

Domestic Fundamentals:**Market Outlook:**

The Gujarat cotton price stood slightly low at Rs.4725/q, down by Rs.15/q. In Adoni market of Andhra Pradesh, the prices stood weaker at Rs. 4689/q. MCX cotton stood low at Rs.15890/bale on Friday. ICE cotton futures dipped more than 3% on Friday, as rising tensions between the natural fiber's top exporter -United States and top consumer-China exacerbated demand concerns.

News: With the advancement in rainfall, India received around 388 mm rainfall in July, up by 6% from normal rainfall. **Cotton area across India covered around 118 lakh ha as on 24th July'20 for 2020-21 marketing year**, up by around 22% during the same period of time last year. The cotton sowing in the northern part of India (Punjab, Haryana & Rajasthan) has been almost completed (covering 19.02 lakh ha). In Maharashtra the acreage increased to 40.78 lakh ha while in Gujarat the area is near about same at 21.48 lakh ha compared to corresponding time last year. AP and Telangana received 67% and 35% higher rainfall in July, thus, a surge in acreage is reported in both the states covering 3.42 lakh ha (+121%) and 21.09 lakh ha (+56%), respectively.

Cotton fields are prone to damage due to continuous rains since last three days in Punjab. The cotton crop does not sustain for more than two days of stagnating water. Therefore, crops in few areas in Bhatinda and Mansa have started showing wilting symptoms. As the crop has reached near flowering stage in both the areas, the yield loss might increase if the area receives continuous rainfall in the coming days. The crop condition in Fazilka, Muktsar and Faridkot is also worrisome with heavy rainfall.

According to the ICRA's forecast, revenue of India's cotton spinning sector will decline by 25-30% during 2020-21 due to the virus, and recovery will be slow. The reason behind it is that the demand has been sluggish after the pandemic affected the global economy. Also, the reduced offtake of cotton yarn and fibre exports reduced as a result of the China and India dispute.

On 20th Jul'20, CCI sold around 4.5 lakh bales of cotton in three phases of auction. In North India, Punjab purchased 44,000 bales followed by Haryana (12,500 bales) and Rajasthan (16,000 bales). In Central India, the maximum purchase was reported from Maharashtra (2.17 lakh bales), followed by Gujarat (0.715 bales) and Madhya Pradesh (8,500 bales). In South India, CCI sold 20,000 bales in Telangana, 8,900 bales in Karnataka and 1200 bales in Guntur, AP.

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 ginner are having enough stock with them, therefore, the sale is slow and the ginner 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.

Weather Forecast for tomorrow:

Heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places likely over Uttarakhand and heavy rainfall at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura and Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam.

International Fundamentals:

The last trading day of the week left front month cotton futures 164 to 182 points lower, Oct 20 Cotton closed at 59.96, down 172 points. The July 23 Cotlook A index was 50 points lower at 67.65 cents/lb. The week's new AWP for cotton is 49.04 cents/lb.

The demand at the Chinese Reserve auctions has remained good, with sales now exceeding 100,000 tons since the auctions begun in first week this month, which implies increased mill use. A survey shows Chinese spinners were operating at more than 60% of capacity. Cotton use has recovered slightly and is steady, but the yarn and fabric sector are still suffering from weak apparel exports due to which the cotton yarn prices are weak.

The Pakistan kapas prices stood slightly firm compared to the previous week but less than 1%. The kapas supply has increased in the market. The supply of Kapas was coming from the lower areas of Sindh while it has been also started in limited amount from some areas of Punjab. The kapas in Sindh was affected due to the rains in some cotton producing areas a week ago. A new spell of rains in many cotton producing areas of Sindh may affect the quality and picking of the cotton. However, rains are beneficial for the crop at this stage, but if there will be more rains, water accumulated in the fields may damage the crop.

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.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
20-Jul	140	15590	15590	15590	15450	14	-466	182	-1981
20-Aug	-140	16020	16080	15700	16140	628	261	1923	640
20-Sep	-170	16180	16250	16050	16310	708	-100	2052	512

Spread	20-Jul	20-Aug	20-Sep	--	--	--
Spot					-	-
20-Jul	-690	-	-	-	-	-
20-Aug	-	-170	-	-	-	-

(NB: Spread Basis = Spot- Near Month Future) As updated on 24th Jul @ 5.30 pm

* Updated at as on 24-Jul- 2019 @ 5:00 PM

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALCotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	25-Jul-20	24-Jul-20	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	4750	4850	-100
	Gondal	Shankar-6	4655	4630	25
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	4725	4740	-15
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	3690	4175	-485
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	4720	-
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	4880	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	25-Jul-20	24-Jul-20	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Abohar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	3520	3540	-20
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	25-Jul-20	24-Jul-20	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	13600	13600	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	1030	1323	-293
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	1800	2600	-800
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	70	83	-13
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	389	-
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	150	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	25-Jul-20	24-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	25-Jul-20	24-Jul-20	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	845	845	Unch
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	805	805	Unch
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	810	810	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	865	865	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	25-Jul-20	24-Jul-20	
Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2077	2099	-22
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	1988	1983	5

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Rs. Per Candy	Rs. Per Candy	Change
				24-Jul-20	23-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	33600	-100
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	33800	33900	-100
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	34500	34600	-100
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	36400	36400	Unch
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	37300	37300	Unch
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	52500	52500	Unch

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

Index	Unit	25-Jul-20	24-Jul-20	Change
CCIndex(328)	RMB/Ton	Closed	12299	-
CCIndex(527)	RMB/Ton	Closed	11459	-
CCIndex(229)	RMB/Ton	Closed	12699	-

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

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index :

Index	Unit	25-Jul-20	24-Jul-20	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	Closed	72.19	-
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	Closed	68.76	-

FC Index (L)	Cents/lb	Closed	67.79	-
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Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	24-Jul-20	23-Jul-20	Change
A-Index	Cents/Pound	67.15	67.65	-0.50

USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		24-Jul-20	24-Jul-20	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	57.96	60.21	0
North Delta	cents/lb.	56.96	59.21	0
South Delta	cents/lb.	56.96	59.21	0
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	55.46	57.71	0
West Texas	cents/lb.	55.46	57.96	0
Desert SW	cents/lb.	53.21	57.21	0
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	53.71	62.61	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 23-Jul-2020

				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32 Kgs	8350	175	8525
Equivalent	40 Kgs	8949	188	9134

Daily Futures Price Listing Fri July 24, 2020

Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
20-Oct	200724	62.07	62.13	59.55	59.96	-1.72	13	172	8
20-Dec	200724	61.90	62.09	59.51	60.10	-1.82	9549	120935	-488
21-Mar	200724	62.66	62.75	60.26	60.82	-1.81	2,370	28,102	744
21-May	200724	63.00	63.09	61.01	61.54	-1.70	792	7,082	31
21-Jul	200724	63.59	63.59	61.65	62.18	-1.64	163	8,438	36
21-Oct	200724	61.28	61.28	61.28	61.28	-1.44	0	1	0
Total Volume and Open Interest							13,056	177,915	387

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