

Domestic Fundamentals:

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

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.

NCDEX Kapas Futures*: (Prices in Rs/20kg)									
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Cont. (C1)	-4	918	935.5	916	917	935	547	3792	-449

Spread	Cont (C1)		
Spot	-130.5	-	-
	-	-	-

Updated at 05:00 pm as on 17-Apr-2018

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Apr-18	-50	20910	20940	20850	20860	790	-717	5968	-386
May-18	-50	21200	21260	21150	21160	678	-577	3908	470

Spread	Apr 18		-	-	--	--
Spot				-	-	-
Apr-18	-320			-	-	-

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

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DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS
Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	17-Apr-18	16-Apr-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5400	5450	-50
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5255	5245	10
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5330	5320	10
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NR	5325	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5250	5250	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5120	5220	-100
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5050	5000	50
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	5100	5000	100
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	4885	4880	5
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	4950	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	4950	5050	-100
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5200	Closed	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-

Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4550	4550	Unch
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	NR	NR	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NR	NR	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NR	NR	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	17-Apr-18	16-Apr-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4290	4260	30
	Abohar	J-34	4290	4260	30
	Mansa	J-34	4250	4210	40
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4270	4240	30
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	17-Apr-18	16-Apr-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	42500	42500	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	582	857	-275
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	2400	2800	-400
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NR	3810	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	50000	40000	10000
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	86	149	-63
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	600	800	-200
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	90	150	-60
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	150	100	50
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	1000	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	300	300	Unch

	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	1300	Closed	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NA	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	NR	NR	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NR	NR	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NR	NR	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	17-Apr-18	16-Apr-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	1700	1700	Unch
	Abohar	J-34	510	510	Unch
	Mansa	J-34	170	680	-510
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	255	340	-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
				16-Apr-18	14-Apr-18	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42600	43100	-500
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	43100	43600	-500
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	40500	40200	300
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	38000	38000	Unch
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	41600	41400	200
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	42700	42500	200
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	44400	44200	200
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	54500	54200	300

Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		17-Apr-18	16-Apr-18	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	740	740	Unch
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	725	725	Unch

Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	NR	NR	-
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	770	770	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		17-Apr-18	16-Apr-18	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1402	NR	-
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1414	NR	-

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 17-April-2018

Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	15483	-2
CCIndex(527)	14517	-14
CCIndex(229)	16115	Unch
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.		

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 16-April-2018

Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	96.03	0.06
FC Index (M)	92.14	-0.02
FC Index (L)	91.56	Unch

Cotlook Index: As on 16-April-2018

Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	92.65	-0.30

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 16-April-2018

Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	83.75	86.00	NIL
North Delta	82.25	84.00	NIL
South Delta	82.25	84.00	NIL
East TX-OK	76.00	77.75	5492
West Texas	75.00	76.75	1187
Desert SW	78.25	82.25	NIL
SJ Valley	78.75	87.65	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 16-April-2018

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-May	83.25	84.04	83	83.25	-0.16
18-Jul	83.53	83.94	83.04	83.22	-0.13
18-Oct	79.22	79.22	79.22	79.22	0.11
18-Dec	78.89	78.94	78.38	78.54	-0.37
19-Mar	78.99	78.99	78.44	78.67	-0.36
19-May	78.87	78.87	78.34	78.61	-0.40

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 16-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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