

Domestic Fundamentals:**Market Outlook:**

Cotton prices expected to remain firm as the crop has been short by 700,000 bales in production estimate this year and due to exports demand from International markets especially from China. Moreover, China has announced import quota of 800,000 ton (47 lakh bales) of cotton. However, the international markets have fallen quite sharply during the last two weeks. Indian markets have followed suit but the decline here has been comparatively tepid owing to tightness in domestic supplies. The bench market mandi (Rajkot) price for variety Shankar 6 (105) was stood Rs 44500/ per candy on 16 May. The market currently seems supported and may consolidate around the current levels over the next few days.

NCDEX Cotton gained further for a fourth day after a steep fall the previous week. Indian market has bounced back more sharply compared to the international market which is largely flat after the recent decline. Indian market may stabilize around current levels.

News:

Despite persistent challenges, global cotton consumption should reach an all-time high in 2019/20

- World production should rise to 27.6 million tonnes, boosted in part by a 6% increase in global yields
- Ending stocks are projected to increase slightly from 2018/19 to 17.7 million tonnes

International Cotton prices have stabilized on renewed optimism that a trade war between China and the United States will be resolved and as poor weather delayed planting progress in the United States

Following hike in US's import tariffs on Chinese goods from 10% to 25% on USD 200 billion worth of imports, China has said US goods worth \$60 billion in imports will be subject to additional tariffs from June 1. Meanwhile, trade talks continue between the negotiators of the two countries.

Due to worsening trade atmosphere, almost 8 lakh bales of current US cotton crop and 13 lakh bales of new crop purchases by Chinese buyers are under threat of cancellation.

The USDA has estimated that India's 2018-19 cotton production would be 34.525 million bales, 7.5% higher than the estimate of CAI of 32.1 million bales, revised downward by from its previous one of 32.8 million bales. Cotton Association of India (CAI) strongly objected to the cotton production estimates issued by the USDA.

India's cotton imports of 8 lakh to 9 lakh mln bales have been shipped and remaining are likely to be shipped between May and July out of contracted 1.8 mln bales. Indian imports from US rose to 2.56 lakh bales in April from 79,900 bales in March due to high domestic prices and short supply. Imports are taking place at Rs. 47,500 to 48,000/candy landed cost at port.

The Punjab agriculture department has increased the area under cotton by nearly 40% to 4 lakh hectares, up from 2.84 lakh hectares in 2018-19 season. The season for cotton sowing has already set in and the sowing is expected to pick pace from the first week of May.

Stock held by mills as of end-March is 4.6 million balesingodowns of the CCI, multinational companies, ginners and the Multi Commodity Exchange, as of end-March. Trade sources say CAI recently convened a meeting of cotton traders and spinning mills to devise a strategy for selling its inventory.

India's current cotton crop arrivals reached 27.88 million bales until 16th April 2019, as per the latest CCI report. Physical prices traded steady last week on slow selling from ginners and slow demand from domestic mills.

Indian importers have booked nearly 19 lakh bales while export is just at 40 lakh bales. Net Outflow of cotton is near 20 lakh bales against last year's above 50 lakh bales. Indian consumers are regularly booking imports as their long-term strategy. Indian physical market remain range bound as ginners are holding good stock so now selling further arrivals in the market provides liquidity at regular pace and also some profit booking of investors.

Maharashtra Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices are expecting to raise the minimum support price of cotton by 10 % and in the same lines CCI also told that there is a possibility of atleast 10% increase in MSP for cotton in the coming kharif season.

International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), the apex cotton body in their April 2019 report, have projected a 6% rise in global production for 2019-20 at 276 lakh tonne.

The largest producer among the southern states, Telangana's total cotton output is seen falling 19% on year to 4.1 mln bales in 2018-19 season due to sharp fall in yields led by moisture deficiency after scanty rains. The cotton yield expected to decline to 381kg/ha from 451 kg in the previous year.

All India daily cotton arrivals are reported to be about 75'000 bales according to CAI. Active import business continued for West African & US origins. India remains in the market for U.S. cotton which support prices to remain high and China, Vietnam and Turkey were major buyers.

According to CAI, the balance sheet projects total cotton supply of 37.60 million bales, a domestic consumption of 31.60 million bales, exports of 4.70 million bales and a carry-over stock of 1.3 million bales. New crop planting started in some areas of North India. Good availability of canal water and better prices of seed cotton in the current season against competing crops will likely favor cotton sowing in North India.

Weather Forecast for tomorrow:

A Western Disturbance lies over Afghanistan and adjoining Pakistan. A cyclonic circulation is seen over Southwest Rajasthan. Another cyclonic circulation persists over eastern parts of Assam. A cyclonic circulation is Jharkhand. A trough is running from Bihar to Interior Tamil Nadu across Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Vidarbha, Marathwada and Interior Karnataka

International Fundamentals:

Cotton prices inched up on Thursday as investors covered short positions as rally in global equities and grains market improved market sentiment, while US-China trade war worries limited gains. The most-active cotton contract on ICE Futures US July settled up 0.45 cent, or 0.7 %, at 66.80 cents per lb. It traded within a range of 66.33 and 67.17 cents a lb

Brazil: More cotton acreage is being planted-While corn remains the major safrinha crop for Brazilian farmers, more cotton acreage is being planted in Mato Grosso this spring, as well. Over the past two years, cotton planting has increased by nearly one-third for the safrinha in Mato Grosso. The Brazilian Association of Cotton Producers(Abrapa) forecast cotton acreage to grow to 1.4 million hectares (3.46 million acres). Mato Grosso accounts for about 88% of Brazil's cotton production.

China has said US goods worth \$60 billion in imports will be subject to additional tariffs from June 1, after President Trump announced a hike from 10% to 25% for tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese goods.

According to data released by **Bangladesh Textile Mill Association**, India accounted for 26.12% of the country's total cotton imports, down from more than 60% two years ago. East and West African countries now account for 37.06% of Bangladesh's cotton imports.

The Karachi Cotton Association reduced its spot rate by Rs50 to Rs8,800. Ginners with stocks of good quality cotton are of the view that the value of Pakistani rupee will depreciate further against the dollar and hence are unwilling to enter into deals at low prices

18% of the US cotton crop was planted by May 5, 7% more from the week prior. That is even with a year ago but lagging the average by 1%.

On May 7th reserve cotton sales resources sold 100% at 10016.0599 tons. The average transaction price was 14614 yuan/ton, down 59 yuan/ton from the previous trading day; discount 3128 price 16041 yuan per ton, down 44 yuan per ton compared with the previous trading day. The previous two days cumulative turnover of reserve cotton was 30,000 tons and turnover rate was 100%.

China has announced that it will auction 800,000 ton from its reserve in 2019. According to forecasts from the International Cotton Advisory Council (ICAC), the country has approved cotton sliding tariff import quota, with the reserve auction set to begin on 5 May and run through 30 September.

China is going to commence the state cotton reserve's auction from May 5 and end on Sep 30. The reserve will offer 10,000 metric tons (about 45,000 bales) each session. The market seems to be affected bearish as it will impact global trade. Qualities are expected to be low grades, which will help sustain demand since the low-grade market within China is reportedly very tight.

The USDA showed just 144,778 RB in old crop upland cotton export sales for the week of 4/25. That was a 6-week low and down 23.75% from the same week a year ago.

NASS reported that 11% of the US cotton crop has been planted as of 28th March, an increase of 2% from the previous week. US Export sales were decent 11,38,900 and export and shipment were 15,12,700 Bales. Total Commitments will cross USDA Export target in next one or two weeks but require pace of shipment is more than 4 lakh bales a week.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
May-19	+160	21060	21280	21000	21120	2285	+495	9552	-1250
Jun-19	+150	21270	21500	21250	21350	2064	+723	9477	+979
Jul-19	+120	21490	21650	21440	21530	319	-216	2267	+124
Aug-19	+120	21490	21690	21480	21570	23	+3	133	0

Spread	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	--	--
Spot					-	-
May-19	-90	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-19	-	+130	-	-	-	-
Jul-19	-	-	280	-	-	-
Aug-19	-	-	-	320	-	-

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

* Updated at as on 17-May- 2019 @ 5:30 PM

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALCotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	17-May-19	16-May-19	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	6125	6125	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	6055	6055	Unch
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	6125	6075	50
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5825	5640	185
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	6300	6320	-20
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	6475	6450	25
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	6350	6350	Unch
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	6135	6150	-15
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	6300	6200	100
	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	6561	6521	40
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	5300	5800	-500
Commodity		Lint	Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	17-May-19	16-May-19	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4710	4670	40
	Abohar	J-34	4740	4720	20
	Mansa	J-34	4700	4680	20
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4660	4640	20
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	17-May-19	16-May-19	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	10200	10200	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	325	192	133
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	550	480	70
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	28	22	6
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	340	255	85
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	300	335	-35
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	100	175	-75
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	117	120	-3
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	700	700	Unch
	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	339	624	-285
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	37	30	7
Commodity		Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)	
State	Centre	Variety	17-May-19	16-May-19	Change
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	85	85	Unch
	Abohar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	170	170	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Seed Oil Prices:

Commodity		Cotton Seed Oil		Price	
State	Centre	Unit	17-May-19	16-May-19	Change
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	755	755	Unch
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	725	725	Unch
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	725	725	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	762	762	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity		Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price	
State	Centre	Unit	17-May-19	16-May-19	Change
Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2841	2841	Unch
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	2752	2768	-16

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				16-May-19	15-May-19	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	41400	41400	Unch

Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	41900	41900	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	44800	44800	Unch
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	43500	43500	Unch
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	44500	44500	Unch
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	46900	46800	100
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	47900	47800	100
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	54100	54100	Unch

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

Index	Unit	17-May-19	16-May-19	Change
CCIndex(328)	RMB/Ton	14961	14969	-8
CCIndex(527)	RMB/Ton	14132	14135	-3
CCIndex(229)	RMB/Ton	15380	15392	-12
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.				

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index :

Index	Unit	17-May-19	16-May-19	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	82.15	81.80	0.35
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	77.78	77.41	0.37
FC Index (L)	Cents/lb	74.41	74.02	0.39

Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	16-May-19	15-May-19	Change
A-Index	Cents/Pound	76.85	77.35	-0.50

USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		16-May-19	15-May-19	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	63.55	65.35	0
North Delta	cents/lb.	62.3	64.1	0
South Delta	cents/lb.	62.3	64.1	0
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	60.3	62.1	263
West Texas	cents/lb.	60.3	62.6	206

Desert SW	cents/lb.	59.8	63.35	0
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	60.3	68.75	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 15-May-2019				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	8650	160	8810
Equivalent	40 Kgs	9270	171	9441

Daily Futures Price Listing Thursday May16, 2019									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
19-Jul	190516	66.33	67.17	66.33	66.8	0.45	28,629	101,228	-2,217
19-Oct	190516	68.09	68.09	67.4	67.7	0.01	16	44	3
19-Dec	190516	66.94	67.53	66.88	67.09	0.2	18,050	89,793	-2,352
20-Mar	190516	68.28	68.47	68.02	68.15	0.33	2,633	12,965	-268
20-May	190516	69.04	69.27	68.91	68.96	0.35	457	1,155	-34
20-Jul	190516	69.74	69.87	69.53	69.55	0.31	546	2,807	56
Total Volume and Open Interest							50,842	214,702	-4,631

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