

Domestic Fundamentals:**Market Outlook:**

Cotton prices expected to remain steady due to the effect of downfall of international market prices. However, the international markets have fallen quite sharply during the last two weeks but gaining momentum since last two days due to adverse weather conditions prevailing in US affecting the planting progress. 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 was stood Rs.46,950/per candy. The market currently seems supported and may consolidate around the current levels and waiting for export data.

News: **The bulls continue to point to ever increasing imports of U.S. cotton by India.** The world's largest cotton producing country finds itself with a weather reduced 2018-19 crop and is having to import cotton as the price of its dwindling domestic supplies increase almost daily. India will continue to buy U.S. cotton and this will offer slight upward price support for New York.

The country has produced a record of 275.93 million tons of cotton, last year 328.05 million tons was produced according to the third advance production estimate released by the Ministry of Agriculture, in 2018-19.

USDA has pruned India's output for 2018-19 to 25.5 mln bales of 480 pounds each, that equals 32.7 mln bales of 170 kg each. Until April, USDA had estimated India's output around 27.0 mln bales of 480 pounds or 34.62 mln 170-kg bales. The lower output is also reflected in 40% decline in exports and 100% rise in imports as estimated by the Cotton Association of India. India's exports for the current year are estimated to fall to 4.6 mln bales from 6.9 mln bales, while imports may hike up to 3.1 mln bales, compared with 1.5 mln bales a year ago.

Cotton Association of India (CAI) recently released its latest cotton crop estimating the crop size at 315 lakh bales, lowest in over a decade and significantly down from the previous year's output estimate of 365 lakh bales. The total cotton supply estimated by the CAI during the period from October 2018 to May 2019 is 325 lakh bales including the arrival of 288 lakh bales and imports of 9 lakh bales up to May 31, 2019.

Cotton sowing has already inclined by 10-20% in northern India and further simultaneously the total acreage for cotton is expected to increase by 7-8% due to low carryover stock and steady prices prevailing in the market for cotton encouraging sowing in some areas of north India. Cotton seed sale is up in Hanumangarh, Rajasthan due to re-sowing after rains in recent weeks damaged the crop.

The domestic cotton prices is on hike up by 3% in a week due to rise in New York cotton future prices and lower arrivals in the market. Further hike in prices may notice if the government announces any hike in MSP for the ensuing kharif crop. Maharashtra government recommended an increase a 15% increase in MSP.

Traders and ginner in India have hold their cotton stocks due to weight loss in May month as it results in a loss of about Rs.800/candy to Rs.950/candy at current rates. Since cotton absorbs and exudes the moisture, traders are likely to wait until the onset of monsoon resulting in increase in weight to avoid the weight loss occurred in May month.

The farmers are likely to shift their crop from cotton to soybean as the latter crop is sturdy and can withstand adverse weather conditions and even it has better export opportunities over cotton. Also the shift is seen due to IMD's forecast that the onset monsoon is delayed by 7 days in Kerala and due to scorching heat soybean seems to be a better source of

utilizing the land and resources. The greatest rise in soybean area could be in Maharashtra, where farmers were not happy with returns from cotton.

As Punjab government has targeted its cotton area to 4 lakhs, the following varieties 7172 cotton seed, BT 7172 and Bio Seed 11 have been recommended which will lower their cost of production with less usage of fertilizers and pesticides. Also the Punjab government is encouraging farmers to adopt drip irrigation technology on cotton crop by providing a subsidy of 80 per cent on the total cost of the project. In spite of government's recommendation Punjab farmers are likely to shift to paddy cultivation.

North India Cotton Association president Ashok Kapur said, that the Agriculture Department has pegged the target for Punjab area on the higher side, as he doesn't expect the area to increase from 2.84 lakh hectares in 2018-19 to 4 lakh hectares in 2019-20. The weather will play a very vital role especially for India, monsoon will have major effect. The season for cotton sowing has already set in and the sowing is expected to pick pace from the first week of May. The actual acreage figure shall give a clear picture on the new season.

Indian cotton market, however, showed resilience, falling only 10% in the futures market during this period. Prices in spot market are down just 5-6% amid severe supply crunch due to lower production, though volumes have fallen due to volatile prices.

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.

Weather Forecast for tomorrow:

According to IMD, the Monsoon is likely to set in over Kerala during the next 24 hours as the monsoon is likely to be delayed this year as its arrival expected on June 8, five days after its normal onset date, the India Meteorological Department said on Wednesday. This year, the statistical model forecast suggests that the monsoon onset over Kerala is likely to be slightly delayed according to IMD. The dreaded El Nino, which often disrupts global weather patterns including the monsoon, is likely to be neutralised by a local phenomenon in the Indian Ocean, which can lead to good rainfall in the June-September season, top meteorologists said.

International Fundamentals:

Cotton futures closed 89 to 247 points lower on Friday. The Cotlook A index for June 5 was down 25 points from the previous day to 79.60 cents/lb. The Forward A was 50 points lower at 76.85. The weekly Average World Price (AWP) from USDA is now 61.51 cents/lb through next Thursday. **U.S. cotton planting progress remains good. Cotton planting progress has been on par with the five-year average.** USDA sees no shortage of cotton anywhere in the coming year.

Seed cotton (phutti) equivalent to 10.777 million or 10,777,818 bales reached ginneries across Pakistan till June 1, 2019, according to the final report of Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association (PCGA) showing national cotton production for the year 2018-19. Out of total arrivals, 10,777,351 bales underwent the ginning process, said the last fortnightly PCGA report of 2018-19.

All upland cotton export sales totaled 182,316 RB for 18/19 during the week that ended on May 30, with China at net reductions of 8,997 RB and India buying 144,900 RB. That was well above the same time last year but down 36.86% from

the previous week. New crop sales totaled just 51,625 RB. Weekly shipments were at 308,590 RB, a drop of 24.84% from previous week and down 46.46% from last year.

Cotton producers in Texas, U.S are dealing with too much moisture from heavy rainfall this spring. Strong rains push seeds down too far into the ground and fields with standing water have to deal with seed rot. The weather has hampered the sowing in U.S affecting the cotton futures.

From May 5 to Jun 6, the cumulative turnover of reserve cotton was 224,000 tons, and the turnover rate was 85.23%. On 6th June, the reserve sales of reserve cotton was 9855.1348 tons, the actual turnover was 3813.267 tons, and the turnover rate was 38.69%. China has commenced 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. Qualities are expected to be low grades, which will help sustain demand since the low-grade market within China is reportedly very tight.

Brazil shipped 1.1 million tons of cotton between August 2018 and fourth week of May 2019. This figure exceeds the record 1.042 million tons of cotton exported in August-July 2011-12 season. During the last 12 months, the volume of cotton exported from Brazil totals 1.12 million tons.

USDA estimates India's marketing year (MY) 2019/20 cotton production at 29.3 million 480 lb. bales (37.5 million 170-kilogram bales/6.4 MMT) from 12.45 million hectares of planted area. Assuming a normal monsoon, the nationwide average yield estimates for MY 2019/20 is 512 kilograms per hectare.

U.S Export sales for the week ended on May 23 were seen improvement. A combined 425,000 bales of net sales for current marketing year and new crop were reported for Upland cotton. New crop sales totaled 136,212 RB, with Mexico buying 23,600 RB and China at 15,400 RB and 288,732 RB for old crop. The lead buyer was Vietnam of 120,700 RB, with India at 77,700 RB. Shipments were at 410,600 bales of Upland and 32,100 bales of Pima cotton. The continuous good sales and demand for U.S around the world is mainly due to attractive prices for mill buyers.

US crop progress report on 28th May shows that 57% of the crop has been planted with the normal pace at 58% and last year at 61%.

USDA data shows cotton export shipments at 70% of USDA's projected total, with the average pace at 78%. Including the unshipped sales, total commitments are 107% of that projection, with the average pace at 101%. US Cotton crop progress as per latest report shows that 44% area is planted by 19th May compared to 50% in the last season.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
19-Jun	170	21720	21860	21680	21890	1256	172	12500	-574
19-Jul	190	21940	22000	21810	22060	366	-129	5447	53
19-Aug	140	22010	22030	21850	22140	174	83	740	112

Spread	19-Jun	19-Jul	19-Aug	19-Sep	--	--
Spot					-	-
19-Jun	-140	-	-	-	-	-
19-Jul	-	-30	-	-	-	-

(NB: Spread Basis = Spot- Near Month Future) As updated on 7th June @ 5.30 pm

* Updated at as on 7-June- 2019 @ 5:00 PM

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALCotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	8-Jun-19	7-Jun-19	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	6250	6250	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	6280	6305	-25
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	6400	6330	70
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	6000	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	6350	6300	50
	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	6680	6650	30
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	6450	6400	50
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	6450	6350	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	NA	6671	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	6189	5559	630
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	8-Jun-19	7-Jun-19	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4860	4880	-20
	Abohar	J-34	4860	4880	-20
	Mansa	J-34	4850	4850	Unch
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4810	4820	-10
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	8-Jun-19	7-Jun-19	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	3400	3400	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	184	180	4
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	640	680	-40
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	17	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	170	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	325	650	-325
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	50	100	-50
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	500	500	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	NA	127	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	7	15	-8
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	8-Jun-19	7-Jun-19	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Abohar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	17	17	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Seed Oil Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil	Price	Change
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State	Centre	Unit	8-Jun-19	7-Jun-19	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	750	750	Unch
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	712	712	Unch
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	715	715	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	755	760	-5

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	8-Jun-19	7-Jun-19	
Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2810	2821	-11
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	2752	2746	6

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				7-Jun-19	6-Jun-19	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	41300	41300	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	41800	41800	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	46100	46100	Unch
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	44700	44700	Unch
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	45600	45700	-100
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	47800	47800	Unch
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	48700	48700	Unch
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	54500	54500	Unch

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

Index	Unit	8-Jun-19	7-Jun-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	8-Jun-19	7-Jun-19	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	Closed	NR	-
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	Closed	NR	-

FC Index (L)	Cents/lb	Closed	NR	-
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Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	7-Jun-19	6-Jun-19	Change
A-Index	Cents/Pound	NR	79.6	-

USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		7-Jun-19	7-Jun-19	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	NR	NR	NR
North Delta	cents/lb.	NR	NR	NR
South Delta	cents/lb.	NR	NR	NR
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	NR	NR	NR
West Texas	cents/lb.	NR	NR	NR
Desert SW	cents/lb.	NR	NR	NR
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	NR	NR	NR

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 3-June-2019

(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

Daily Futures Price Listing Fri June 07, 2019

Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
19-Jul	190607	68.59	68.72	65.59	65.59	-3	16,640	79,345	-3,006
19-Oct	190607	66.71	66.71	65.8	65.88	-1.53	3	55	0
19-Dec	190607	66.75	67.08	65.26	65.51	-1.16	14,313	98,594	2,956
20-Mar	190607	67.45	67.6	65.85	66.14	-1.09	2,011	17,068	677
20-May	190607	67.86	67.86	67.01	67.11	-1.04	128	2,217	66
20-Jul	190607	68	68	67.53	67.81	-0.97	55	3,481	33
Total Volume and Open Interest							33,179	209,067	753

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