

Domestic Fundamentals:**Market Outlook:**

The markets in Haryana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh are closed till the mid April to avoid the spread of coronavirus. ICE cotton futures were on track for the best daily gain in nearly six months on Thursday, on the back of firmer oil prices and a slight optimistic sentiments after the release of export sales report by USDA which was good to see given the ongoing circumstances.

News: Indian cotton prices dropped steeply in March compared to the prices in February month. The global economy breakdown resulted in weak trade across the world including India due to coronavirus. Indian government has lockdown the country for around 25 days starting from 20th March to mid of April'20 as the spread of Covid-19 has increased in the country. The cotton physical markets as well as the exports and imports are on hold as the ports have been closed. Although the supply of essential commodity is allowed in the market but there are no such notice released for cotton industry. The arrivals are delayed in the market and CCI also stopped the procurement so as to avoid gathering of farmers in mandi.

The arrivals in Punjab and Haryana was likely to finish by the end of March but the closure of all the markets and mandis in India has delayed the arrivals as well as the sowing. The cotton sowing usually starts in the after the fortnight of April and now the sowing is delayed by at least 15 days. Also the cotton seed manufacturers has demanded to increase the BT cotton seed prices so as to avoid shortage of seed to the farmers in both the states. They want the prices to rise by 10% because of rising input cost. The price of Bollgard-II (BG-II) cotton seed in 2019 was fixed at Rs. 730 per packet of 450 gram including Rs. 20 as trait value.

The President of Cotton Association of India, Atul S. Ganatra has requested the central government to consider the hardship faced by the Ginning & Pressing factories during the period of the current lockdown. As the Ginning and Pressing factories are hit hard during the current lockdown and they are not able to function. Since cotton seed cakes are used for feeding cattle, therefore, allowing transportation of cottonseed from Ginning factories would be necessary in providing animal feed but it will also help ginneries which are labour intensive.

Export contracts of around 1,50,000 bales of cotton have been halted to Bangladesh and few to China due to the obstruction causing in trade and transport services because of the spread of coronavirus. There are no new contracts signed by India in last 15 to 20 days due to the disruptions caused in the banking activity and closure of ports in India as well as in the other importing countries. Currently India has exported around 27 lakh bales out of the total signed deals of 28-29 lakh bales. Even if the trade resumes in few days, the exports activity would be sluggish due to the weakening global prices. Similarly, the imports deals of around 1 lakh bales mainly from the US and West Africa have not reached Indian ports.

Till 23rd Mar'20, total of 277.5 lakh bales of cotton bales have been arrived in the Indian market so far. Around 78% of the cotton have arrived in the market against the target this year (2019-20). The maximum arrivals are reported in Gujarat producing 61 lakh bales followed by 60 lakh bales in Maharashtra and 50 lakh bales in Telangana. Agriwatch estimates the total cotton production of 351.8 lakh bales this year with an average yield of 466.62 kg/ha. The frequency of arrivals have declined compared to the previous month as the harvest season in the most of the states come to an end. So far, the procurement by CCI reached around 83 lakh bales maximum of which was bought from Telangana followed by Maharashtra federation procured 11 lakh bales.

According to the trade sources, the Indian cotton exports for the February'20 were reported higher at 4.54 lakh bales against 9.8 lakh bales in the previous month. In February'20, the shipments were stopped to China due to the cancellations from their part due to the outbreak of Covid-19 virus. China imported only 1.03 lakh bales of raw cotton 75% less compared to the previous month. Bangladesh was the largest importer of Indian raw cotton in Feb'20 that imported 2.96 lakh bales at an average FOB \$1.65/kg against 3.96 lakh bales in last month, followed by Indonesia importing 35,313 bales at 1.54 \$/Kg and Vietnam (10,601 bales at an average FOB \$1.62/kg). Philippines, Iran, Thailand & Japan also imported raw cotton

from India in February contributing to the Indian exports of around 7,474 bales at an average FOB between 1.58 and 1.73\$/kg.

The President of Cotton Association of India, after the spread of coronavirus in India, urges the government to implement some relief measures so that the Indian cotton and textile sector including cotton traders, exporters, ginning and pressing factories and all the textile mills across India can be saved from the crisis that is likely to take place if the trade is halted for prolonged time. Some of the relief package that industry demanded are: 1) at least 5% interest subvention to the entire trade, 2) To consider postponing all trade in forex expiring in March by atleast 3 months, 3) By extending due dates for all statutory payments by atleast 60 days, 4) By extending the deadline of payments receivable from overseas buyers from 180 to 360 days.

Gujarat is slowly getting new enquiries for cotton yarn from Chinese importers. Since the outbreak of coronavirus in China, the cotton yarn purchases were completely stopped from India as well as from the other countries too. Gujarat is one of the largest cotton producer in India. Over 30% of the cotton yarn produced in Gujarat is exported to the different countries. China is one of the biggest buyers of cotton yarns from India. The yarn industry in the past few months was facing tough period due to the decline in demand in local as well as in international market. Now, a ray of hope is seen by Gujarat based yarn manufacturers as the effect of the pandemic has reportedly reduced in China according the Chinese sources.

Weather Forecast for tomorrow:

During the next 24 hours, scattered light to moderate rain and thundershower activities are expected to continue over the North-Eastern states. Intensity will be moreover eastern parts of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. Isolated light rain and an isolated thunderstorm are possible over parts of Telangana and Vidarbha. Day and night temperatures will increase marginally over North West Central and East India.

International Fundamentals:

Cotton closed the Friday session 96 to 122 points higher, May 20 Cotton closed at 50.98, up 99 points. The April 2 Cotlook A index was back down to 59.15 c/lb, 235 points lower. The AWP for cotton was lowered to 42.63 cents/lb.

The US Export Sales report from USDA showed 147,500 RB for 2019-2020 in week ending 26th Mar'20 were down by 47% compared to previous week. Increases primarily for Vietnam 77,500 RB, China 24,500 RB, South Korea 15,000 RB, Japan 14,000 RB, Turkey 11,200 RB and offset by reductions primarily from Thailand 4,900 RB, Malaysia 4,800 RB and Bangladesh 1,000 RB. For 2020/2021, net upland sales of 111,400 RB were primarily for Turkey 36,100 RB, Pakistan 17,200 RB, Indonesia 12,800 RB, Portugal 11,000 RB, Bangladesh 11,000 RB. Net Upland Shipment for Exports of 400,800 RB were up 4 percent from the previous week, exports were primarily to Vietnam 92,400 RB, China 71,800 RB, Pakistan 70,400 RB, Turkey 68,000 RB, Bangladesh 23,200 RB.

The US cotton spot prices has declined significantly. Textile mill are closings, coupled with the closure of retail outlets around the world, have wreaked havoc on cotton prices. The US Export Sales report from USDA showed 277,100 RB for 2019-2020 in week ending 19th Mar'20 were down by 19% compared to previous week. Increases primarily for Vietnam 74,900 RB, Turkey 55,200 RB, Pakistan 53,200 RB, China 44,900 RB, & Indonesia 13,300 RB. Bloomberg analysts and traders has projected US cotton plantings at 12.4 million acres while the average of the USDA and National Cotton Council early season forecasts is 12.75 million acres.

Chinese futures May contract seen a large dip below 10,000yuan/MT on 24th March'20. After the impact of COVID-19, China saw a steep fall in prices during last month. Recently, many contracts were cancelled after the spread of COVID-19 in the rest of the countries from China. All the country borders are sealed, and the China' textile and apparel export orders were cancelled and textile plants were unwilling to take export orders on concern about the risks of cancellation later. China cotton consumption is likely to reduce down by 0.6-1 million tons.

Brazil farmers has finished their crop sowing planting on 1.619 million hectares with an increase of 0.05% from the previous season as the farmers are expecting strong demand for the fiber. The forecast released by USDA in Mar'20 reveals that country is likely to produce 2.83 million tonnes of the cotton lint higher by 25 thousand tonnes from the previous month's estimate. While the exports are also likely to increase by 6.05 lakh tonnes this year from 1.31 million tonnes in the previous season increasing the ending stocks to 2.84 million tonnes this year.

Steady to bearish trend was witnessed in Pakistan cotton market. The local textile and cotton industry which is moving in positive direction is badly affected by Corona virus. There were many challenges in the way of increasing the production of cotton. Ginnery are suffering due to the non-interest of millers in the purchase of cotton. Although, ginnery had the limited stock of 4 lakh bales out of which only 25 percent cotton is of good quality. It is expected that due to the negative impact of Corona virus in China Pakistani exports is likely to increase as Americans and European importers will take interest in the buying of Pakistani textile products.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
20-Mar	80	16250	16410	16070	16110	346	-134	5914	3751
20-Apr	90	16430	16610	16400	16340	80	-287	1089	-194
20-May	70	16670	16700	16670	16620	18	-790	70	-1470

Spread	20-Feb	20-Mar	20-Apr	20-May	--	--
Spot	-				-	-
19-Dec	-	-200	-	-	-	-
20-Jan	-	-	-90	-	-	-

(NB: Spread Basis = Spot- Near Month Future) As updated on 3rd Apr @ 5.30 pm

* Updated at as on 03-Apr- 2019 @ 5:00 PM

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALCotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	4-Apr-20	3-Apr-20	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Bhiwani	Desi	Closed	Closed	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	Closed	Closed	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	Closed	Closed	-
	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	NR	NR	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NR	NR	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NR	NR	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	4-Apr-20	3-Apr-20	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	Closed	Closed	-
	Abohar	J-34	Closed	Closed	-
	Mansa	J-34	Closed	Closed	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	Closed	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	Closed	Closed	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	4-Apr-20	3-Apr-20	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Bhiwani	Desi	Closed	Closed	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	Closed	Closed	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	Closed	Closed	-
	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	NR	NR	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NR	NR	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NR	NR	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	4-Apr-20	3-Apr-20	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	Closed	Closed	-
	Abohar	J-34	Closed	Closed	-
	Mansa	J-34	Closed	Closed	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	Closed	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	Closed	Closed	-

Cotton Seed Oil Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil	Price	Change
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State	Centre	Unit	4-Apr-20	3-Apr-20	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	Closed	Closed	-
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	Closed	Closed	-
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	Closed	Closed	-
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	845	875	-30

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	4-Apr-20	3-Apr-20	
Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	Closed	Closed	-
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	Closed	Closed	-

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				3-Apr-20	2-Apr-20	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	36600	36600	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	37100	37100	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	36000	36000	Unch
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	36300	36300	Unch
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	37300	37300	Unch
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	37200	37200	Unch
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	36900	36900	Unch
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	37600	37600	Unch

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

Index	Unit	4-Apr-20	3-Apr-20	Change
CCIndex(328)	RMB/Ton	Closed	11093	-
CCIndex(527)	RMB/Ton	Closed	10487	-
CCIndex(229)	RMB/Ton	Closed	11468	-

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

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index :

Index	Unit	4-Apr-20	3-Apr-20	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	Closed	66.05	-
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	Closed	62.41	-
FC Index (L)	Cents/lb	Closed	59.77	-

Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	2-Apr-20	1-Apr-20	Change
A-Index	Cents/Pound	59.15	61.5	-2.35

USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		2-Apr-20	2-Apr-20	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	47.74	49.99	0
North Delta	cents/lb.	46.24	48.49	0
South Delta	cents/lb.	46.24	48.49	0
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	44.99	47.24	0
West Texas	cents/lb.	44.49	46.99	0
Desert SW	cents/lb.	41.74	45.74	0
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	42.24	51.14	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 02-Apr-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 April 03, 2020

Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
20-May	200403	49.97	51.14	49.67	50.98	0.99	19,089	75,667	-785
20-Jul	200403	49.8	51.15	49.47	50.98	1.22	15,932	55,379	1,817
20-Oct	200403	52	52.06	52	52.06	1.04	8	114	0
20-Dec	200403	51	52.5	51	52.08	0.96	9,066	49,482	2,578
21-Mar	200403	52.49	53.48	52.35	53.07	0.9	2,024	9,932	160
21-May	200403	53.55	54.05	53.55	54.02	0.86	581	2,185	181
Total Volume and Open Interest							47,890	198,773	-662

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