรสเสราเมส	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Ullai Fiauesii	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-



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Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4550	4550	Unch
	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Anunia Frauesii	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	5501	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	5021	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Daiahur	H-44 Cotton	NA	5000	
	Raichur	n-44 Collon	INA	5000	-
Commodity	Raichur	Lint		s./Maund)	
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Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity		Kapas	Arrivals	(Quintal)	Chango
State	Centre	Variety	13-Apr-18	12-Apr-18	Change
	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	42500	42500	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	780	480	300
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	1900	3000	-1100
Gujarat	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NR	2396	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	50000	50000	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	163	135	28
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	1000	600	400
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	900	500	400
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Paiasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	200	600	-400
Rajasthan	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NR	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	700	NR	-
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Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	1200	1600	-400



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	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
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Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	1250	1029	221
	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	3965	-
Karnataka	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	62	-
Namalaka	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	1185	-
Commodity		Lint	Arrivals	Arrivals (Quintal)	
State	Centre	Variety	13-Apr-18	12-Apr-18	Change
	Bhatinda	J-34	2040	2550	-510
Punjab	Abohar	J-34	1020	1020	Unch
	Mansa	J-34	510	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	510	510	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:							
Trada Nama	Stanla	Micronaire	Strength/	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Changa	
Trade Name	Staple	Wilcronaire	GPT	12-Apr-18	11-Apr-18	Change	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42900	42800	100	
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	43400	43300	100	
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	40000	39900	100	
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	27	37800	37600	200	
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 – 4.9	28	41200	41000	200	
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	42300	42200	100	
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	44000	43800	200	
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	54000	53600	400	

Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Pr	ice	Change	
Centre	Onit	13-Apr-18	12-Apr-18	Change	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	740	745	-5	
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	725	725	Unch	
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	NR	NR	-	
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	767	772	-5	



Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices

Cotton Seed Oil Cake Prices at Key Centers:

Centre	Unit	Pri	Chango	
Centre	Onit	13-Apr-18	12-Apr-18	Change
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1433	1430	3
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1410	1415	-5

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 13-April-2018		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	15486	-11
CCIndex(527)	14530	-7
CCIndex(229)	16112	-1
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 12-April-2018						
Index	Cents/lb	Change				
FC Index (S)	96.27	0.22				
FC Index (M)	92.44	0.21				
FC Index (L)	91.81	0.25				

Cotlook Index: As on 12-April-2018		
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	93.05	0.25

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 12-April-2018						
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals			
	cent	Bales				
Southeast	84.19	86.44	NIL			
North Delta	82.69	84.44	NIL			
South Delta	82.69	84.44	NIL			
East TX-OK	76.00	77.75	4808			
West Texas	75.25	77.25	2373			
Desert SW	78.69	82.69	NIL			
SJ Valley	79.19	88.09	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 12-April-2018							
Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change		
18-Mar	83.83	83.97	83.17	83.69	-0.14		
18-May	83.57	83.57	82.71	83.00	-0.41		
18-Jul	79.19	79.29	79.19	79.29	-0.35		
18-Oct	78.6	78.91	78.21	78.83	0.20		
18-Dec	78.75	78.94	78.45	78.91	0.17		
19-Mar	78.56	78.86	78.44	78.86	0.12		

Pakistan Cotton S	(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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