

Domestic Fundamentals:**Market Outlook:**

The cotton physical market showed mixed trend today due to the commencement of CCI procurement on large scale. MCX cotton spot price stood lower at Rs.19, 650/bale on Wednesday. ICE cotton futures closed green on Tuesday.

News: About Rs 6,314 crore transferred to cotton farmers under Production Linked Incentives. The government has transferred Rs 6,314 crore to farmers after procuring Cotton valued at over Rs 7,500 crore, thereby benefiting 5 Lakh farmers, under CCI recently approved Production linked incentives to the textile sector.

Nivar cyclone extensively damaged crops in over 6.59 lakh hectares. The Nivar cyclone last week has caused extensive damage to crops in over 6.59 lakh hectares in different districts of Andhra Pradesh, according to the government, enumeration of the crop losses would be completed by December 15 and input subsidy will be distributed to farmers by December 31.

Cotton farmers suffer damage due to cyclone Nivar. Cotton crop in Nandigama mandal of Andhra Pradesh's Krishna district has suffered severe damage due to cyclone Nivar. According to the estimates, about 30,000 hectares of agricultural crops and 1,300 hectares of horticultural crops suffered damage due to the cyclone. Procurement operations were also delayed due to cyclone, the crop is discolored and hence unusable now.

The Regional Agricultural Research Station, Warangal has advised cotton farmers to go for early harvest As to avoid crop infestation by pink bollworm, which has become prevalent in certain parts of the state due to ongoing cold weather. The farmers have been advised to use insecticide if the infestation is moderate and destruction of the stubble if the chemicals fail to yield expected results.

Cyclonic rains submerge 13,000 ha of standing crop. Cotton and various other crops are damaged due to the rains caused by cyclone Nivar in Guntur district. If the rains continue for one more day the yield will be affected. The farmers will face heavy loss due to the crop damage.

Cotton farmers in Adilabad suffer losses due to Pink bollworm attack. Farmers in Adilabad district are removing or burning their dried cotton crop that pests have attacked and damaged. Farmers are requesting state government to conduct a survey, assess crop damage and pay compensation to them who has suffered losses. As some farmers have not received their insurance money for their damaged crop earlier.

According to cotton Association of India, the raw cotton prices have increased about 25% to Rs 5,000 -6,000 per quintal in 2 months. The daily arrivals have also increased about 310,000 bales, which is the highest in a decade. Total arrivals in the market have reached about 7 million bales. CCI has also begun cotton procurement in 10 states, which has led to an increase in cotton seed prices.

Cotton growers in Gujarat discontinue picking. After first two pickings, cotton farmers in Gujarat have stopped picking and have switched over to other winter crops as pest infestation has taken a toll on the yield. Farmers have started sowing wheat, mustard and channa due to sufficient water availability.

India's cotton export has gained momentum. As Indian cotton is currently the cheapest in the world. Cotton Corporation of India, which is holding the largest stocks in the country, has sold around 5 million bales of cotton in the past 2 months, a lot of which has been shipped to abroad by private traders.

Due to heavy rains in October month, the staple size of cotton is less than normal. The price for cotton has been reduced as the staple length of cotton is less than normal. The unprecedented rains have adversely affected the cotton cultivation. Earlier CCI was offering Rs 5,825 per quintal if bunny brahma mode staple size is between 29.5 – 30.5 mm.

Due to heavy rains the staple size remained below 29.5 mm, the farmers are now requesting to offer price of Rs 5,775 per quintal.

Agri experts suggest farmers to sell the fiber after January. Agriculture experts have recommended farmers to hold their cotton crop and sell it after January 2021, when the prices of the fiber are expected to rise. As Cotton prices were lower in some of the mandi against the minimum support price of Rs 5,825 per quintal.

According to Cotton Association of India (CAI), India's cotton exports could increase by 40% in 2020-21 season. A surge in exports is expected in the view of depreciation in Indian rupee and a rise in global cotton prices that allowed the demand for Indian cotton in the international market. Therefore, India could achieve a target of 70 lakh bales cotton exports against 50 lakh bales in 2019-20 according to the association. Most of the demand is emerging from China and Bangladesh. In October, traders have expected to have exported around 7-8 lakh bales and around 10 lakh bales contract have been signed for November month.

Weather Forecast:

Heavy to very heavy rainfall with extremely heavy falls at isolated places over south Tamil Nadu, Kerala & Mahe; heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places over Lakshadweep and heavy rainfall at isolated places Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam and Rayalaseema. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam, Rayalaseema, Lakshadweep, Kerala and Mahe, Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Karaikal.

International Fundamentals:

The ICE cotton Futures ended remained same at 70.59 cents/lb. The Cotlook A index was firm at 78.95 cents/lb. The AWP for cotton is 58.63 cents/lb.

Cotton prices have been increased in Pakistan by Rs 200 to Rs 300 per maund under the influence of bullish trend in the international market and also due to drastic decrease in the production. There is a need of increasing the production of cotton on policy of 'Now or Never'. According to the estimates about 7 million bales of cotton worth 4 billion dollars will have to be imported from abroad due to low cotton production in the country.

According to USDA October report, 2020-21 world cotton supply and demand report shows lower production, higher consumption and trade, and lower ending stocks compared with last month production is lowered more than 1 million bale (1 bale equivalent to 170 kgs) with decline in Mali, Pakistan and Greece offsetting a large expected crop in Uzbekistan and Nigeria. Consumption is 1.95 million bales higher, after revision for China and India. World ending stock in 2020-21 is now projected 3.47 million bales lower than in September at 129.45 million bales.

Revival of cotton farming may help Kenya to boost economy. The cabinet has allowed farmers of Kenya to grow BT cotton in December last year. In a follow up, the government has made 16.3 tonnes of BT cotton seeds available to farmers in eastern Kenya in a project that will, ultimately spread out to cotton growing regions. Reviving this industry would also lead to the creation of thousands jobs in the cotton farms and factories.

The Cotton Supply Chain Continues to Suffer from COVID, Trade Tension and a Sluggish Global Economy. The Production in 2020-21 is expected to be 146 million bales and is projected to outpace consumption by 500,000 tonnes. Many major producers are expected to see their total drop in coming years such as USA, Brazil, Pakistan and West Africa. Inclement weather and trade conflicts would compound the challenges in some region like USA which is experiencing a hurricane season and is also engaged in trade war with China. However, India and China world's top two producers are expected to increase their total in the coming season.

The China cotton fiber imports have reached 9.65 lakh bales and the import volume has driven with the arrival of US Reserve purchases amounting to 6.70 lakh bales. Similarly, cotton yarn imports have reached equivalent to more than 9

lakh bales of cotton fiber. Such a surge in imports was driven by the revival of domestic demand and the attraction of cotton yarn imports because China enjoy quota free status and a small duty rates.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
27- Nov	-200	19960	20000	19700	19850	48	82	334	459
31-Dec	-310	20100	20290	19900	19920	688	744	2293	2381
29-Jan	-210	20390	20460	20140	20250	31	20	34	22

Spread	20-Aug	20-Sep	20-Oct	--	--	--
Spot				-	-	-
20-Aug	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-

As on 27-Nov-2020

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVAL

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	02-Dec-20	01-Dec-20	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5750	5850	-100
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NR	5755	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5685	5760	-75
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	5760	5775	-15
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5650	5700	-50
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5555	5595	-40
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5350	5350	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	6000	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	5450	Closed	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	5460	5500	-40
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	5725	5725	Unch
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	5500	5500	Unch
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	5350	5350	Unch

Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	5500	Closed	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5250	5350	-100
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Adoni	Medium Staple	5360	5337	23
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	5725	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	5814	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	5500	5539	-39
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	5650	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	02-Dec-20	01-Dec-20	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4300	4310	-10
	Abohar	J-34	4300	4300	Unch
	Mansa	J-34	4315	4300	15
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4240	4250	-10
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	3986	3986	Unch

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	02-Dec-20	01-Dec-20	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	64600	59500	5100
	Gondal	Shankar-6	NR	3261	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	3825	3725	100
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	15006	17270	-2264
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	30000	40000	-10000
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	379	453	-74
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	10000	10000	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	1360	Closed	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	600	300	300
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	2900	3700	-800
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	1000	1000	Unch
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	500	500	Unch

Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	1500	Closed	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	13000	13000	Unch
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Adoni	Medium Staple	9878	7500	2378
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	3580785	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	6401	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	65	2	63
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	337	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	02-Dec-20	01-Dec-20	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	8500	6800	1700
	Abohar	J-34	1190	1190	Unch
	Mansa	J-34	1360	1360	Unch
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	2550	850	1700
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	2000	2000	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	02-Dec-20	01-Dec-20	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	1045	1050	-5
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	1010	1010	Unch
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	1060	1075	-15
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	1060	1060	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	02-Dec-20	01-Dec-20	
Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2110	2112	-2
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	2134	2132	2

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

Index	Unit	02-Dec-20	30-Nov-20	Change
CCIndex(328)	RMB/Ton	14582	14651	-69
CCIndex(527)	RMB/Ton	13771	13789	-18
CCIndex(229)	RMB/Ton	14876	14928	-52

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

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index :

Index	Unit	02-Dec-20	30-Nov-20	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	82.36	83.51	-1.15
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	80.74	81.76	-1.02
FC Index (L)	Cents/lb	79.71	80.67	-0.96

Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	27-Nov-20	26-Nov-20	Change
A-Index	Cents/Pound	78.95	78.95	Unch

USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		27-Nov-20	27-Nov-20	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	71.24	73.49	0
North Delta	cents/lb.	70.24	72.49	0
South Delta	cents/lb.	70.24	72.49	0
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	67.99	70.49	434
West Texas	cents/lb.	67.99	70.99	4428
Desert SW	cents/lb.	66.24	70.49	1100
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	66.74	75.64	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 01-Dec-2020				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32Kgs	9400	180	9630
Equivalent	40 Kgs	10074	193	10321

Daily Futures Price Listing Tuesday December 01, 2020									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
20-Dec	201201	71.19	71.21	69.98	70.59	Unch	6	191	-14
21-Mar	201201	72.32	73.06	72.14	72.19	+0.04	9,447	139,130	+19
21-May	201201	73.05	73.95	73.02	73.07	+0.02	3,131	36,482	+494
21-Jul	201201	73.93	74.56	73.70	73.77	+0.02	912	19,501	+235
21-Oct	201201	71.80	71.80	71.80	71.80	+0.22	1	5	+0
21-Dec	201201	71.00	71.45	70.85	71.00	+0.25	416	22,043	+84
Total Volume and Open Interest							13,914	219,977	+819

Source: MRCI

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