

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton spot market prices were witnessed steady to firm on Tuesday.

In The News: According to trade sources, many Indian cotton farmers are reportedly looking to shift to soybean during the coming kharif sowing season, as the oilseed fetched a better return last year. Expecting at least 15 per cent of cotton farmers shifting towards soybean this kharif season, for better realisation.

Currently Rs 4,700-5,500 a qtl, cotton prices moved up during the past month when export demand emerged suddenly from Bangladesh, China and Pakistan.

Gujarat cotton prices of 29 mm remained between 41,850 to 42,250 Rs,/candy.

In Adoni, prices are trading near Rs 5200/ quintal compared to Rs 5600/ quintal in corresponding period of 2017. In Similarly, Warangal, prices are trading near Rs.4740/quintal and arrivals were noticed around 800 bales on today.

According to data provided by the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry, of the total commodities exports from India, the textile apparel exports share has come down by a percentage point to 12% in fiscal 2018 from 13% in the previous fiscal.

According to trade sources, the target for sowing cotton in Maharashtra for this kharif season is 4 lakh hectares, the highest acreage is expecting from Bathinda, Mansa, Fazilika and Mukstar districts.

Cotton prices are likely to remain steady during June-October 2018 due to very tight financial situation prevailing in the spinning sector and comfortable availability of quality cotton, according to the Indian Cotton Federation here.

Bangladesh has emerged as the biggest importer of Indian cotton this season. It imported around 21 lakh bales of cotton from India overtaking China, which was largest importer of Indian cotton until now.

So far, India has exported 15 lakh bales of cotton to China. As per data provided by CAI, the country has contracted 15-20 lakh bales for exports to China. Following the trade war with the US, China has imposed tariffs on import of cotton from the US. Cotton is one of the 106 US goods on which Beijing has imposed up to 25% tariffs.

According to trade sources, in the past three months, the export price of India's 30S pure cotton yarn has risen by 2%, while the export price of Pakistan's cotton yarn with the same quality has decreased by 1.7%. In the coming weeks, it's expected that the price of cotton yarn will not be lowered due to the support of high level cotton prices.

Cotton exports surged 151% in March with shipment of 12.5 lakh bales (170 kg) as against just less than 5 lakh bales exported in March 2017. The first six months of 2017-18 cotton marketing year shipment aggregated 5.66 million bales as against 4.82 million bales in the corresponding months of previous marketing year.

Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has purchased 11 lakh bales of cotton so far this cotton season (October to September) and sold four lakh bales.

India's cotton exports may touch 7 million bales this marketing year, a rise of 27 per cent over the earlier estimate due to a surge in demand, mainly from China, as Indian cotton is selling at discount, says the Cotton Association of India (CAI).



International Fundamentals

In MY 2017/18, Vietnam's cotton imports are expected to reach 1.38 million metric tons (MMT), up 15 percent over MY 2016/17, as Vietnam's spinning sector continues to expand alongside its textile and garment industry.

US Crop progress report showed on Monday, 12% of the US cotton crop was planted as on Sunday, a 2% move from the week prior From March 12 to April 25, the China cumulative turnover of cotton stocks was 514,500 tons, and the turnover rate was 53.57%.

Cotlook has lowered its forecast for 2018-19 global Cotton production by 69,000 tonnes to 26.23 million tonnes owing to a change for the US which more than offset increases for Uzbekistan and Brazil. It also lowered global Cotton consumption by 103,000 tonnes to 26.77 million tonnes.

According to U.S weekly export sales-shipments report, China's 2018-19 cotton imports projected to climb to 6.4 million bales from 5.05 million estimated for this season.

Cotton production remains marginal in Thailand totalling approximately 1,500 -1,600 metric tons (2,300 -2,500 bales) due to unattractive returns compared to other field crops like sugarcane. This production accounts for less than one percent of total demand. The government does not provide any incentives to farmers to produce cotton. The government still bans the domestic production of all transgenic (biotech) plant varieties, including cotton.

World Cotton consumption in 2017-18 is projected at 120.4 million bales, as per latest US Department of Agriculture (USDA) figures. This is 5% or 5.6 million bales above 2016-17.

USDA 2018 cotton sowing progress, week ended April 16, showed 8% of the total area planted vs 8% last year. Arzona, Texas, California and Georgia begun planting.

In 2018/19, Post forecasts Australian cotton production to reach 4.7 million bales from a harvested area of 450,000 hectares. This compares to 4 million bales in 2017/18 from a revised harvested area of 470,000 hectares due to poor seasonal conditions. Exports are forecast at 4.4 million bales in 2018/19as a result of the larger harvest and strong international demand. (Source: FAS report)

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).

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

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity		Kapas	Prices (R	s./Quintal)	Change
State	Centre	Variety	1-May-18	30-Apr-18	Change
	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	Closed	5350	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NR	5280	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5375	5340	35
Gujarat	Patan	B.T. Cotton	5625	5575	50
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	Closed	5250	-
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NR	4530	-
Dunish	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Punjab	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5000	5000	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	5045	NR	-
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Kajasulali	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Bradash	Khandwa	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5100	5100	Unch
wanarashtra	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-



	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	_
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NR	NR	-
	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur	Bunny	NR	5395	-
Karnataka	Hubli	D.C.H.	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NR	5050	-
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State	Centre	Variety	1-May-18	30-Apr-18	Change
	Bhatinda	J-34	4330	4325	5
	Abohar	J-34	4330	4325	5
Punjab	Mansa	J-34	4200	4270	-70
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•	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
•	Muktsar Fazilika	J-34 J-34	NR NR	NR NR	-
Haryana	***************************************				

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals	(Quintal)	Change
State	Centre	Variety	1-May-18	30-Apr-18	Change
	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	Closed	34000	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NR	414	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	1200	1200	Unch
Gujarat	Patan	B.T. Cotton	3040	1875	1165
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	Closed	15000	-
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NR	27	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Fulljab	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	300	400	-100
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	300	NR	-
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Najasulali	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradosh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-



Mahanashtua	Amravati	Mech-1	900	1100	-200
Maharashtra	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NR	NR	-
	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Andhus Duadach	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur	Bunny	NR	2263	-
Karnataka	Hubli	D.C.H.	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NR	304	-
Commodity	L	int	Arrivals	Arrivals (Quintal)	
State	Centre	Variety	1-May-18	30-Apr-18	Change
	Bhatinda	J-34	850	850	Unch
Punjab	Abohar	J-34	85	170	-85
	Mansa	J-34	170	85	85
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	170	170	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:									
Trade Name	Ctomlo	Micronaire	Strength/	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change			
Trade Name	Staple	Wilcronaire	GPT	30-Apr-18	28-Apr-18	Change			
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	41600	41400	200			
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42100	41900	200			
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	40800	40700	100			
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	27	39000	38800	200			
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 – 4.9	28	41400	41300	100			
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	43000	43000	Unch			
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	44300	44300	Unch			
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	54500	54500	Unch			

Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Pı	rice	Chango
Centre	Offic	1-May-18	30-Apr-18	Change
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	745	745	Unch
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	725	725	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	NR	NR	-



Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	765	770	-5
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Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices

Contro	l loit	Pı	rice	Change
Centre	Unit	1-May-18	30-Apr-18	Change
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1275	1272	3
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1243	1226	17

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index: As on 28-April-2018					
Index	RMB/Ton	Change			
CCIndex(328)	15453	Unch			
CCIndex(527)	14500	2			
CCIndex(229)	16095	2			
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.					

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 27-April-2018					
Index	Cents/lb	Change			
FC Index (S)	96.74	0.35			
FC Index (M)	93.58	0.30			
FC Index (L)	93.88	1.11			

Cotlook Index: As on 30-April-2018				
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change		
A-Index	93.70	0.25		

USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 30-April-2018				
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals	
	cent	Bales		
Southeast	84.34	86.59	NIL	
North Delta	82.84	84.59	NIL	
South Delta	82.84	84.59	NIL	
East TX-OK	75.75	77.50	2833	
West Texas	74.25	76.00	361	
Desert SW	78.84	82.84	NIL	
SJ Valley	79.34	88.24	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 28-April-2018					
Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-May	84.63	84.68	84.43	84.68	-0.65
18-Jul	84.54	84.73	83.32	83.84	-0.67
18-Oct	80.74	80.74	80.42	80.42	-0.44
18-Dec	79.26	79.3	78.55	78.78	-0.49
19-Mar	78.91	79.00	78.34	78.61	-0.39
19-May	78.85	78.85	78.6	78.72	-0.12

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 30-April-2018				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price Up Country Sales		Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	7700	145	7545
Equivalent	40 Kgs	7931	155	8086

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