

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook: Cotton spot market prices were witnessed steady to weak on Wednesday.

In The News: In the lower Rajasthan, sowing area of cotton crop has done 3.7 lacs hectares of land; last year it was cropping in 3.4 lac hectares of land.

China buys 500,000 bales of new cotton crop from India at 88-92 cents/pound and cotton crop to be shipped to China in Nov-Dec.

India Oct-May cotton exports at 6.5 mln bales.

Cotton prices are on the upswing in Country moved up by 100 to 200 per quintal in past 10 days on the back of good export demand and rising international rates of the commodity precipitated by adverse weather conditions in US and China.

All India cotton arrivals remain daily 40000 to 45000 bales. With limited arrivals ginners are willing to close factory.

Cotton exports are expected to increase around 30 per cent in 2017-18 from its last year's level and may reach a four-year high of 7.5 million bales. The rise in shipment can be attributed to a soaring global prices and a weaker rupee (the rupee has fallen more than 6 per cent in 2018, making Indian cotton cheaper for overseas buyers).

Farmers in the country had sown cotton across 781,600 ha as of Thursday (24May) for the kharif season, down 30.5% on year, according to data from the farm ministry.

The fall in area under cotton can be attributed to a lag in sowing due to a delay in the harvest of rabi crops, following thunderstorms and rains in northern and eastern parts of the country. Cotton sowing is in its initial stages, with growers awaiting monsoon rains, traders said.

According to the latest data from the department of Agriculture and Cooperation cotton sowing has so far come down by 30 per cent to 7.82 lha from 11.24 lakh hectare in 2017. The precariously low water storage levels in reservoirs used for irrigation could be one of the main reasons for tepid improvement in sowing. According to data released by the Central Water Commission, on Thursday the average water storage in 91 reservoirs monitored by it was 18 per cent as compared to around 20 per cent during the corresponding period last year.

Haryana has sown 4.5 lakh hectares against 5.078 lakh hectares of 5 year average as on date and 5.83 lakh hectares last year. Punjab has sown 2.48 lakh hectares against 3.648 of last 5 years and 3.44 in 2017. Both these states may result in net fall in acreages by nearly 1.5 lakh hectares against last year.

The weakening rupees is expected to propel the exports of cotton to 4 years as per estimate by CAI. India is expected to exports 7.5 million bales of cotton a 30% y-o-y rise. Bullishness in international prices has made Indian cotton more competitive. Till now from Oct 1st 2017 India has exported 6.3 billion bales. Last year India exported 5.82 million bales. Indian cotton is cheaper by 6-8 cents per pound in Vietnam and Bangladesh on CIF basis. Traders are estimating record low stocks of cotton at the end of the season and estimating to be at 2 million bales.

International Fundamentals

China is set to boost its imports of cotton by issuing additional import quotas to mills, said the China Cotton Association on Monday, a move seen by the market as another step toward meeting the demands of top exporter the United States.

In 2017/18, world cotton production is estimated at 26.6 million tonnes while world mill use is projected at 25.5 million tonnes, which represents the third consecutive season of growth in demand for cotton.

As a result, world ending stocks are forecasted to decrease to 18.3 million tonnes representing the fourth consecutive season of diminishing global reserves.

The decline occurs within China where stocks at the end the 2017/18 season are projected down to 8 million tonnes. Stocks held outside of China are projected up to 10.3 million tonnes, a continuous increase over the past four consecutive seasons.

At International front there is expected fall in acreages in Pakistan this season. Further the crop development is also not satisfactory which is indicating y-o-y lower crop from Pakistan. In Uzbekistan another leading cotton producer has witnessed cool and drier conditions which has depressed the cotton production estimates. In US too persistent drought has resulted in market speculations of the y-o-y lower crop.

Thus early estimates of lower global production for the coming marketing year is expected to remain supportive for prices in coming months.

The China Cotton Association sought to calm market volatility on Monday, telling investors supplies were sufficient and revealing government plans to allow for more imports in the near future. The comments from the association, which lobbies the government on behalf of cotton farmers and processors, follow a rally that has driven domestic cotton futures up nearly 18 percent since early April.

China will from Monday ban non-textile companies from buying cotton from 2017/18 state reserve auctions, the country's cotton industry website cottonchina.org said on the weekend.

Data obtained from the Sindh agriculture department shows that only around 45 per cent (269,000 hectares) of the cotton sowing target had been achieved by end May while Sindh was pursuing a cotton cultivation target of 620,000ha.

Cotton price experienced extreme volatility without a major change in cotton supply/demand recently. This is quickly followed by a jump in reserve selling and a growing tension in the market. China Cotton Association, after investigation and communication with relevant departments, has concluded that government has sufficient reserve supplies for auction, and at the meantime, it is also workable to maintain a steady cotton supply by issuing additional import quota. There is no supply tension in China.

Cotton production will be stable in 2018. Cotton sowing areas is steady in 2018 and acreage will increase further in Xinjiang. Recent inclement weathers are largely comparable to previous years and given an earlier-than-usual outbreak, the general impact on crop size should be limited. By the end of May, cotton replanting has completed and new crop is progressing normally with a better emergence compared with a year ago. Given a normal weather condition in the coming months, Xinjiang will still harvest a big crop.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Jun-18	50	22130	22300	21930	22270	1289	-512	6982	-27
July-18	60	22430	22580	22230	22570	493	-241	1980	174

Spread	June 18		-	-	--	--
Spot			-	-	-	-
jun-18	-280		-	-	-	-

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

* Updated at 05:00 pm as on 06-June 2018

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	6-Jun-18	5-Jun-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5750	5750	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5730	5705	25
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5805	5820	-15
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5400	5700	-300
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NR	5360	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5600	5625	-25
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	5500	5500	Unch
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NR	NR	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4320	4320	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	5859	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NR	NR	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NR	5500	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	6-Jun-18	5-Jun-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4635	4660	-25
	Abohar	J-34	4630	4660	-30
	Mansa	J-34	4625	4625	Unch
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4625	4640	-15
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	6-Jun-18	5-Jun-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	11900	13600	-1700
	Gondal	Shankar-6	303	386	-83
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	528	731	-203
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5000	2500	2500
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NR	15	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	250	300	-50
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	80	60	20
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	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	1843	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NR	NR	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NR	330	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	6-Jun-18	5-Jun-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Abohar	J-34	17	NA	-
	Mansa	J-34	170	170	Unch
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				5-Jun-18	4-Jun-18	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	43200	43200	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	43700	43700	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	44300	44400	-100
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	42200	42200	Unch
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	45000	45000	Unch
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	45800	45800	Unch
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	46600	46600	Unch
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	58100	58100	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		6-Jun-18	5-Jun-18	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	735	738	-3
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	730	730	Unch
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	NR	NR	-
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	755	755	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices

Centre	Unit	Price	Change
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		6-Jun-18	5-Jun-18	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1571	1548	23
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1460	1434	26

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<u>China Cotton Index: As on 6-June-2018</u>			
Index		RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)		16662	-235
CCIndex(527)		15321	-171
CCIndex(229)		17178	-221
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.			

<u>China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 6-June-2018</u>		
Index	Cents/lb	Change
FC Index (S)	101.37	-1.87
FC Index (M)	98.03	-1.82
FC Index (L)	97.00	-2.02

<u>Cotlook Index: As on 5-June-2018</u>		
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	99.60	-1.15

<u>USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 5-June-2018</u>			
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	90.34	92.59	NIL
North Delta	88.84	90.59	NIL
South Delta	88.84	90.59	NIL
East TX-OK	79.75	81.50	803
West Texas	79.25	81.00	282
Desert SW	84.84	88.84	NIL
SJ Valley	85.34	94.24	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			

<u>ICE Cotton Futures (Prices in cents/lb.): Ason5-June-2018</u>					
Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-May	92.24	92.28	89.73	89.84	-2.26
18-Jul	91.50	91.72	89.82	89.86	-1.88
18-Oct	90.91	90.98	88.75	88.98	-1.96

18-Dec	90.68	90.73	88.58	88.81	-1.88
19-Mar	90.39	90.39	88.42	88.58	-2.03
19-May	90.24	90.24	88.30	88.39	-2.11

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 5-June-2018				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	7500	145	7645
Equivalent	40 Kgs	8038	155	8193

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