

Domestic Fundamentals:

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

In The News: According to Joint Director, Agriculture Department of Punjab, state registering a figure of 2.84 lakh hectares till May 28, the area under cotton cultivation in the state may barely touch 3 lakh hectares as compared to 3.83 lakh hectares last year and much below the agriculture department's target of 4 lakh hectares.

According to Agricultural Marketing department Telangana has accessed pre-harvest price of cotton for kharif 2018-19, under expected normal rainfall and crop acreage, it is predicted that the cotton price per quintal will be around Rs 4350 - 4650 at the time of harvesting (Nov 2018 Feb 2019). This price forecast is based on the monthly model price of cotton obtained for 17 years from Warangal regulated markets.

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.

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 ginneries 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 (24 May) 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.

International Fundamentals

Pakistan has missed cotton sowing targets, largely in Sindh, due to acute water shortage amid climate change. The situation may lead to low cotton production compared to the target of 14 million bales in the next season (2018-19) as well. Farmers have so far sown cotton seeds over 2.31 million hectares in the country that is around 22% short of the target of 2.95 million hectares as on June 1, according to government statistics.

According China Cotton Association survey, China cotton plantings are seen falling by 4% in 2018-19 to 2.8 million hectares as farmers respond lower prices of last year.

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.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Jun-18	40	22390	22490	22370	22490	634	-655	6809	-173
July-18	40	22650	22760	22650	22760	307	-186	2057	77

Spread	June 18		-	-	--	--
Spot				-	-	-
jun-18	-270			-	-	-

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

* Updated at 05:00 pm as on 07-June 2018

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity		Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	7-Jun-18	6-Jun-18		
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5800	5750	50	
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5815	5730	85	
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5925	5805	120	
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-	
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5300	5400	-100	
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-	
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NR	5380	-	
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-	
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-	
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5600	5600	Unch	
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-	
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-	
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	5550	5500	50	
	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	5809	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NR	NR	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NR	5411	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	7-Jun-18	6-Jun-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4670	4635	35
	Abohar	J-34	4675	4630	45
	Mansa	J-34	4650	4625	25
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4660	4625	35
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	7-Jun-18	6-Jun-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	11900	11900	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	216	303	-87
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	626	528	98
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5000	5000	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NR	17	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	300	250	50
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	70	80	-10
	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	2430	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NR	NR	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NR	487	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	7-Jun-18	6-Jun-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Abohar	J-34	43	17	26
	Mansa	J-34	170	170	Unch
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	170	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
				6-Jun-18	5-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	44300	Unch
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	41700	42200	-500
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	44700	45000	-300
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	45600	45800	-200
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	46400	46600	-200
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	57600	58100	-500

Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		7-Jun-18	6-Jun-18	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	733	735	-2
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
		7-Jun-18	6-Jun-18	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1590	1571	19
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1482	1460	22

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<u>China Cotton Index: As on 7-June-2018</u>		
Index	RMB/Ton	Change
CCIndex(328)	16461	-201
CCIndex(527)	15189	-132
CCIndex(229)	17047	-131
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 6-June-2018</u>		
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound	Change
A-Index	97.50	-2.10

<u>USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 6-June-2018</u>			
Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	91.45	93.70	NIL
North Delta	89.95	91.70	NIL
South Delta	89.95	91.70	NIL
East TX-OK	81.25	83.00	690
West Texas	80.75	82.50	1790
Desert SW	85.95	89.95	NIL
SJ Valley	86.45	95.35	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.): Ason6-June-2018</u>

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-May	89.75	91.71	89.35	90.95	1.11
18-Jul	90.20	91.75	89.95	91.39	1.53
18-Oct	88.98	91.25	88.40	90.55	1.57
18-Dec	88.81	90.87	88.27	90.33	1.52
19-Mar	88.61	90.42	88.10	90.05	1.47
19-May	88.42	90.06	87.91	89.78	1.39

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 6-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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