

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton spot market prices were witnessed steady to 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)	-8	912	913	904	905	739	-196	3393	-399

Spread	Cont (C1)		
Spot	-162	-	-
	-	-	-

Updated at 05:00 pm as on 18-Apr-2018

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Apr-18	-150	20770	20830	20500	20580	1503	713	5232	-736
May-18	-180	21070	21130	20830	20860	1149	471	4425	517

Spread	Apr 18		-	-	--	--
Spot				-	-	-
Apr-18	-300			-	-	-

(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	18-Apr-18	17-Apr-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5450	5400	50
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NR	5255	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5375	5330	45
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NR	5390	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5250	5250	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5220	5120	100
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	5100	5100	Unch
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	NA	4885	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	Closed	4950	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5050	5200	-150
	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	5225	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NR	5050	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maunder)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	18-Apr-18	17-Apr-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4270	4290	-20
	Abohar	J-34	4280	4290	-10
	Mansa	J-34	4250	4250	Unch
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4250	4270	-20
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	18-Apr-18	17-Apr-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	42500	42500	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NR	582	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	1850	2400	-550
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NR	3315	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	50000	50000	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	78	86	-8
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	800	600	200
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	80	90	-10
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	NA	150	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	Closed	300	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	1200	1300	-100

	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	2374	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	72	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NR	2122	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	18-Apr-18	17-Apr-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	1700	1700	Unch
	Abohar	J-34	510	510	Unch
	Mansa	J-34	170	170	Unch
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	170	255	-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
				17-Apr-18	16-Apr-18	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42100	42600	-500
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42600	43100	-500
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	40600	40500	100
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	38000	38000	Unch
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	41600	41600	Unch
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	42700	42700	Unch
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	44400	44400	Unch
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	54500	54500	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		18-Apr-18	17-Apr-18	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	740	740	Unch
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	725	725	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	740	740	Unch
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	770	770	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		18-Apr-18	17-Apr-18	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1407	1402	5
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1405	1414	-9

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

<u>China Cotton Index: As on 18-April-2018</u>			
Index		RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)		15481	-2
CCIndex(527)		14517	Unch
CCIndex(229)		16112	-3
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.			

<u>China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 17-April-2018</u>		
Index		Cents/lb
FC Index (S)		95.96
FC Index (M)		92.11
FC Index (L)		91.53

<u>Cotlook Index: As on 17-April-2018</u>		
Cotlook Indices		Cents/Pound
A-Index		92.45

<u>USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 17-April-2018</u>			
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	83.45	85.70	NIL
North Delta	81.95	83.70	NIL
South Delta	81.95	83.70	NIL
East TX-OK	75.75	77.50	4947
West Texas	74.75	76.50	1110
Desert SW	77.95	81.95	NIL
SJ Valley	78.45	87.35	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

<u>ICE Cotton Futures (Prices in cents/lb.): Ason 17-April-2018</u>
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Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-May	83.28	83.58	82.06	83.13	-0.12
18-Jul	83.28	83.49	81.97	82.95	-0.27
18-Oct	78.95	78.95	78.95	78.95	-0.27
18-Dec	78.5	78.68	77.92	78.40	-0.14
19-Mar	78.61	78.69	78.17	78.46	-0.21
19-May	78.38	78.54	78.35	78.51	-0.10

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 17-April-2018				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	7600	145	7745
Equivalent	40 Kgs	8145	155	8300

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