

Domestic Fundamentals:**Market Outlook:**

Cotton prices expected to trade higher side due to exports demand from International markets especially from China. Moreover, raising domestic demand and procurement by CCI also support prices. However reports of CCI likely to start selling of its stock in first week of April may keep prices in range.

News: Short supply in local markets caused India to impose a ban on cotton exports. The export ban for cotton was imposed with "immediate effect", a statement issued by the Indian Commerce Ministry. India has already exported 8.5 million bales (1.4 million tons) in the current financial year, which ends in March that is more than a government estimate of 8.4 million bales. It was also to ensure that India has enough cotton available locally and even rising demand for the commodity in China pushed up prices, threatening India's textile makers.

Government has decided to reduce royalties paid by Indian seed companies to Monsanto for its genetically modified (GM) cotton by 49 percent to 20 rupees for a packet of 450 grams, according to a farm ministry order. Cotton prices moved mostly higher in the international markets.

Cotton prices may rebound and rise around 10% by July, according to a survey by the Cotton Association of India. The survey was conducted on last week among 250 participants, including ginners, spinners, trade officials and brokerages, at the Cotton India 2019 International Conference. The participants in the survey pegged the spot price of Shankar-6 cotton, the top traded variety of the commodity, at 46,000-47,260 rupees a candy (1 candy = 356 kg), up from 42,000-43,500 rupees now.

At present the current rate of 29mm good quality cotton is Rs. 42,000 per candy in the spot trade, which was Rs. 41,000 per candy during same period of previous year. At this rate Indian cotton is having good parity for export. If this rate continues for another 45 days, we will achieve our export target of 50-53 lakh bales very easily.

CCI is going to commence the sale of 1.1 million bales cotton procured in the 2018-2019 (October-September) and we expect another 4-5 lakh bales would be procured in the coming weeks. Cotton procured sale may probably start from first week of the April. The government had raised the support price for cotton by 26% this year. Prices have improved 2-4% from the recent lows and currently hovering around 20,800 rupees per bale. Prices may rise even more as China started buying Indian cotton from last month.

Shankar-6 (29mm cotton) variety is now trading around 42,000/candy and may rise at least 10% to 46,000/candy in the coming days, due to expecting the low arrivals in coming days and also good demand witnessed from china after this pulwama tensions.

Government set the maximum sale price for BT Cotton at Rs. 730 per packet for bollgard BG- II version reduced by Rs.10 in the earlier year and also cuts the trait value (royalty) on BT Cotton by half to Rs. 20 for 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Domestic prices traded firm during this week, mainly due to lower daily arrivals and good demand for Indian cotton from China. All India cotton supplies are reported to be about 135 thousand bale per day. According to trade estimates, Indian traders have contracted for export 5 lakh bales to China for shipments in the next two months.

CAI had estimated exports for the 2018-19 season to decline by 27 per cent to 50 lakh bales, compared with the estimated exports of 69 lakh bales during last year. India's total cotton exports shipment is around 32 lakh bales up to February 2019. If this rate continues for another 45 days, we will achieve our export target of 50-53 lakh bales.

Indian cotton exporters are upbeat due to a spurt in demand for cotton from China, especially at a time when cotton exports to Pakistan have come to a halt due to the tensions between the two neighbours. According to trade estimates, Indian traders have contracted for export 5 lakh bales to China for shipments in the next two months.

Pulwama attack retaliation: India halts cotton exports to Pakistan amid tensions. The unease between India and Pakistan, exporters see a temporary slump in flow of consignments for a few days. Cotton exports to China from India, are on the upswing. About 4 lakh bales have already been shipped to China in the last 10 days and another 10 lakh bales are expected to be shipped from the country soon, traders said.

Till date, the total cotton stock in the country is 80 lakh bales, of which 44 lakh bales is with spinning mills, 36 lakh bales with ginner and the remaining with CCI.CAI, in its January 2019 estimate of the cotton crop for the season 2018-19 beginning from October 1, 2018, has estimated cotton crop for 2018-19 season at 330 lakh bales of 170 kg each which is lower by 5 lakh bales than its previous estimate of 335 lakh bales made last month.

Weather Forecast for tomorrow:

Light to moderate rain and snow with one or two heavy spells might occur over Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh. Scattered rains could be seen over Uttarakhand. Rain and thundershower activities are possible over North Punjab, North Haryana and foothills of West Uttar Pradesh, parts of Chhattisgarh, Vidarbha, Southeast Madhya Pradesh and northeastern states. Isolated rains might be witnessed over Delhi and NCR as well as over Kerala. Day temperatures are expected to increase by a couple of degrees over Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat and West Madhya Pradesh.

International Fundamentals:

ICE cotton futures rose more 2 percent to a three-month high on Thursday, boosted by technical buying and concerns of extreme weather conditions in the U.S. Midwest. The most-active cotton contract on ICE Futures U.S., May, settled up 1.68 cents, or 2.23 percent, at 77.18 cents per lb.

According Pakistan Cotton ginner Association, the Pakistan cotton production fell 6.84 percent to 10.762 million bales as of, March 15 from 11.5m in the corresponding period of last year. The textile spinning industry purchased 9.641 m bales as against 10.954 m in the corresponding period of last year.

The U.S. 2018/19 cotton supply and demand estimates are unchanged from last month. The projected range for the marketing year average price received by producers of 69.0 to 71.0 cents per pound is reduced 2 cents, as the reported average price for January fell below previous expectations.

This month's 2018/19 world cotton estimates show higher production and ending stocks, and slightly lower trade. Production is estimated up 350,000 bales in Brazil on higher area and 200,000 bales up in Pakistan based on arrivals at gins. Production is 100,000 bales lower in Australia due to weather. World trade is forecast 140,000 bales lower with reductions for Brazil and Indonesia on the export and import sides based on activity to date. Ending stocks for 2018/19 are forecast 590,000 bales higher this month, at 76.1 million bales. This would be 5.1 million bales below their revised 2017/18 level.

Net US UPLAND sales of 85,500 RB for 2018-2019 were reported for Indonesia (29,600 RB, including 500 RB switched from Japan), Vietnam (27,800 RB, including 16,700 RB switched from China, 1,100 RB switched from South Korea, and decreases of 24,000 RB), Turkey (27,400 RB), Bangladesh (21,500 RB), and Pakistan (7,900 RB, including decreases of 5,000 RB). Reductions were reported for China (65,600 RB) and Malaysia (500 RB). For 2019-2020, net UPLAND sales of 12,100 RB reported for China (11,000 RB), Mexico (2,700 RB), and Indonesia (900 RB), were partially offset by reductions

for Indonesia (2,600 RB). UPLAND Exports of 3,45,700 RB were primarily to Vietnam (92,600 RB), Pakistan (70,100 RB), India (36,200 RB), Indonesia (23,500 RB), and Bangladesh (23,400 RB).

During the last week overall trading in Pakistan cotton market the prices of cotton shows down word trend, the prices of cotton decreased by Rs 100 to Rs 150 per maund. The trading volume increased due to the tension on India Pakistan border. The Indian government has imposed 200% duty on the import of Pakistani products. There are rumors that Pakistan may impose duty on the import of Indian products. There are rumors circulating regarding the imposition of duty on many products but at this point of time cotton is not included in the list.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Mar-19	0.56	21790	21820	21700	21730	2802	1614	11740	4814
Apr-19	0.56	21790	21820	21700	21730	2802	1704	11740	1417

Spread	Mar-19		-	-	--	--
Spot	0		-	-	-	-
Apr-19			-	-	-	-

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

* Updated at as on 22-Mar- 2019@5pm

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVAL

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	22-Mar-19	20-Mar-19	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	6100	5875	225
	Gondal	Shankar-6	6025	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	6100	6055	45
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	5980	5925	55
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	6150	6150	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5855	6005	-150
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	6200	Closed	-
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	6020	5970	50
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	6025	5950	75
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	6140	6100	40
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	6034	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	6050	Closed	-

	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	6000	Closed	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	6000	6080	-80
	Khargaon	Mech-1	6020	6095	-75
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5625	5575	50
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	5760	5760	Unch
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	6286	6229	57
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	5550	5750	-200
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maunder)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	22-Mar-19	20-Mar-19	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4660	4630	30
	Abohar	J-34	4670	4630	40
	Mansa	J-34	Closed	4610	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4580	4550	30
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	4277	4277	Unch

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	22-Mar-19	20-Mar-19	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	59500	42500	17000
	Gondal	Shankar-6	436	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	1800	2000	-200
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	2470	1520	950
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	15000	25000	-10000
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	15	3	12
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	400	Closed	-
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	255	340	-85
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	100	200	-100
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	765	451	315
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	1220	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	300	Closed	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	200	Closed	-

Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	288	630	-342
	Khargaon	Mech-1	900	1300	-400
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	6000	13000	-7000
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	24290	26450	-2160
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	1727	2604	-877
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	105	195	-90
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	22-Mar-19	20-Mar-19	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	3400	1700	1700
	Abohar	J-34	510	340	170
	Mansa	J-34	Closed	255	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	510	680	-170
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	2000	NA	-

Cotton Seed Oil Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	22-Mar-19	20-Mar-19	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	750	745	5
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	715	705	10
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	715	710	5
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	755	748	7

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	22-Mar-19	20-Mar-19	
Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2328	2305	23
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	2300	2292	8

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				20-Mar-19	19-Mar-19	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	40400	40400	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below	5.0 - 7.0	15	40900	40900	Unch

	22mm					
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	43400	41200	2200
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	27	42200	40600	1600
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 – 4.9	28	43800	42200	1600
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	44700	43300	1400
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	45700	44500	1200
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	54300	50000	4300

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES**China Cotton Index:**

Index	Unit	22-Mar-19	20-Mar-19	Change
CCIndex(328)	RMB/Ton	15618	15607	11
CCIndex(527)	RMB/Ton	14638	14621	17
CCIndex(229)	RMB/Ton	16053	16043	10

RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index :

Index	Unit	22-Mar-19	20-Mar-19	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	91.05	89.43	1.62
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	86.6	85.3	1.30
FC Index (L)	Cents/lb	84.46	83.08	1.38

Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	20-Mar-19	19-Mar-19	Change
A-Index	Cents/Pound	84.65	84.15	0.50

USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		20-Mar-19	18-Mar-19	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	73.93	74.27	0
North Delta	cents/lb.	72.68	72.52	0
South Delta	cents/lb.	72.68	72.52	0
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	70.93	71.52	1605
West Texas	cents/lb.	70.93	71.77	1744
Desert SW	cents/lb.	69.93	72.02	0
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	70.43	77.42	0

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

Pakistan Cotton Spot rates: As on 21-Mar-2019				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	8700	160	8860
Equivalent	40 Kgs	9324	171	9495

Daily Futures Price Listing Thu March 21, 2019									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
May-19	190321	75.69	77.82	75.37	77.18	1.68	17,287	1,06,287	-787
Jul-19	190321	76.66	78.6	76.43	78.03	1.47	8,550	49,780	1,511
Oct-19	190321	75.92	75.92	75.92	75.92	0.45	0	9	0
Dec-19	190321	74.96	75.4	74.7	75.33	0.34	5,305	57,753	1,465
Mar-20	190321	75.75	76.05	75.7	76.05	0.32	112	8,058	67
May-20	190321	76.09	76.32	76.01	76.32	0.24	25	440	-10
Total Volume and Open Interest							31,340	2,24,266	2,294

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