

Domestic Fundamentals:**Market Outlook:**

The Rajkot mandi price for variety Shankar 6 stood Rs.39,200/per candy (70.14 cents/lb). While the domestic cotton prices are declining due to the halt in exports. Cotton futures fell to a one-week low on Friday as investors tried to gauge the coronavirus epidemic's impact on China's economy, with cases continuing to mount.

News: *Cotton imports in India have come to a standstill as weak domestic prices have made overseas purchases economically unviable. Since start of the season on Oct 1, traders have contracted 0.9-1.0 mln bales of cotton imports. Of the total contracts signed, 600,000-700,000 bales of extra-long staple cotton have reached the Indian ports so far. Mills in north India have contracted another 150,000 bales of Egyptian cotton, the consignments would arrive in Jun-Aug. India usually takes the shipments from US, West Africa and Australia especially for extra-long staple length cotton as India does not produce locally. Imports are currently muted as there is sufficient supply in the market due to bigger crop this year. In the domestic market, cotton is currently being sold in the range of 38,500-40,000 rupees per candy. And CCI is offering cotton at 46,500-46,900 rupees per candy procured in the current season. Due to which the spinners are willing to import cotton.*

CCI has released a tender to buy cotton bales from ginners across India (AP, Telangana, Karnataka, MP, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Orissa, West Bengal, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan) *under reverse e- auction high grade ready cotton bales under commercial operations. The ginners who are interested to participate in the e-tender for purchase of ready bales by CCI, has to register itself with the Corporation. Total 10 Samples will be drawn randomly from each lot of 100 bales by Authorized representatives of the Corporation at the factory. The moisture content should not exceed 8% or the lot will be rejected.*

Cotton seed oil cake price remained steady to firm compared to the last week amid a rising demand from cattle feed makers mainly influenced cottonseed oil cake prices. *With growing animal feed prices in the country, animal feed manufacturers have called CCI to release cotton seed stock in the market. The releasing of cotton seed stock can ease the cotton oil prices as well as animal feed prices in the country, as animal feed manufacturers will get additional raw material for producing animal feed. As CCI has so far extracted over 200,000 tons of cottonseed, which has not been released on the market. Due to this aggressive behaviour of CCI, the market has been distorted. With a lower production, firm oil prices and high demand.*

Cotton output to rise in Telangana in 2019-20 due to favourable weather conditions that led to higher acreage and yields. *The cotton yield is likely to increase by 7-9% this year leading to the total rise in cotton production to around 40-43 lakh bales this year. Whereas the state has released its 2nd advance estimate recently this week projecting to increase in production around 48 lakh bales up by 13 lakh bales compared to the previous year's production.*

Cotton prices in China have fallen by 3-4% from 13,833 RMB/Ton to 13,437 RMB/Ton since 23rd Jan'20 to 7th Feb'20 *while the Indian domestic prices also fallen (-1 to 2%) to Rs.39,500/ candy from Rs.40,000/candy due to the uncertainty after the outbreak of coronavirus in China. Prices are expected to remain volatile in the short-term before a clear picture emerges. Usually, India's 25% of its annual export of cotton and cotton yarn is to China. The halt in exports are the result in decline in domestic prices apart from exports to China, there is no increase in export demand from Vietnam and Bangladesh.*

CCI's activity slightly remained sluggish in last 10-15 days due to the decline in arrivals across India. In Gujarat, Maharashtra and MP, final pickings have been started while the loss has been reported in the 3rd picking from Andhra Pradesh that overall resulted in the decline in domestic prices across India. *CCI procured around 58 lakh bales so far which is around 27% of the total arrivals so far till 10th Feb'20. CCI made the maximum purchases from Telangana that procured 32.45 lakh bales (56% of the total CCI's procurement) followed by Maharashtra and Gujarat buying 10.8 lakh bales and 3.37 lakh bales respectively.*

As on 31st Jan'20 according to CAI, the cotton arrivals from all over India stood approximately 192.89 lakh bales this season so far. The arrivals in Gujarat reached around 44.7 lakh bales even after loss caused by the untimely rains in the state. The arrivals were delayed in South India, but now Telangana is leading 2nd position with 37 lakh bales arrivals with moisture content ranging between 8-12% and CCI is procuring 95% of the cotton. Maharashtra also faced bad weather this year which affected the crop and so far 37.6 lakh bales have been arrived in the state. While the arrivals from North India declined this month in Punjab and Haryana. Rajasthan is seen to have good crop growth that received 18.7 lakh bales this year so far followed by Haryana (15.35 lakh bales) and Punjab (6.09 lakh bales).

The Chinese economy has broken down after the breakout of coronavirus in the country. Major markets were closed in the last week of January on Chinese New year but the manufacturing units have announced they will extend their shutdowns for at least another week. China alone accounts for 32% of all global cotton use, and then cotton yarn imports accounts for an additional 10% of global demand. The weaker internal cotton demand in China along with the extreme focus on bringing the virus under control, Chinese textile and apparel consumption is expected to be weaker. It will also impact the US cotton import shipments to accelerate to meet the obligations of the trade agreement.

The Indian government in the mid of January has announced that it might impose anti- dumping duty on certain type of yarn so as to avoid importing cheap imports from China, Vietnam and Indonesia. DGTR has initiated an investigation that dumped imports from these countries are causing material injury to the domestic industry or not. It has been reported that the cheap imports has affected the quality of the fabric for eventual use in garments. As the prices of yarn declined to a significant low in the previous months last year, therefore, government is ensuring to support the yarn prices in India by improving the quality measures.

Indian cotton prices went weaker 3-4% since the corona virus in China has spread its effect in different countries. As India already booked for cotton export shipments in February of around 2-3 lakh bales which is likely to be affected due to the situation prevailing in China. Cotton exports in November were down in November while it gained supports in December with increasing demand, depreciation in rupee and higher international prices. But the exports in February likely to decline and it is unlikely to recover as soon as China recovers its present situation from virus.

According to the trade sources, total arrivals stood around 156.93 lakh bales so far till 31st Jan'20 from the start of the season. And a total of 12.92 lakh bales have arrived in this week ending on 31st Jan'20 around 7% lower compared 13.83 lakh bales. Of this, 7.36 lakh bales were from Central India, followed by 4.4 lakh bales from South India in this week. The arrivals from North India (in Haryana, Punjab & Rajasthan) have started so the arrivals stood around 1.09 lakh bales this week.

Weather Forecast for tomorrow:

During the next 24 hours, scattered rain and thundershowers are likely in Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh. Light rain is expected in Sikkim and adjoining parts of Sub Himalayan West Bengal. Light snowfall may occur in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim. The weather of rest places will remain dry. Day temperatures are expected to increase further in Gujarat and Konkan and goa. Delhi pollution will remain in 'poor to very poor' category.

International Fundamentals:

Cotton futures posted 23 to 34 point losses by Friday's close, Mar 20 Cotton closed at 67.41, down 34 points. The 02/13 Cotlook A index was 50 points higher to 77.70 cents/lb. The FAS Adjusted World Price for cotton is 58.82 cents/lb.

According to the National Cotton Council (NCC), US cotton producers are going to plant 13 million acres down by 5.5% from 2019. Upland cotton are estimated around 12.8 million acres, down 5.6% from 2019, while extra-long staple on 224,000 acres represent a 2.7% decline. According to the survey conducted by NCC, Southeast respondents indicate a 9.3 per cent decrease in the region's upland area to 2.7 million acres. All states in the Southeast show a decline in acreage. Mid-South growers intend to plant 2.2 million acres, a decline of 6.5 per cent from the previous year. Southwest growers intend to plant 7.6 million cotton acres, a 3.4 per cent decline.

The US Export Sales report from USDA showed 350,900 RB of 2019-20 upland cotton sold in the week ending 6th Feb'20 were up by 6% compared to previous week. Increases primarily for Vietnam (152,000 MT, including 2,600 RB switched from South Korea), Turkey (74,000 RB), Pakistan (49,300 RB), Bangladesh (44,200 RB), and Indonesia (20,500 RB, including 1,200 RB switched from Japan), were offset by reductions primarily for China (48,400 RB). For 2020/2021, net sales of 57,300 RB were for Bangladesh (26,200 RB), Pakistan (18,500 RB), Malaysia (6,600 RB), Indonesia (5,300 RB), and Ecuador (700 RB). Exports of 400,500 RB were down 4 percent from the previous week, but up 20 percent from the prior 4-week average.

Cotton production was reported unchanged at 20.1 million bales in Feb'20 forecast compared to the previous month by USDA. Domestic cotton ending supply was also steady, leaving U.S. ending stocks at 5.40 mln bales. USDA also remained the U.S. cotton exports at 16.50m bales, although the Feb revision increased Brazil's cotton export estimate to 8.90m bales while Indian cotton exports reduced to 3.6 mln bales from 3.8 mln bales. Australian export estimates were lowered 5 lakh bales to 1.3 million bales due to the drought ravaged country. World ending stocks of cotton were increased by 2.53 mln bales to 82.12 mln bales. World demand for cotton was 1.21 million bales lower against the Jan forecast with World use at 119.01m bales. Australian and Indian exports were lowered. USDA's Cotton Ginning's Report showed that cotton ginned through 1st Feb'20 was 18.934 mln Running Bales, which is 14% more than 2018-19's pace.

The US cotton were firm by around 5% in January month compared to the previous month after a long period. The signing of phase one deal between the USA and China made the market stronger and firm in the expectation that the China would continue to buy cotton in large amounts and the export of cotton increased by 13 percent particularly China as the country has again started importing American cotton. According to the recent report, China has signed agreements for the import of one hundred and ninety thousand bales of American cotton. But unexpectedly, the outbreak of coronavirus has got negative impact on the on-going trade between the two countries as well as in the global market.

The prices in the local market in Pakistan is declining due to the cautious buying from the textile mills and due to the decreasing of the stock of good quality cotton. The country is importing large amount of cotton and the mills that are not able to import cotton are buying cotton from local ginners. Due to the improper supply of the raw material, many ginning mills were closed. The Spot Rate Committee of Karachi Cotton Association has decreased the spot rate by Rs 100 per maund and closed it at Rs 9000 per maund. Also, the local market has been affected due to the coronavirus. Therefore, the market showed a bearish trend.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
20-Feb	90	19200	19270	19100	19150	1719	1239	5345	3182
20-Mar	80	19450	19550	19410	19420	1470	1103	3437	2154
20-Apr	100	19720	19810	19680	19680	242	-566	671	-869

Spread	19-Dec	20-Jan	20-Feb	20-Mar	--	--
Spot	-				-	-
19-Dec	-	-280	-	-	-	-
20-Jan	-	-	-260	-	-	-

(NB: Spread Basis = Spot- Near Month Future) As updated on 18th Feb @ 5.30 pm

* Updated at as on 18-Feb- 2019 @ 5:00 PM

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALCotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	18-Feb-20	17-Feb-20	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5500	5500	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5330	5430	-100
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	NR	5345	-
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	5125	5105	20
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5250	5250	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5240	5305	-65
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5250	5250	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	5210	5210	Unch
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	5250	5225	25
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	5300	5300	Unch
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	5450	5450	Unch
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	5250	5225	25
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	5200	5230	-30
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	5200	5300	-100
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5150	5250	-100
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4850	4850	Unch
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	5439	5443	-4
	Hubli	D.C.H.	5300	5300	Unch
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	6700	6750	-50
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	5150	5250	-100
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maunder)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	18-Feb-20	17-Feb-20	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4030	4020	10
	Abohar	J-34	4030	4030	Unch
	Mansa	J-34	4000	4020	-20
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	3985	3965	20
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	3690	3690	Unch

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	18-Feb-20	17-Feb-20	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	56100	56100	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	3078	3072	6
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	NR	3200	-
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	2480	2835	-355
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	20000	30000	-10000
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	690	641	49
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	800	500	300
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	1020	170	850
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	300	250	50
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	595	850	-255
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	1100	1650	-550
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	1000	2000	-1000
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	1000	2000	-1000
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	1200	1000	200
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	1000	4000	-3000
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	2940	1800	1140
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	2912	3432	-520
	Hubli	D.C.H.	14	544	-530
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	2590	3390	-800
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	18-Feb-20	17-Feb-20	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	6800	6800	Unch
	Abohar	J-34	2550	2550	Unch
	Mansa	J-34	1700	1700	Unch
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	850	850	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	1500	2000	-500

Cotton Seed Oil Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil	Price	Change
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State	Centre	Unit	18-Feb-20	17-Feb-20	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	815	820	-5
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	787	787	Unch
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	810	815	-5
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	832	832	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	18-Feb-20	17-Feb-20	
Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	1829	1869	-40
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	1805	1823	-18

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				17-Feb-20	15-Feb-20	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	35600	35600	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	36100	36100	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	37800	38000	-200
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	38600	38600	Unch
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	39400	39500	-100
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	39500	39500	Unch
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	39300	39400	-100
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	39900	39900	Unch

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

Index	Unit	18-Feb-20	17-Feb-20	Change
CCIndex(328)	RMB/Ton	13469	13411	58
CCIndex(527)	RMB/Ton	12661	12603	58
CCIndex(229)	RMB/Ton	13801	13759	42

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

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index :

Index	Unit	18-Feb-20	17-Feb-20	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	82.64	82.64	Unch
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	77.9	77.9	Unch
FC Index (L)	Cents/lb	77	77	Unch

Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	17-Feb-20	17-Feb-20	Change
A-Index	Cents/Pound	76.95	76.95	Unch

USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		14-Feb-20	14-Feb-20	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	66.16	68.41	0
North Delta	cents/lb.	64.66	66.91	0
South Delta	cents/lb.	64.66	66.91	0
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	62.41	64.66	1607
West Texas	cents/lb.	62.16	64.66	772
Desert SW	cents/lb.	60.16	64.16	0
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	60.66	69.56	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 17-Feb-2019

				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	9100	160	9260
Equivalent	40 Kgs	9752	171	9923

Daily Futures Price Listing Fri February 14, 2020

Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
20-Mar	200214	67.76	67.93	67.21	67.41	-0.34	22,534	36,085	-12,368
20-May	200214	68.56	68.9	68.08	68.41	-0.22	25,469	101,686	6,869
20-Jul	200214	69.47	69.74	68.96	69.28	-0.22	6,246	40,312	194
20-Oct	200214	69.36	69.36	69.36	69.36	-0.23	52	36	-40
20-Dec	200214	69.21	69.51	68.74	69.06	-0.28	3,041	34,563	1,098
21-Mar	200214	69.99	70.19	69.45	69.75	-0.31	125	5,644	-24
Total Volume and Open Interest							57,552	220,310	-4,300

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