

Domestic Fundamentals:**Market Outlook:**

The Gujarat cotton price stood firm at Rs.4720/q, up by Rs.15/q. In Adoni market of Andhra Pradesh, the price was steady at Rs. 4710/q. MCX cotton stood weaker at Rs.15810/bale on Wednesday. ICE cotton futures fall, some rain occurred across northern West Texas, around Amarillo, over the weekend.

News: *Telangana covered an area of around 20.4 lakh ha so far till 15th Jul'20, up by 76%. The government targets to cover another 4.5 lakh ha in the coming days which will be higher by around 30% compared to the previous year. The crop is in vegetative phase and few sucking pests were reported in few areas in Adilabad and Nagarkurnool district but no harm to the crop so far. The area covered by cotton in Andhra Pradesh is 2.74 lakh ha till 15th July'20 higher by 122% compared to the previous year during the same time. Sucking pests in about 20 ha was reported in Kadapa district but treated with pesticides on time.*

The Cotton Corporation of India have sold around 50,000 bales so far from the procured cotton in 2019-20. The reserve sale price ranged between Rs. 35,200/candy and Rs. 36,400/candy, on which further discounts is offered on bulk purchases. In the 2019-20 (Oct-Sep) season, the agency has procured around 12 mln bales of the fibre. Last season, it had bought only 900,000 bales as spot prices of the fibre were mostly higher than its support prices.

With the good amount of rainfall across India, around 104.82 lakh ha area has been sown under cotton till 10th July'20 for 2020-21 marketing year, up by around 35% during the same period of time last year. The cotton sowing in the northern part of India has been almost completed (covering 18.89 lakh ha). In Gujarat and Maharashtra, the acreage increased to 18.25 lakh ha and 33.09 lakh ha. The sowing under cotton in Telangana and AP reached around 18.22 lakh ha and 1.90 lakh ha, respectively.

The arrivals in North India including Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan reached around 66 lakh bales in the 2019-20 season. The current season arrivals are around 8-10% higher compared to the corresponding period last season. According to the trade sources, the arrivals of 9.53 lakh bales, 24.26 lakh bales and 33.11 lakh bales in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan was reported till June end.

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.

Weather Forecast for tomorrow:

Heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places with extremely heavy falls at isolated places over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim; heavy to very heavy rainfall with extremely heavy falls at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh and Assam & Meghalaya; Heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places likely over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan, Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura and heavy rainfall at isolated places over East Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Gangetic West Bengal, Odisha, Rayalaseema, South Interior Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Karaikal and Lakshadweep.

International Fundamentals:

Cotton futures close the week with Friday down 44 to 87 points. Oct and Dec closed at 62.01 and 61.94 cents/lb respectively. The July 14 Cotlook A index fell another 50 points to 67.90 c/lb. The AWP for cotton dropped 122 points to 50.26 cents/lb.

According to the latest WASDE report released by USDA, the U.S. 2020-21 production forecast was revised, which fell 2.0 million bales to 17.5 million bales. Also, the U.S. export forecast for 2020-21 was lowered to 15.0 million bales, down one million bales from June. 2019-20 exports were increased 2 lakh bales, so 2020-21 beginning stocks declined to 7.1 million bales. In total, the USDA reduced expected ending stocks for 2020-21 by 1.2 million bales to 6.8 million.

According to USDA, the global production is reduced by around 5.5% y-o-y to 116.25 million bales in 2020-21 marketing year. Also, the world imports and exports were reduced by 2% to 41.84 million bales and 41.81 million bales, respectively

from the previous month's estimate. With the reduction in world cotton production and lowering the imports & exports, the ending stocks were reduced by 1.8% to 102.77 million bales in the 2020-21 marketing year. Production is lowered for the United States, Turkey, and Tanzania, and a small rise in Pakistan. Consumption is lowered by only 1.2 lakh bales to 114.29 million bales.

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.

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	30	16120	16160	16060	16120	347	-20	3260	1977
20-Aug	30	16320	16380	16300	16330	273	-535	1269	-271

Spread	20-Jul	20-Aug	20-Sep	--	--	--
Spot					-	-
20-Jul	-670	-	-	-	-	-
20-Aug	-	-210	-	-	-	-

(NB: Spread Basis = Spot- Near Month Future) As updated on 17th Jul @ 5.30 pm

* Updated at as on 17-Jul- 2019 @ 5:00 PM

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALCotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	18-Jul-20	17-Jul-20	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	4750	4850	-100
	Gondal	Shankar-6	4555	4630	-75
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	4720	4695	25
	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	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Adoni	Medium Staple	NA	4710	-
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	4800	4739	61
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	18-Jul-20	17-Jul-20	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Abohar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	3530	3540	-10
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	18-Jul-20	17-Jul-20	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	17000	15300	1700
	Gondal	Shankar-6	820	822	-2
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	1300	1400	-100
	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	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Adoni	Medium Staple	NA	1170	-
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	97	105	-8
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	18-Jul-20	17-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	18-Jul-20	17-Jul-20	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	845	845	Unch
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	810	810	Unch
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	805	805	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	835	845	-10

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	18-Jul-20	17-Jul-20	
Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2133	2133	Unch
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	2031	2040	-9

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				17-Jul-20	16-Jul-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	37300	37300	Unch
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	33500	33500	Unch
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	33800	33800	Unch
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	34500	34500	Unch
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	36400	36300	100
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	18-Jul-20	17-Jul-20	Change
CCIndex(328)	RMB/Ton	Closed	12163	-
CCIndex(527)	RMB/Ton	Closed	11348	-
CCIndex(229)	RMB/Ton	Closed	12548	-

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

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index :

Index	Unit	18-Jul-20	17-Jul-20	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	Closed	72.87	-
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	Closed	69.26	-

FC Index (L)	Cents/lb	Closed	68.36	-
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Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	17-Jul-20	16-Jul-20	Change
A-Index	Cents/Pound	68.2	67.9	0.30

USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		17-Jul-20	17-Jul-20	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	60.01	62.26	0
North Delta	cents/lb.	59.01	61.26	0
South Delta	cents/lb.	59.01	61.26	0
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	57.51	59.76	0
West Texas	cents/lb.	57.51	60.01	0
Desert SW	cents/lb.	55.26	59.26	0
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	55.76	64.66	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-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 Fri July 17, 2020

Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
20-Oct	200717	62.96	62.96	62.01	62.01	-0.87	12	155	3
20-Dec	200717	62.49	62.51	61.88	61.94	-0.60	9071	120388	50
21-Mar	200717	63.14	63.15	62.56	62.63	-0.56	1,389	25,640	55
21-May	200717	63.73	63.74	63.22	63.27	-0.50	436	7,092	-21
21-Jul	200717	64.23	64.30	63.80	63.84	-0.44	262	8,033	76
21-Oct	200717	62.92	62.92	62.92	62.92	-0.48	0	1	0
Total Volume and Open Interest							11,678	174,187	-186

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