

Domestic Fundamentals:**Market Outlook:**

The Rajkot mandi price for variety Shankar 6 stood Rs.42,250/per candy (75.48 cents/lbs). The advancement of monsoon has supported the growth of the cotton crop expecting higher crop against 2018-19 year, thus, pressure is built on cotton prices in the coming season.

News: Monthly cotton yarn exports fell by 24% at a 5 year low during April- July. The data released by the textile industry for the first three weeks of August also showed a decline of 25 per cent month-on-month while garment and made-up exports have shown a growth. Exports to major markets such as China has halved, and exports to Bangladesh and Korea has fallen 38 per cent and 45 per cent. While Vietnam has increased its exports of cotton yarn to China by 17 per cent during the last four months, India's share has declined by 16 per cent in the same period. Due to which many production units are shutting down and need urgent policy support. Cotton Textile Export Promotion Council has requested the government to extend the 3 per cent interest equalization to cotton yarn. These measures might help the cotton yarn sector and the spinning industry at large to minimize their losses and regain their competitiveness.

According to the AP government, cotton sowing as on 28th Aug'19, area remained 5.74 lakh ha which is 0.69 lakh ha higher than 5.05 lakh ha of last year and also higher than 5.25 lakh ha of normal area. Cotton has covered around 80-100% area to season normal. Sucking pest is reported till now in AP in traces (<5%) in Kurnool district.

Punjab and Haryana is expecting to get 10-15% higher production as per the increased area in both the states this year. The new crop is expected to arrive from 2nd week of September from few districts of Punjab and Haryana. Few 5-10 quintals arrival have been reported till now from Adampur district of Punjab and 30-40 quintals of cotton from UP (Hathras). Cotton crop in Gujarat has been observed healthy as per date but if excess rainfall occurs after 15th of September it might damage the crop.

The domestic market currently has gained some support due to lower arrivals against the demand. But the domestic market seems to show mixed trend in the coming days due to higher imports and increase in sowing progress with estimated higher crop production in 2019-20 season which is going to commence from the end of September. The trend in International market has fallen last week where the cotton futures is trading lower amid poor export sales report last week by USDA, higher world cotton estimated by USDA and increasing pressure between US and China.

As on 22nd Aug'19, the cotton area has been increased this year by 6.7 lakh ha and stood at 123.54 lakh ha till now higher than 116.84 lakh ha last year. The sowing is lagging behind only in Gujarat by 2.3% and stood at 26.28 lakh ha whereas all other states are now ahead compared to previous year. So far, the total area of cotton expanded this year by around 5.7%. The advancement in rainfall is favoring the cotton crop for a healthy growth all over India.

The pressure originating from higher domestic prices of cotton and weak export demand made India uncompetitive in the textile industry. As a result, the yarn exports of India declined and got weaker in the passage of time since June this year. India's cotton yarn export quantity declined by 33% in first quarter of FY20 (41% in May and June 2019) and stood at a seven-year low of 59 million kg in June 2019. As a result, multiple textile associations across the country have reported stock pile-ups and production cuts by spinning mills in recent months, eventually, lakhs of people have lost their jobs in the cotton textile industry.

The rainfall in Gujarat might affect to the cotton crop as on an average 5-10% loss in production in the cotton growing areas like Rajkot, Patan, Ahmedabad and in Saurashtra region might be reported. Although the loss in area is noticed in Gujarat in the current period (2019-20) and till now no loss is observed in Gujarat. As on 16th Aug'19, Total area sown was reported at 25.99 lakh ha less than 26.71 lakh ha in the corresponding period of previous season.

The data released by Ministry of Agriculture on 20th August, the 4th advance estimate shows that India is likely to produce 287.08 lakh bales, 12.4% less against last year production of 328.05 lakh bales (2017-18). The arrivals for this year is soon to be finished before the crop year ends in September due to the lower output. The crop for next year (2019-20) is expected to surge as the crop across India is healthier against 2018-19 as of now.

Total MCX stock position as on 21st Aug'19, stood at 1,19,400 bales with 62,400 bales in Gujarat, 40,000 bales in Maharashtra and 17,000 bales in Telangana with total utilized capacity of 1,24,900 bales.

The attack of pink bollworm has hit the surrounding regions of Yavatmal district in Akola, Nanded, few parts of Amaravati. It is noticed that early sown crop in these regions were more prone to the pink bollworm attack where 1-1.5 lakh ha of area was under the above category in the state. However, still the crop is in last stage of vegetative phase therefore less threat to the crop. Due to heavy rainfall and insect infestation may contribute 10-20% loss in production overall in the state as of now. As in few areas in Kolhapur and Sangli, the farmers are not able go on to the fields to find out the extent of the infestation of pest.

As per the WASDE report, India crop production is estimated at 29 million US bales (37.14 million bales) in 2019-20, around 9% above the 2018-19 crop. India's cotton mill use is expected to rise 2% (500,000 bales) in 2019-20 to 25.0 million bales, as cotton supplies are rising and value-added product exports remain important to India's foreign exchange. The USA's share in global ending stocks has risen followed by India as China's stocks have fallen and for 2019-20, India's cotton stocks are forecast at 10.3 million bales, or 12.5 percent of world stocks.

Weather Forecast for tomorrow:

During the next 24 hours, light to moderate rains with one or two heavy spells are likely over Southeast Rajasthan, adjoining West Madhya Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Scattered light to moderate rains are forecast for parts of South Uttar Pradesh, isolated pockets of foothills of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, parts of Vidarbha, parts of Telangana, parts of Assam, Konkan and Goa, coastal Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand. Rest parts of the country will remain mainly dry with chances of isolated light rain with one or two moderate spells.

International Fundamentals:

Cotton futures posted 25 to 33 point gains in most contracts on Thursday. The Cotlook A Index was unch on August 28 at 69.30 cents/lb. The weekly AWP is 52.57 cents/lb and will be updated Thursday afternoon.

The Export Sales report from USDA showed 146,000 RB of 2019-20 upland cotton sold in the week of August 22nd, with Turkey buying 46,100 RB followed by Vietnam (27,800 RB) and India (20,800 RB) and reductions were from China (4,600 RB) followed by Philippines (2,600 RB) and Colombia (2,200RB). For 2020-21, net sales of 23,200 RB were primarily for Mexico (17,000 RB) and Peru (5,300 RB).

The US crop is improved slightly, NASS Crop Progress data showed 90% of the crop setting bolls (91% avg) against 90% in the same time last year, with 28% of the crop with bolls opening (19% avg) higher than 20% in the corresponding period last year. Around 33-44% crop is noticed to be in good to excellent condition in the current season increased from previous week. Although the crop received some relief from hot and dry conditions, but the largest portion of dryland acreage south of Lubbock continues to suffer as the crop needs rainfall for better growth at this stage of the crop. The US crop is likely to get smaller than the USDA's current 22.5M bale projection, but the US will still likely produce a significantly larger crop than it did in 2018.

From May 5 to August 27, the cumulative turnover of reserve cotton was 749,700 tons, and the turnover rate was 84.95%. On 27th Aug, 67.72% Of Total Put Auction at 8120.4929 tons for sales. Average Transaction price was 11,512 Yuan/ton (Down by 79 Yuan/ton from the previous day). The discounted 3128 price was 12,860 yuan/ton (Up by 17 yuan/ton from the previous day).

The international prices are backed by the announcement made by trump on late Friday, the US hit back by increasing the tariff on Chinese imports after China announced addition tariffs on several US agri goods in retaliation to the US tariff implementation on \$300 billion in Chinese goods in September and December. Of those cotton was included with 5% in tariffs added to US goods on 1st September. President trump imposed on the current 25% tariff on 300 billion USD of imports to be increased to 30%, and the 10% tariff on most remaining imports which will go in effect September 1st is increased to 15%. The cotton industry is going to get renewed buying interest from countries such as Iran, Vietnam and Bangladesh, though quantities are small.

The cotton is trending low, OCT'19 closed at 59.24, down 63 points after the poor Export Sales report from USDA for the week ending 15th Aug'19, showed net upland sales of 2019-20, net sales of only 1,64,000RB were primarily for Vietnam (36,100 RB) followed by 24,000 RB and Turkey (10,900 RB) and reductions were from Hong kong (8,600 RB) and China (600 RB). For 2020-21, net sales of 500 RB were primarily for China (117,900 RB), Mexico (16,300 RB) and Vietnam (14,500 RB).

World cotton consumption in 2019-20 is projected at 123.1 million bales, compared with an estimated 120.6 million bales in 2018-19. Cotton mill use in China is projected at 40.0 million bales in 2019-20, up 1 percent (500,000 bales) from last season. Increased imports of raw cotton in recent years, along with domestic supplies from China's State Reserve, have helped sustain China's spinning industry during a period of stable production. Followed by India, Vietnam and Bangladesh also where 2% to 7% increase in mill consumption is estimated in 2019-20.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
19-Aug	-540	20870	21120	20410	20950	2384	1719	1598	-2375
19-Oct	-10	19530	19660	19530	19580	317	-82	1912	93
19-Dec	0	19270	19280	19170	19250	34	-48	758	7

Spread	19-Jun	19-Jul	19-Aug	19-Sep	--	--
Spot					-	-
19-Aug	-	1460	-	-	-	-
19-Oct	-	-	380	-	-	-

(NB: Spread Basis = Spot- Near Month Future) As updated on 30th Aug @ 5.30 pm

* Updated at as on 30-Aug- 2019 @ 5:00 PM

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVAL

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
	Centre	Variety	30-Aug-19	29-Aug-19	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	NA	NA	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	Closed	6255	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	NR	6270	-
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-

	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	5900	5900	Unch
	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	NA	NA	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	5400	5400	Unch
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	6270	-
	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	30-Aug-19	29-Aug-19	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4370	4375	-5
	Abohar	J-34	4370	4380	-10
	Mansa	J-34	4380	4390	-10
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4310	4320	-10
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	30-Aug-19	29-Aug-19	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	NA	NA	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	Closed	18	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	NR	200	-
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-

	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	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	NA	NA	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	20	20	Unch
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	42	-
	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	30-Aug-19	29-Aug-19	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Abohar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Seed Oil Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	30-Aug-19	29-Aug-19	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	780	790	-10
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	751	755	-4
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	Unq	Unq	-
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	806	806	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	30-Aug-19	29-Aug-19	

Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	3208	3214	-6
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	3186	3145	41

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				29-Aug-19	28-Aug-19	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	40400	40600	-200
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	40900	41100	-200
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	41300	41800	-500
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	42000	42000	Unch
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	42900	42900	Unch
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	44500	44500	Unch
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	45600	45600	Unch
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	53900	53900	Unch

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

Index	Unit	30-Aug-19	29-Aug-19	Change
CCIndex(328)	RMB/Ton	12985	12983	2
CCIndex(527)	RMB/Ton	12010	12010	Unch
CCIndex(229)	RMB/Ton	13351	13345	6
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.				

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index :

Index	Unit	30-Aug-19	29-Aug-19	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	75.27	75.05	0.22
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	71.18	70.92	0.26
FC Index (L)	Cents/lb	67.69	67.31	0.38

Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	29-Aug-19	28-Aug-19	Change
A-Index	Cents/Pound	70.1	69.3	0.80

USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		29-Aug-19	29-Aug-19	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	57.88	60.13	0
North Delta	cents/lb.	56.88	59.13	979
South Delta	cents/lb.	56.88	59.13	0
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	53.63	55.88	2493
West Texas	cents/lb.	53.63	56.38	1171
Desert SW	cents/lb.	51.63	55.63	0
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	52.13	61.03	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 29-Aug-2019				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	8000	160	8160
Equivalent	40 Kgs	8574	171	8745

Daily Futures Price Listing Thu August 29, 2019									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
19-Oct	190829	58.36	58.88	57.72	58.88	0.53	42	236	-26
19-Dec	190829	58.76	59.29	57.94	59	0.27	19,972	138,472	549
20-Mar	190829	59.47	59.83	58.73	59.65	0.23	4,591	47,149	-108
20-May	190829	60.21	60.52	59.56	60.42	0.25	1,358	8,914	-12
20-Jul	190829	61.01	61.24	60.47	61.21	0.24	465	7,877	31
20-Oct	190829	61.74	61.74	61.74	61.74	0.2			
Total Volume and Open Interest							26,835	219,375	490

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