

Domestic Fundamentals:**Market Outlook:**

The Gujarat cotton price was weaker at Rs.4740/q, down by Rs.50/q. In Adoni market of Andhra Pradesh, the price was firm at Rs. 4622/q, with higher arrivals of 267q while the MCX cotton stood firm at Rs.15910/bale on Friday. ICE cotton futures gained on Wednesday as a dry spell in the biggest cotton growing U.S. state, Texas.

News: The areas such as Fazilka, Muktsar, and Bhatinda, the main cotton growing belts share the boundary with Rajasthan, therefore, they were vulnerable to locusts attack. According to the government sources, the locusts did not enter these areas and thus no loss was reported. While, the abrupt invasion of locusts was witnessed two times in last two months in Ganganagar district of Rajasthan. The attack in May affected the crop as the sowing was in progress in some areas while the crop was in vegetative phase in other areas. Therefore, farmers had re-sown the crop in around 500-600 ha in the district. Thus, no major loss was reported in both the states.

According to the sources, around 94.71 lakh ha area has been sown under cotton till 6th July'20 for 2020-21 marketing year, up by around 78% during the same period of time last year. The cotton sowing in the northern part of India has been almost completed (covering 18.75 lakh ha). In Gujarat and Maharashtra, with the arrival of good rainfall the acreage increased to 18.25 lakh ha and 33.08 lakh ha. The sowing under cotton in Telangana and AP reached around 15.8 lakh ha and 0.90 lakh ha, respectively.

The cotton demand from the spinning mills has been hit due to Covid-19 lockdown. Although the mills have started functioning, there would be gradual improvement in the demand in the coming months. CCI has offered bulk discounts to encourage cotton sales during June month and also reduced the base prices. CCI is offering around 8 lakh bales (2019-20 crop) cotton per day for sale. So far, about 60,000 bales have been sold under the bulk discount scheme. According to the market sources, the ginners are having enough stock with them, therefore, the sale is slow and the ginners are not participating the CCI auctions.

Imports and exports of goods through trucks have resumed at West Bengal-Bangladesh land border after traders started agitating at the border since 1st July'20. As the trade (No exports from Bangladesh to India) was stopped since March following fears of the spread of Covid.

Bangladesh is the largest importer of Indian cotton, so the Indian cotton exporters are largely dependent on this neighboring country. But recently the traders from Bangladesh started agitation demanding that India should allow imports from them. The agitators blocked the entry of Indian trucks for several hours, claimed that the border will remain sealed until India allows import of their goods. This has led to the halt in Indian raw cotton and yarn exports since last 2-3 days. After 7th June'20, India resumed the trade between the two countries but does not allowed to import Bangladeshi goods amid maintaining the safety measures during this pandemic. Indian cotton industry would be facing with much higher ending by the end of this year, if the situation doesn't normalize.

The cotton market during June had few obstacles with arrivals in the domestic market ranged between 55,000 bales and 70,000 bales per day. CCI stopped purchasing cotton from the farmers during the last week of June but assured the farmers to continue procurement till September end. CCI recently reduced the base price of auctioned cotton, along with revising the bulk discount scheme for buyers. The country is still facing the weaker demand in the textile industry with higher levels of unsold stocks with the mills, limited government support, operational issues faced by mills (limited staff and labor etc.), and lockdown measures imposed by state governments.

CCI increased the Bulk discount on larger purchases of cotton to attract buyers. Also, increased the number of days for lifting cotton from the centre, with the effect from 1st July'20 till 31st July'20. Today CCI offered to sell 2018-19 old stock 3.82 Lakh Bales & 2019-20 Crop 8.143 Lakh Bales.

Maharashtra is likely to have produced around 80 lakh bales of cotton lint in 2019-20 season. Both CCI (198 lakh q) and Maharashtra Cotton Federation (200 lakh q) together had procured around 398 lakh quintals of kapas from the farmers

so far till end of June. Around 10-11 lakh quintals of kapas is still left with farmers which is likely to be purchased by the federation and CCI in the coming days. CCI was operating 84 procurement centres and 181 processing units, increased it to 85 and 231 respectively in the period of lockdown.

The areas such as Fazilka, Muktsar, and Bhatinda, the main cotton growing belts share the boundary with Rajasthan, therefore, they are vulnerable to locusts attack. The swarms of locusts were reported to enter in the area about 200 km far from the cotton belt in last week. The sowing in these areas is almost completed and the attack of locusts at this point of time can affect the crop. Although, the area under cotton in Punjab has been increased significantly this year (up by 25%) the abrupt invasion of locusts can affect the yield of cotton. So far no damage in Punjab has reported and if the wind direction does not change, they may hit Uttar Pradesh soon.

The locusts travelling from Pakistan and Rajasthan invaded in around 36 villages in Mahendergarh, Haryana last Saturday. Only one or two villages were affected where the locusts were settled on the standing crops. Cotton in these regions are in vegetative phase and no major damage has been reported so far. The insects just passed through the remaining villages without causing any damage. The nearby areas are also on high alert taking necessary precautions by spraying pesticides.

Weather Forecast for tomorrow:

Heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places with extremely heavy falls at isolated places very likely over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim; heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places with extremely heavy falls at isolated places over East Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh and Assam & Meghalaya; heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places over Uttarakhand, West Uttar Pradesh and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura and heavy rainfall at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Konkan & Goa, Coastal & South Interior Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Karaikal and Kerala & Mahe.

International Fundamentals:

Cotton prices were down by 20 to 23 points on Thursday, Oct 20 Cotton closed at 64.34, down 23 points. The July 7 Cotlook A index was down 25 points lower to 69.45 c/lb. The AWP for cotton for this week is up 135 points to 51.48 cents/lb.

China is likely to be the world's largest cotton lint importer in 2019-20. Although there is a decline of 12% in cotton imports compared to the previous season but it is estimated that China would import around 10.5 million bales, according to ICAC. US cotton exports to China decreased from 31 lakh bales in 2018 to 21 lakh bales in 2019, down by 32%. Due to the trade tensions between US and China, market share in China shifted over this period from Brazil. Through April'20, Brazil has exported an estimated 31 lakh bales to China, a 30 per cent increase from the previous period.

In the Crop Progress report released by USDA, showed 47% planted U.S. cotton was in good condition in the week ending on 5th July'20, little changed from last week. Cotton was 47% squared, which is 1% point lagging of the 5-yr average and increased from 34% in the prior week, up by 8% points.

China sold 8,042 tonnes of cotton, 100% of total offer, at auction of state reserves on Monday. The Average price of the cotton sold was 11,533 yuan per tonne (Rs. 43750/Candy), according to China Cotton Association. The industry has also set floor price of cotton auction at 11,895 yuan per tonne for the week starting 6th July'20.

The China's cotton sales auction has been started since 1st of July'20 that will continue till September end, with the total quantity of about 5 lakh tons. The base selling price will be related with international cotton prices regularly. The state cotton reserves policy may be implemented according to the actual state cotton auction and market supply and demand. The monthly auction volumes are about 30% of cotton consumption in April or May that was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONAB expected crop might be up to 13.5 million bales in 2020-21 but in the recent estimates it is reduced to 13.26 million bales. Cotton consumption was reduced by 10,000 tons to 2.94 million bales, Ending stocks were raised to 9.09 million bales, up sharply from last season. The average yield was estimated at a record 1,727 kg per ha. The country's new crop has started to arrive in the market since 2nd week of June. May export shipments reached 3 lakh bales, with Turkey the largest destination at 78,000 bales followed by Vietnam at 71,000 bales. Brazilian cotton has become very popular in both countries due to the cheaper rates. According ICAC, Brazil is expected to export over 8.64 million bales globally and through April, has exported an estimated 2.52 million bales to China, a 30% increase from the previous period.

In the Crop Progress report released by USDA, cotton was planted under 12.2 million acres, down by 11% from 2019 cotton acreage. While the acreage is down compared to that USDA projected a total of 13.7 million cotton acres for 2020 in March'20. New crop cotton was 35% squared, which is 1% point lagging of the 5-yr average and increased from 27% in the prior week, up by 8% points. Cotton condition was 35% in good condition and was down by 10 points compared to the previous year during the same time.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
20-Jun	140	15590	15590	15590	15450	14	-466	182	-1981
20-Jul	-80	16130	16160	16060	16180	340	-27	3973	2690
20-Aug	-80	16320	16350	16230	16360	145	-663	900	-640

Spread	20-May	20-Jun	20-Jul	20-Aug	--	--
Spot	-				-	-
20-Jun	-	-570	-	-	-	-
20-Jul	-	-	-190	-	-	-

(NB: Spread Basis = Spot- Near Month Future) As updated on 10th Jul @ 5.30 pm

* Updated at as on 10-Jul- 2019 @ 5:00 PM

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALCotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	10-Jul-20	9-Jul-20	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	4750	4850	-100
	Gondal	Shankar-6	4655	4655	Unch
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	4740	4790	-50
	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	4625	4650	-25
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Adoni	Medium Staple	4622	4408	214
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NR	4701	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NR	NR	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	4950	4900	50
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	10-Jul-20	9-Jul-20	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Abohar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	3560	3550	10
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	10-Jul-20	9-Jul-20	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	20400	17000	3400
	Gondal	Shankar-6	882	75	807
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	1450	1300	150
	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	200	300	-100
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Adoni	Medium Staple	267	155	112
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NR	533	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NR	NR	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NR	NR	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	690	540	150
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	10-Jul-20	9-Jul-20	
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	10-Jul-20	9-Jul-20	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	830	810	20
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	795	800	-5
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	795	790	5
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	840	835	5

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	10-Jul-20	9-Jul-20	
Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2180	2181	-1
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	2085	2100	-15

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				9-Jul-20	8-Jul-20	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	36500	36500	Unch
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	37200	37200	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	33700	33600	100
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	33700	33500	200
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	34700	34600	100
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	36200	36200	Unch
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	37200	37200	Unch
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	52500	52500	Unch

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

Index	Unit	10-Jul-20	9-Jul-20	Change
CCIndex(328)	RMB/Ton	12131	12076	55
CCIndex(527)	RMB/Ton	11297	11248	49
CCIndex(229)	RMB/Ton	12478	12427	51

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

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index :

Index	Unit	10-Jul-20	9-Jul-20	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	75.08	75.33	-0.25
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	71.61	71.86	-0.25

FC Index (L)	Cents/lb	70.51	70.76	-0.25
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Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	9-Jul-20	8-Jul-20	Change
A-Index	Cents/Pound	70.15	69.45	0.70

USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		9-Jul-20	9-Jul-20	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	62.34	64.59	0
North Delta	cents/lb.	61.84	64.09	0
South Delta	cents/lb.	61.84	64.09	0
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	59.84	62.09	2549
West Texas	cents/lb.	59.84	62.34	1466
Desert SW	cents/lb.	57.59	61.59	0
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	58.09	66.99	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 09-Jul-2020

				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	8400	175	8575
Equivalent	40 Kgs	9002	188	9190

Daily Futures Price Listing Thu July 09, 2020

Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
20-Jul	200709	64.01	64.01	62.1	63.34	-1.32	0	172	0
20-Oct	200709	64.87	65.09	64.33	64.34	-0.23	8	155	1
20-Dec	200709	64.05	64.90	63.66	63.89	-0.27	12818	117194	-373
21-Mar	200709	64.60	65.39	64.23	64.49	-0.20	3,870	24,264	426
21-May	200709	65.11	65.70	64.73	65.01	-0.20	1,791	6,164	48
21-Jul	200709	65.56	66.00	65.16	65.44	-0.21	1,294	7,361	570
Total Volume and Open Interest							20,288	168,486	759

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