

Domestic Fundamentals:

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

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.

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	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Cont. (C1)	4	915	918.5	912.5	916	1047	330	4203	5

Spread	Cont (C1)		
Spot	-141.5	-	-
	-	-	-

Updated at 05:00 pm as on 14-Apr-2018

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Apr-18	90	20840	20940	20780	20870	1235	407	7145	-138
May-18	90	21140	21230	21080	21170	916	239	2632	81

Spread	Apr 18		-	-	--	--
Spot				-	-	-
Apr-18	-290			-	-	-

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

* Updated at 05:00 pm as on 14-Apr 2018

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS
Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	14-Apr-18	13-Apr-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5450	5400	50
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5225	5200	25
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5290	5300	-10
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	5355	NR	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5300	5250	50
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5195	5055	140
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5000	5050	-50
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	4920	4860	60
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	4900	4915	-15
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	Closed	4900	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	Closed	5100	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-

Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NR	4550	-
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	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	14-Apr-18	13-Apr-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4230	4195	35
	Abohar	J-34	4230	4210	20
	Mansa	J-34	4170	4160	10
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4215	4190	25
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
				13-Apr-18	12-Apr-18	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	43100	42900	200
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	43600	43400	200
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	40200	40000	200
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	38000	37800	200
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	41400	41200	200
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	42500	42300	200
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	44200	44000	200
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	54200	54000	200

Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		14-Apr-18	13-Apr-18	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	742	740	2
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	725	725	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	NR	NR	-
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	772	767	5

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

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		14-Apr-18	13-Apr-18	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1437	1433	4
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1411	1410	1

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 13-April-2018

Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	95.97	-0.30
FC Index (M)	92.16	-0.28
FC Index (L)	91.56	-0.25

Cotlook Index: As on 13-April-2018

Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	92.95	-0.10

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 12-April-2018

Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		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 13-April-2018

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-May	83.83	84.45	83.06	83.41	-0.28
18-Jul	83.04	83.64	82.9	83.35	0.35
18-Oct	79.45	79.45	78.93	79.11	-0.18
18-Dec	78.79	78.97	78.63	78.91	0.08
19-Mar	78.91	79.04	78.72	79.03	0.12
19-May	78.9	79.02	78.73	79.01	0.15

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 12-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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