

Domestic Fundamentals:

Market Outlook:

The kapas prices in Rajkot market stood slightly firm at Rs. 4875/q. In Adoni market of Andhra Pradesh also the prices stood steady firm at Rs. 4456/q with 109 q of arrivals while the MCX spot price stood at Rs.15880/bale. ICE cotton futures rose to their highest in more than two months on Tuesday on hopes of a pick-up in demand as economies ease coronavirus-led restrictions and as unfavorable weather in top growing areas in the United States posed a threat to crops.

News: *An alert has been issued by the government that a possible attack of locust pest can damage the crops including cotton. The areas at borders of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan are likely to be more affected by this pest. Fazilka (villages of Roopnagar), Muktsar, Bhatinda and few areas of Abohar in Punjab followed by Barmer, Jaipur, Jaisalmer and Sriganganagar in Rajasthan and is likely to spread in Haryana also. If it is not controlled, then the pest attack would decline the yield of the crop.*

The pace of cotton sowing in Punjab is in its peak as around 60-65% of cotton *have already sown against the target of 5 lakh ha. The sowing likely to continue till May end but the late sown crop is prone to pest infestation. Around 3 lakh ha is already sown including 90,400 ha in Bhatinda followed by Fazilka 72,000 ha, Mansa 69,795 ha, Muktsar 65,600 ha and others contributing the area of 3,456 ha so far till 17th May.*

Telangana is planning to increase cotton area by 50-55% this year in 2020-21 season. *Last year Telangana produced cotton on area about 18 lakh ha while the CM told farmers to increase the area to around 28 lakh ha in 2020-21. The step is likely to be taken to discourage farmers to opt for excess water consuming crop paddy. While the huge surge in cotton area is difficult in such a short term as there should be sufficient supply of good quality seeds. Also, the farmers are not getting good returns as the prices (FAQ grade) are hovering around Rs. 4200-4700/q much below the MSP.*

Cotton prices in India have fallen significantly and is ranging near 54-55 cents/lbs while ICE cotton ranging between 57-58 cents/lbs gaining strength *because china still buying us cotton despite increasing tensions with USA despite of tensions between the two in last week. The Indian cotton is cheaper in the international market making a way for good exports. The industry already have signs of good demand from Bangladesh and China. It is possible that more contracts India might receive from Bangladesh, Vietnam and China in the coming days supporting the prices and rise over the expected range.*

With subdued demand for yarn after the pandemic, India expects the yarn exports to fall by 18-20% in FY 2021, *following with 25% decline in FY 2020. Starting from March, cotton yarn remained uncompetitive in global markets during much of the previous year. While the pickup in demand in yarn would be gradual in several months. China consumes 8- 10% of India's cotton yarn production, there is a supply glut that is likely to result in an increase in inventory in China due to the lack of demand. Of the total cotton yarn manufactured by India, 70-75% is consumed domestically, while 25-30% is exported to other countries; with China and Bangladesh (accounting for 50%).*

The revival of textile industry seems very slow as all the labour force have been headed to their homes. *The ginning mills are not working in its full capacity. Only 10% mills in Gujarat and around 20-25% mills in Maharashtra are working during the lockdown for 8-10 hours per day. And ginning mills are facing in the piling inventories due to the shortage of storage spaces and the stock is not being sold in the market due to the lack of demand. As 4th phase of lockdown is going to start after 18th May'20, if the government announces some ease in lockdown then there is possibility that purchasing power increases in the market and thus results in the liquidity of cotton in the industry.*

The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has announced bulk discount for cotton bales with it from 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 cotton seasons. *The discount scheme will be applicable for purchase of cotton pertaining to crop year 2018-19 & 2019-20 for the sales made from 4th May'20 till 31st May'20. The incentive for export could receive another boost as these incentives are implemented. The Cotton Association of India is requesting a 5-10% duty drawback on both yarn and fiber exports. The challenge is to provide incentive for spinners at a time of very uncertain demand. The fall in INR against USD and strength in ICE cotton futures has continued to increase the advantage of Indian cotton exports.*

CCI continued buying cotton from the farmers while the demand for cotton remained very low in the market. The functioning of ginning mills remained halted in many districts across India. Only few mills are working that falls under CCI. The mills are unable to operate with its full capacity due to lack of availability of labour around 20- 30% mills are working in Maharashtra while only 10% mills are working in Gujarat for around 8-10 hours. While only few mills are working in Adilabad of Telangana after the cotton procurement started in the district last week. Some ginners in Gujarat are able to get the export contracts from Vietnam, Bangladesh and China due to cheaper Indian cotton prices against the international cotton.

The farmers in Vidarbha region are in distress after the isolated rains were reported in the region in the last few days and is expected to continue in the coming days also. The farmers are facing problems in selling the cotton due to the unseasonal rains in the area. The farmers would likely to face difficulty as CCI buys only FAQ grade cotton while the rains are deteriorating the quality of cotton and the moisture content could exceed over 12%. The sowing time for cotton is likely arrive for which farmers need sufficient money to commence the sowing and CCI procurement is very sluggish. Therefore, farmers are forced to sell their produce to local traders and private ginners.

Cotton area in Tamil Nadu is expected to increase but the farmers are uncertain that they will be paid a reasonable price or not in the coming season. One of the reasons, all the textile mills are in financial crisis and all the factories have shut production of yarn came to halt. So, this would definitely affect the raw cotton procurement from the farmers until CCI gives assurance. The cost of production is cheaper while the returns in growing cotton is higher compared to paddy. Total cost would come around Rs. 30,000 per acre, while the return is Rs. 1.5 lakh.

Weather Forecast for tomorrow:

Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning & squall (speed reaching 50-60 kmph) likely at isolated places over Bihar; with lightning & gusty winds (speed reaching 40-50 kmph) at isolated places over Jharkhand, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh and Assam & Meghalaya; with lightning & gusty winds (speed reaching 30-40 kmph) at isolated places over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Kerala & Mahe and with lightning at isolated places over South Interior Karnataka.

International Fundamentals:

July and December cotton futures settled 140 and 124 points higher, respectively. The May 18th Cotlook A index was 45 points higher to 66.75c/lb. The AWP for cotton for this week is 47.36 cents/lb.

The cotton trading has slightly improved after easing down the lockdown in Pakistan. The demand has increased but the trading of yarn and cotton will fully resume after Ramazan and Eid holidays. A threat of locust infestation is prevailing on cotton in Pakistan. The sowing has completed in lower areas of Sindh while sowing is going on in upper areas of Sindh and many areas of Punjab. The farmers reported that the seed quality was not good that showed only 30 percent to 50 percent germination level.

The world cotton market is suppressed after the rapid spread of Covid-19 has become pandemic. There has been a decline in demand from across the world due to the closure of all non- essential businesses. China has commenced its spinning operations but the recovery rate is not satisfactory enough due to the lack of demand. The forecast for 2019-20 world cotton consumption dropped further by 5% to 104 million bales in May' 20 compared to April'20. USDA increased world consumption by 11 percent for the 2020-21 season to 116.46 million bales. The current forecast of world cotton demand is at 250 million bales, while the world cotton supply is at a relatively high level of 242 million bales. The ICE futures dropped to 55 cents/lbs in first week of May'20 from around 63 cents/lbs in March'20 first week.

US textile and apparel total import was down by 12.6% year on year in Mar'20. Imports from China were impacted as well from the port closures in February and March as the virus stormed through China. US imports from China fell 22.6%, and apparel imports only fell 42.6%. COVID-19 pandemic outbreak has affected on foreign trade, and the amount and quantity of China's textile and apparel imported by the United States have declined sharply. While an improvement in sale

of cotton is seen as China has started buying US cotton in the first week of May'20 that would help gain the cotton prices globally.

Imported cotton yarn arrivals to China in Apr'20 are estimated at 132 kilo tonnes (kt), down 27.07% year on year and 27.47% month on month. The shipments of Vietnamese cotton yarn are estimated at 62.7 kt, followed by Indian cotton yarn at 53.9 kt, Pakistani cotton yarn 23.6 kt, Uzbekistan cotton yarn at 7kt, Indonesian cotton yarn at 4 kt, in April month but not delivered as expected due to the breach of contracts. According to USDA, the total Demand decline to 34 million bales in May estimates compared to 35 mln bales in April estimates. Due to the reduced domestic as well as international demand, China is troubled facing dealing with huge inventory in the warehouses. Increase in the stock reserves China likely to end the year with higher ending stock at 36.25 million bales in 2019-20 MY.

The US Export Sales report from USDA showed 370,300 RB for 2019-2020 in week ending 30th Apr'20 were down by 15% compared to previous week. Increases primarily for China 217,500 RB, Vietnam 102,600 RB, Taiwan 18,300 RB, Bangladesh 10,900 RB, Turkey 10,300 RB and offset by reductions primarily from Mexico 7,000 RB, El Salvador 3,200 RB, Pakistan 2,800 RB. For 2020-2021, net upland sales of 55,900 RB were primarily for China 22,000 RB, Vietnam 11,400 RB, Turkey 6,600 RB, Mexico 5,000 RB. Net Upland Shipment for Exports of 370,300 RB were primarily to Vietnam 125,100 RB, China 56,500 RB, Turkey 51,500 RB, Pakistan 32,200 RB, Taiwan 23,700 RB.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
20-May	280	16040	16230	15920	15760	834	354	3329	1166
20-Jun	240	16360	16390	16150	16000	538	171	1767	484
20-Jul	240	16400	16480	16380	16230	43	-765	145	-1395

Spread	20-Apr	20-May	20-Jun	20-Jul	--	--
Spot	-				-	-
19-Dec	-	-160	-	-	-	-
20-Jan	-	-	-90	-	-	-

(NB: Spread Basis = Spot- Near Month Future) As updated on 20th May @ 5.30 pm

* Updated at as on 20-May- 2019 @ 5:00 PM

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALCotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	20-May-20	19-May-20	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NA	NA	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	4875	4805	70
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	4555	4005	550
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	4750	4750	Unch
	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	5390	5390	Unch
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	5400	5400	Unch
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	5405	5405	Unch
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	Closed	Closed	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Adoni	Medium Staple	NA	4570	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	4601	4571	30
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	4929	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	20-May-20	19-May-20	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Abohar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	3550	3530	20
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	Closed	Closed	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	20-May-20	19-May-20	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NA	NA	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	3200	2210	990
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	1153	975	178
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	10000	2500	7500
	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	1500	1700	-200
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	Closed	Closed	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Adoni	Medium Staple	NA	170	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	571	813	-242
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	255	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	20-May-20	19-May-20	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Abohar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	1020	850	170
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	Closed	Closed	-

Cotton Seed Oil Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	20-May-20	19-May-20	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	820	820	Unch
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	775	785	-10
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	825	825	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	825	825	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	20-May-20	19-May-20	
Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2329	2351	-22
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	2147	2162	-15

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				19-May-20	18-May-20	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	34600	34600	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	35000	35000	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	33500	33400	100
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	34000	34200	-200
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	35300	35500	-200
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	35500	35500	Unch
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	35200	35200	Unch
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	35600	35600	Unch

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index:

Index	Unit	20-May-20	19-May-20	Change
CCIndex(328)	RMB/Ton	11666	11563	103
CCIndex(527)	RMB/Ton	10865	10763	102
CCIndex(229)	RMB/Ton	11987	11866	121
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.				

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index :

Index	Unit	20-May-20	19-May-20	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	72.7	71.61	1.09
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	69.1	68.04	1.06

FC Index (L)

Cents/lb

67.97

66.72

1.25

Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	19-May-20	15-May-20	Change
A-Index	Cents/Pound	66.05	66.3	-0.25

USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		19-May-20	19-May-20	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	57.2	59.45	0
North Delta	cents/lb.	56.45	58.7	0
South Delta	cents/lb.	56.45	58.7	0
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	54.45	56.7	2055
West Texas	cents/lb.	54.45	56.95	396
Desert SW	cents/lb.	51.95	55.95	0
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	52.45	61.35	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 19-May-2019

(in Pakistan Rupees)

Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	8600	160	8760
Equivalent	40 Kgs	9217	171	9388

Daily Futures Price Listing Mon May 19, 2020

Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
20-Jul	200518	58.40	58.96	57.4	57.8	-0.45	9,917	87,311	-511
20-Oct	200518	57.61	57.61	57.61	57.61	-0.34	14	34	-6
20-Dec	200518	57.98	58.78	57.35	57.93	-0.24	6144	59753	917
21-Mar	200518	58.95	59.40	58.13	58.73	-0.14	861	14,034	-126
21-May	200518	59.50	60.00	58.79	59.42	-0.11	249	3,735	4
21-Jul	200518	60.30	60.45	59.25	59.86	-0.15	170	4,246	9
Total Volume and Open Interest							17,504	177,321	402

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