

Domestic Fundamentals:**Market Outlook:**

Cotton prices expected to stay firm as the crop has been short by 10-12% over last year and due to exports demand from International markets especially from China. Moreover, raising domestic demand and procurement by CCI also support prices. Currently prices are ruling above MSP which depicts that the traders are actively procuring cotton at competitive rates. However reports of CCI started selling of its stock from last week of March may keep prices in range.

News: The arrivals for 2018-19 season reached 25.03 million bales as of March 26th down 4.6% on y-o-y, as per the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI). Weather forecasts predict that the southwest monsoon rains during the June- September period are expected to be below normal, mainly attributed to the El-nino phenomenon. An 80% chance of EL- nino during March-May and 60% chance during Jun-Aug is predicted.

On April 2, market arrivals stood at 75,000 bales as against 1.35 lakh bales on the same day last year. There has been a sharp decline in market arrivals in recent weeks.

India's marketing year (MY) 2019/20 cotton production estimate is 29.3 million 480 lb. bales on 12.45 million hectares. Yields are expected to rebound in most of the states after an erratic monsoon last year.

According to CCI, market arrivals of cotton stood at 254 lakh bales of 170 kg each till 1st April against a target of 328 lakh bales this season. Further decline has been seen as on April 2, market arrivals stood at 75,000 bales as against 1.35 lakh bales on the same day last year.

At present the current rate of 29mm good quality cotton is Rs. 44,800 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 has commenced the sale of 1.1 million bales cotton procured in the 2018-2019 (October-September) of which around 10,000 bales have already been sold at the rate of Rs.47,000/candy via e-auction so far in the physical market of Telangana and Maharashtra said the state agency.

The area under cotton is seen rising to 350,000 ha, compared with 275,000 ha in 2018-19. As the acreage under paddy is seen declining due to shift in acreage to maize and cotton as the underground water table level is reducing in the state like Punjab. Sowing of cotton normally starts late April in irrigated areas of north India, while in rain-fed regions of the country, it starts in June.

Cotton acreage fell drastically, due to water shortage, in key growing regions of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka, which together account for about half of the country's production. Cotton prices are steadily moving up even as about 70 per cent of the estimated crop have already arrived in the market. According to CCI, about 235 lakh bales (of 170 kg each) cotton have arrived in the market as on March 15.

Daily cotton arrivals have declined to about 80,000-90,000 bales as against 1.3 lakh bales last year. Also the market price of raw cotton or kapas gained 10 per cent above the minimum support price (MSP) at Rs.5,850-5,900 a quintal after CCI bought about 12 lakh bales. And Nearly 90 lakh bales of the fibre is lying in stocks, of which mills have about 45 lakh bales, while the remaining is with corporates, CCI, ginners and MCX.

The latest estimates by the Indian Cotton Association pegs domestic cotton production at 328 lakh bales for the 2018-19 season, compared to its preliminary estimates of 348 lakh bales. The current year output is 10 percent lower than the 2017-18 season. Moreover, increasing probability of El nino is a concern for Indian monsoon, and thereby for the Kharif grown fibre crop.

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.

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 ginner, 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.

Weather Forecast for tomorrow:

Heat wave conditions are very likely to prevail in some parts of Rajasthan and in isolated pockets over south Haryana and Madhya Pradesh during next 2 days and in isolated pockets over Gujarat state and Vidarbha today. Parts of northwest India (north Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi) is likely to experience isolated thunderstorms/dust storms and gusty winds during the afternoon/evening hours of 5th & 6th April. Isolated thundersqualls (wind speed reaching 60-70 kmph) are likely to occur over Bihar and West Bengal & Sikkim on 5th & 6th April and over Assam & Meghalaya and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura on 6th & 7th April.

International Fundamentals:

As of Thursday, Spot May was net down 0.04 cent for the week, but Friday it closed out 0.64 cent higher than last Friday. President Trump indicated on Friday that a trade deal will happen within in the next four weeks. If a trade deal with China happens, the market may expect its pace to equal or even surpass the target of 15.0 million bales.

U.S. export sales for the week totaled a net of 489,600 bales (Upland 473,200/Pima 16,400) for 2018-19 and 2019-20. And negotiations between the U.S. and China toward resolving ongoing trade disputes moved to Washington this week resulting in hopeful news.

World trade is expected to increase to 42.3 million bales in 2018-19, the highest level since 2012-13's record. Production will exceed consumption in 2019-20, raising world stocks slightly by 1 million bales. World cotton consumption in 2018-19 is expected to reach 123.6 million bales, growing 0.9 percent from the previous year, to the highest level since 2007-08.

Consumption in China is projected to increase 1% to 8.5 million tonnes in 2019-20. Consumption is expected to grow in Vietnam by 3% to 1.6 million tonnes. Consumption in China is projected to increase 1% to 8.5 million tonnes. Consumption is expected to grow in Vietnam by 3% to 1.6 million tonnes in the coming season.

Area increases are expected in the major producing countries including the United States, China, India and Pakistan as well as in several West African countries. Area in Pakistan is projected to reach nearly 3 million hectares with strong support by the government to increase production. Area in India is forecast to reach over 12 million hectares this season with yields unlikely to rise above 500 kg/ha due to expected damage from pink bollworm as a likely consequence of an extended crop season.

World cotton prices further lower due to delay in outcome of US-China trade negotiations had adversely been impacting trade whereas Indian market was steady. USDA indicated that 4% of the US cotton crop is planted (15 tracking states). That is ahead of the five year average of 3% but behind last year's 6%.

US cotton exports during January totaled 1.225 million bales according to Census data. That was 25.5% larger than December exports but 25.63% below the January 2018.

For 2019-20, the USDA expects a healthy increase in production to 126.5 million bales. The global cotton market, which was earlier estimated to be in a deficit is expected to turn into a surplus in 2019-20. Mill-use is projected to increase at a rate near the long-term average next crop year to 125.5 million bales. US-China trade relations would continue to play a major role and the main catalyst for global cotton prices.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
19-Apr	0.56	22200	22370	22120	22130	5654	1920	15393	-376
19-May	0.56	22430	22660	22430	22400	2166	603	3648	116

Spread	Mar-19		-	-	--	--
Spot	-290		-	-	-	-
Apr-19			-	-	-	-

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

* Updated at as on 06-Apr- 2019@5pm

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVAL

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity		Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State		Centre	Variety	6-Apr-19	5-Apr-19	
Gujarat		Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	6375	6400	-25
		Gondal	Shankar-6	6350	6305	45
		Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	6415	6350	65
		Patan	B.T. Cotton	NR	6355	-
		Kadi	B.T. Cotton	6550	6500	50
		Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
		Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	6070	5930	140
Haryana		Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	6500	6400	100
		Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
		Adampur	B.T. Cotton	6350	6300	50
		Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	6325	6250	75
		Jind	B.T. Cotton	6300	6350	-50
		Uchana	B.T. Cotton	6355	6171	184
		Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan		Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	6350	6200	150

	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	6200	6150	50
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NR	Closed	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	6335	6325	10
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	6400	6250	150
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	6540	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	NA	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	6-Apr-19	5-Apr-19	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4900	4880	20
	Abohar	J-34	4935	4890	45
	Mansa	J-34	4880	4850	30
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4850	4820	30
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NR	4418	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	6-Apr-19	5-Apr-19	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	34000	39100	-5100
	Gondal	Shankar-6	490	586	-96
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	2400	3200	-800
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NR	3926	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	20000	20000	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	34	45	-11
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	200	400	-200
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	340	340	Unch
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	250	400	-150
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	260	221	39
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	1050	1100	-50
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	100	200	-100
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	200	200	Unch

Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NR	Closed	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	1490	1400	90
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	1500	3000	-1500
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	265	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	NA	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	6-Apr-19	5-Apr-19	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	2040	2040	Unch
	Abohar	J-34	255	340	-85
	Mansa	J-34	340	510	-170
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	340	340	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NR	500	-

Cotton Seed Oil Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	6-Apr-19	5-Apr-19	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	740	740	Unch
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	718	718	Unch
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	720	720	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	752	750	2

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	6-Apr-19	5-Apr-19	
Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2591	2588	3
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	2472	2461	11

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				5-Apr-19	4-Apr-19	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42200	40400	1800

Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	42700	40900	1800
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	46100	41200	4900
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	45000	40600	4400
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	46200	42200	4000
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	47500	43300	4200
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	48500	44500	4000
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	56500	50000	6500

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

Index	Unit	6-Apr-19	5-Apr-19	Change
CCIndex(328)	RMB/Ton	Closed	NR	-
CCIndex(527)	RMB/Ton	Closed	NR	-
CCIndex(229)	RMB/Ton	Closed	NR	-
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.				

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index :

Index	Unit	6-Apr-19	5-Apr-19	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	Closed	NR	-
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	Closed	NR	-
FC Index (L)	Cents/lb	Closed	NR	-

Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	5-Apr-19	4-Apr-19	Change
A-Index	Cents/Pound	NR	NR	-

USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		5-Apr-19	5-Apr-19	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	75	77.25	0
North Delta	cents/lb.	73.75	75.5	366
South Delta	cents/lb.	73.75	75.5	0
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	72	74.5	11201
West Texas	cents/lb.	72	74.75	7733
Desert SW	cents/lb.	71.25	75.25	362
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	71.75	80.65	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 06-Apr-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 Fri April 05, 2019									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
19-May	190405	77.32	78.48	77.05	78.25	0.93	15,407	81,041	-2,352
19-Jul	190405	77.77	78.96	77.76	78.59	0.58	10,217	67,671	817
19-Oct	190405	77.29	77.29	77.29	77.29	0.38	0	12	0
19-Dec	190405	76.22	76.93	76.04	76.89	0.6	5,336	70,213	1,684
20-Mar	190405	76.69	77.32	76.69	77.25	0.56	506	9,169	284
20-May	190405	77	77.34	77	77.34	0.55	50	450	1
Total Volume and Open Interest							31,652	231,003	475

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