

Domestic Fundamentals:**Market Outlook:**

Cotton prices declined in the physical cotton market ahead of higher supplies. Arrivals pace has been noticed higher in most of the major market. Moderate demand could not support prices to rise. Cotton prices of Shankar-6 (105) 29mm in Gujarat closed Rs. 500 down to Rs. 44700 per candy today. In the long run, prices may go up as International buyers are expected to import large quantities of cotton from India as a result prices may touch its higher record prices. Acreage drop and lower cotton production in the current season as well as adverse weather conditions in other key cotton growing countries and good global demand is likely to keep cotton prices firm in long run. Importers may get active as supported by strong Rupee.

In the News:

According to the Cotton Advisory board, the cotton production of India is placed 2 to 3% lower to 36 mln bales in 2018-19 as compared to its estimates of 2017-18 followed by lower production estimates in Gujarat and Maharashtra on account of scanty rains. As per IMD, Gujarat got 484.6 mm rainfall, 28% below the normal, while Maharashtra got 925.8 mm rainfall, 8% below normal during the July-September 2018.

As per the recent USDA Report, 15 states of the world have picked total 98% of the 2017 cotton area so far. As on November 18, 2018 Farmers have picked total 73% of cotton which is higher than previous year record i.e. 54% in the corresponding period of time supported by good weather condition.

Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has started procurement of cotton at Minimum Support Price (MSP) from farmers in Warangal district and Mehboob Nagar of Telangana. The process is yet to pick up pace with cotton prices already hovering over Minimum Support Price (MSP). The procurement operations have just started and the Corporation has purchased nearly 3,000 bales from Warangal and 50 bales from Mehboob Nagar. Some bales are also procured from Akola in Maharashtra. The cotton prices are ruling above MSP in most cotton producing regions and arrivals are yet to pick up.

Kapas prices are quoting at Rs 5,800 per quintal at Gujarat and AP and are expected to trade higher towards Rs 6200 in the coming days. Dry weather amidst poor crop in major growing belts of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka are supporting prices in the spot market.

At Guntur, the cotton crop has entered boll formation and boll development stage. Weather was hot and humid. Sucking pests like jassids, Thrips and whiteflies were observed in most of the fields. Awareness was created among the farmers on pink bollworm damage and management strategies through mass media and regular campaigns by scientists, KVK's and Department of Agriculture.

In Karnataka early sown crop is 140 -150 days old, but in majority area the crop is 135 days old. The crop is at boll opening stage in majority areas. First kapas picking is completed in early sown crop. Desi cotton crop is in growing vegetative stage. Dry spell prevailed during this week in all cotton growing districts with lower night temperature and dry weather during day time. Karnataka cotton prices of 29⁺ mm sold between 44500 to 47,000 Rs./Candy during the week.

As prevailing weather conditions and water scarcity hit cotton yields in key growing regions, trade body Cotton Association of India (CAI) has further trimmed its crop estimate to 343.25 lakh bales (each of 170 kg) for the season 2018-19 beginning from October 1. Earlier CAI, at the Cotton India 2018 meet in Aurangabad last month, had projected the crop size at 348 lakh bales for the year 2018-19, 365 lakh bales lower than 2017-18. CAI cited water shortage and climatic adversities as factors affecting the crop in the key growing regions of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka. The CAI has revised downwards the crop estimate for Gujarat by 2 lakh bales, Maharashtra by 1 lakh bales, Karnataka by 1 lakh bales and Orissa by 75 thousand bales than compared to its previous estimate due to unfavourable weather conditions.

Cotton prices traded slightly weak in major producing centers such as Punjab Madhya Pradesh and few parts of Haryana owing to rising supplies. Sources revealed that the progressive all India new cotton crop arrivals reached 2.70 million bales till 31 October 2018. Higher arrivals are witnessed from Northern Indian states due to favorable weather. Dry weather in the Maharashtra and Gujarat states during September-October month could impact on yield prospects.

The Chinese are substituting their cotton imports from US with India. India's cotton exports to China may see a fivefold jump to 4 million bales in the marketing year 2018-19 starting Oct 1 against 0.8 million tonnes in 2017-18, after China slapped a 25% additional duty on imports of the fibre from the US. India's forward export contracts of cotton have more than doubled from about 7 lakh bales in Sep 2017.

As per reports from many Cotton Experts, the Indian Cotton Crop is very low. Due to poor rains, the cotton plant height across India in major parts is maximum 1-1/2 ft to 2 ft only. Usually in a normal crop, it should be about 4+ ft. There will hardly 2 pickings of good cotton. This will end by December itself... From January, the 3rd and 4th picking will start and it will be 27mm only.

Cotton prices traded in mixed zone across major trading centers. Gujarat 29mm cotton traded around INR 45200 per candy. The Indian rupee vs. the US dollar stabilized in the range of 70.67 to 74.00 in 30 days.

Weather Update:

23rd Nov 2018, Heavy rainfall at a few places and very heavy at isolated places observed over north Tamilnadu & Puducherry and Heavy rain observed at isolated places over Rayalaseema and south Coastal Andhra Pradesh.

- Dry weather likely over the rest of the country.
- An erratic monsoon, such as the one this year, poses extensive challenges for adaptation.
- Maharashtra, which has declared drought in 42% of its area, is in the throes of a groundwater crisis.
- Experts have rung warning bells about the possible impacts of the brewing El Niño.



International Fundamentals:

ICE cotton futures prices plunged on Friday on concern of oversupply against demand . The most active cotton contract on ICE Futures U.S., the March 19 contract, is 1.7% down to 74.29 cents per lb against last day record. International prices are almost 2% down during this week compared to last week prices. As on 21st November, Certificated cotton stocks 21 totaled stood at 139,046 480-lb bales, up from 131,835 in the previous session.

As per sources, cotton output of China is estimated to touch the level down by 0.9% to 6.07 million tonne from the previous year. Cotton acreage in the Yellow River area fell 8.3 percent from a year earlier and the Yangtze River region dropped 12.3 percent from a year ago, contributing to the drop in overall output of the fibre. China's top cotton growing region, is set to be 5.01 million tonnes in 2018, around the same level as last year, as an acreage increase offset yield decreases caused by bad weather earlier.

This month's 2018/19 world supply and demand forecasts include lower beginning stocks, production, consumption, trade, and ending stocks. Historical revisions to Benin's exports resulted in a 3.75 lakhbales decrease in 2018/19 beginning stocks there, accounting for much of this month's 5.00 lakh bale decline in global beginning stocks. Forecast global production is reduced 2.3 million bales as smaller expected crops in the United States, India, Pakistan, and Turkmenistan offset an increase in Benin. Consumption is reduced 8.75 lakh bales, with smaller expected mill use in India, Pakistan, Turkey, Brazil, Indonesia, and the United States. Global ending stocks are 1.8 million bales lower this month, at 73 million bales or 57 percent of mill use.

The US Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service has projected India's Cotton production in 2018-19 (Aug-Jul) at 36.5 mln bales, down nearly by 2% against 37.2 mln bales in previous year, where one Indian bale equals

170 kg. Dry weather in the key growing regions of Gujarat and Maharashtra have hampered crop development and will likely to affect yields of standing crop. The US agency has estimated opening stock of Cotton for 2018-19 at 15.6 mln bales, higher than the opening stock of 14.3 mln bales in 2017-18. Imports have been estimated at 1.9 mln bales in 2018-19, compared with 2.2 mln bales in the previous year. On the demand side, consumption by mills in 2018-19 is seen at 32.1 mln bales, slightly higher from 31.4 bales a year earlier. Exports are seen falling to 5.5 mln bales from 6.7 mln bales in 2017-18. Considering consumption and exports, the closing stock at the end of 2018-19 is pegged at 16.6 mln bales, up from 15.6 mln bales the previous year.

MCX Cotton Futures*: (Prices in Rs/170 kgs)									
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Nov-18	-0.68	21900	21900	21740	21750	260	-150	1519	-150
Dec-18	-0.87	19820	19870	19490	19650	515	-170	1108	-170
Spread	Oct 18			-		-	--		--
Spot	-40					-	-		-
Nov-18						-	-		-

(NB: Spread Basis = Spot- Near Month Future)
* Updated at as on 24-Nov- 2018

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALS

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity		Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	24-Nov-18	23-Nov-18		
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5700	5750	-50	
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5690	5695	-5	
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5775	5855	-80	
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	5750	5820	-70	
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5900	5900	Unch	
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	5525	5525	Unch	
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	5640	-	
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-	
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-	
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5725	Closed	-	
	Bhiwani	Desi	6300	Closed	-	
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	5525	5600	-75	
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	5625	5650	-25	
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	5600	5760	-160	
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	5600	5600	Unch	
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	5480	5505	-25	

Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	5500	5500	Unch
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	5425	5500	-75
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	5500	5510	-10
	Khargaon	Mech-1	5500	5530	-30
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5700	5750	-50
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	5800	5800	Unch
	Hathras	Desi	4600	5050	-450
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NR	NR	-
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	5999	5869	130
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NR	5819	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NR	6901	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	5700	5700	Unch
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	24-Nov-18	23-Nov-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4500	4530	-30
	Abohar	J-34	4500	4535	-35
	Mansa	J-34	4370	Closed	-
	Muktsar	J-34	NR	NR	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4490	4520	-30
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	4296	4324	-28

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	24-Nov-18	23-Nov-18	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	51000	51000	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	3360	3825	-465
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5600	5500	100
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	18840	10185	8655
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	30000	20000	10000
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	75	70	5
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	660	-
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	8000	Closed	-
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	Closed	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	1020	1020	Unch
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	1000	700	300

	Jind	B.T. Cotton	850	689	162
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	2630	2405	225
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	750	950	-200
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	1500	1000	500
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	2000	1500	500
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	4500	4448	52
	Khargaon	Mech-1	10000	10920	-920
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	13000	14000	-1000
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	150	250	-100
	Hathras	Desi	50	150	-100
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NR	NR	-
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	3581	3730	-149
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NR	62	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NR	60	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	750	810	-60
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	24-Nov-18	23-Nov-18	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	6800	5100	1700
	Abohar	J-34	850	510	340
	Mansa	J-34	510	Closed	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	2040	1190	850
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	2500	4000	-1500

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				23-Nov-18	22-Nov-18	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42300	42500	-200
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42800	43000	-200
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	NA	NA	-
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	43900	44100	-200
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	44700	45200	-500
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	46000	46200	-200
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	46300	46500	-200
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	57400	57600	-200

Cotton Seed Oil Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		24-Nov-18	23-Nov-18	
Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	710	710	Unch
New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	705	685	20
Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	710	710	Unch
Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	710	720	-10

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices

Centre	Unit	Price		Change
		24-Nov-18	23-Nov-18	
Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1970	Closed	-
Akola	Rs./Qtl	1950	Closed	-

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

<u>China Cotton Index: As on 23-Nov-2018</u>			
Index	RMB/Ton		Change
CCIndex(328)	15508		Unch
CCIndex(527)	14569		-7
CCIndex(229)	16066		-2
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.			

<u>China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index : As on 23-Nov-2018</u>			
Index	Cents/lb		Change
FC Index (S)	91.03		Unch
FC Index (M)	87.28		Unch
FC Index (L)	85.84		Unch

<u>Cotlook Index: As on 23-Nov-2018</u>			
Cotlook Indices	Cents/Pound		Change
A-Index	86.75		Unch

<u>USDA Cotton Spot Rates: As on 23-Nov-2018</u>
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Growth Area	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
	cents/lb.		Bales
Southeast	75.22	77.47	2850
North Delta	74.47	76.22	NIL
South Delta	74.47	76.22	NIL
East TX-OK	70.97	73.47	1459
West Texas	70.97	73.47	3819
Desert SW	70.47	74.47	NIL
SJ Valley	70.97	79.87	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.): Ason23-Nov-2018

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-Oct	76.40	76.40	74.86	74.92	-1.59
18-Dec	78.50	78.73	77.20	77.22	-1.56
19-Mar	79.70	79.78	78.46	78.49	-1.39
19-May	80.67	80.67	79.69	79.71	-1.30
19-Jul	77.15	77.15	77.15	77.15	-1.11
19-Oct	76.89	76.89	76.50	76.55	-0.53

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on23-Nov-2018

(in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	8800	160	8960
Equivalent	40 Kgs	9431	171	9602

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