

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 higher at Rs.20, 890 /bale Thursday. ICE cotton futures closed red on Wednesday.

News: CCI has purchased around 26.5 lakh quintals in Punjab. *The ongoing farmer's agitation has significantly altered the procurement dynamics of cotton this season. According to Cotton Corporation of India, a record purchase of around 26.5 lakh quintals of cotton (2020-21) has been made in Punjab till the first week of January 21 as against the 7.5 lakh quintals procured during the previous season (2019-20) around the same time.*

India's cotton production seen at 29.3 million bales. *According to the USDA post estimates, cotton production at 29.3 million bales in marketing year 2020/21 at an area of 13.3 million hectares is estimated. Cotton prices have improved due to strong export demand for raw cotton and cotton yarn. Farmers continue to deliver their crop to the government's procurement scheme under minimum support price (MSP) as prevailing seed cotton market price remained below MSP levels. Mills consumption has improved steadily but remains constrained at 23 million bales due to subdued demand in the domestic market.*

Lack of procurement center hits cotton farmers in Andhra Pradesh. *Cotton farmers of Anantpur, who suffered due to vagaries of nature earlier, are now suffering due to lack of procurement center in the district. The district has two cotton procurement centers in Gooty and Tadipatri, while Rythu bharosa kendras are limited to registering the names of cotton growers, only after registering the names and getting an alert on their mobile phones, farmers can go to procurement centre for sale of the cotton. As this process takes 2-3 days, farmers have started selling cotton to middlemen at lesser prices, while CCI is offering Rs.5,825/q for high quality, Rs. 5,725/q for medium quality and Rs. 5,615/q for low grade quality cotton.*

Cotton procurement reaches at 75, 03,914 cotton bales. *Procurement operations of seed cotton under Minimum support price are going smoothly in the states of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Karnataka. Around 75, 03,914 cotton bales has been procured so far valuing Rs. 21,989.94 crore, benefiting 14,69,704 farmers.*

Cotton procurement center has been started in Nandgaon. *Cotton registration has been done for 773 farmers in Nandgaon. With the opening of cotton procurement center in Nandgaon farmers have started bringing cotton for sale; around 123 farmers had brought their crop initially. Earlier farmers were facing difficulty to take their cotton crop to Amravati for sale but now with the new procurement centre farmers can easily sell their crop.*

Telangana government urges CCI to lift restrictions on cotton procurement. *The state government has urged Cotton Corporation of India to not to impose a limit on the procurement of cotton stocks as it might create fear among the farmers of not getting the minimum support price (MSP). Earlier CCI has set a limit to procure 15,000 bales in the Warangal- Mahbubnagar region and 10,000 bales in Adilabad region in the ongoing procurement season.*

Cotton Corporation of India has requested farmers to bring cotton crop in phased manner. *CCI has faced anger of farmers over daily ceiling for cotton procurement earlier. CCI has now assured farmers that they will continue the procurement process for cotton and have requested them to bring their crop in a phased manner as per the advice of the respective APMCs.*

Maharashtra to terminate the cotton crop by December. The krishi vighyan Kendra and agriculture universities have recommended farmers to terminate their cotton crop by December, in order to break the Pink bollworm (lifecycle) infestation, as the cotton season in Maharashtra is about to end and this year too continual attack of pink bollworm was seen in the crop.

Cotton procurement reaches 67 lakh bales. The cotton season of 2020-21 is likely to end by march 2021 due to heavy arrivals in the market. Cotton Corporation of India has procured around 67 lakh bales till 28th December 2020 at a cost of Rs. 19,048.87 crore. This is almost double of the amount of cotton procured in the year ago period. The pace of arrival is very fast maybe because of Covid fears and another lockdown, Farmers fear that the prices may not rise further. Current price for cotton is Rs. 6000 per quintal which is more than the MSP of Rs. 5825 per quintal.

Weather Forecast:

Heavy rainfall at isolated places over West Madhya Pradesh, Konkan & Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Marathwada, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Karaikal. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightening at isolated places very likely over West Madhya Pradesh, Konkan & Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Marathwada, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Karaikal, Kerala & Mahe and Lakshadweep. Dense to very dense fog very likely over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi and dense fog very likely in isolated pockets over north Madhya Pradesh.

International Fundamentals:

The ICE cotton Futures was down by 0.29 points at 80.06 cents/lb. The Cotlook A index was high by 85 points at 85.60 cents/lb. The AWP for cotton is 63.03 cents/lb.

Cotton prices fall in UK. With the new strain of the novel corona virus that emerged in the UK spooking markets, cotton prices have fallen by Rs 600-700 per candy over the past two days. In India, the price for Shankar -6 cotton variety too fell from Rs 42,200-42,900 per candy (356 kg) to Rs 41, 400-42,200.

Cotton production decreases in Pakistan. The cotton production in the country has declined to about 2.8 million bales, According to Pakistan cotton ginners association more than 5 million bales were produced in the country which is 35.67 percent less as compared to more than 7 million bales produced till December 15 last year.

According to USDA latest report, the 2020-21 November forecast shows higher use with lower production and ending stock. Sharply lower production in Pakistan, India and Australia is partially offset by an increase in Turkmenistan. Consumption is raised in India, China and Pakistan and lowered in Thailand. Global trade is up slightly led by Bangladesh and Thailand.

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

U.S. Bans cotton imports from China. U.S has expanded economic pressure on china's western region of Xinjiang by banning imports of cotton and cotton products from XPCC, a powerful Chinese quasi- military organization. The move, known as Withhold Release Order (WRO), covers cotton from XPCC, its subordinates and affiliated entities, as well as products derived from XPCC processed cotton.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	OI
MXCTNC1	-100.00	21120.00	2126.00	21050.00	21150.00	924	1736
MXCTNZ0	+110.00	20470.00	20580.00	20470.00	20390.00	17	95
MXCTNF1	-100.00	21120.00	2126.00	21050.00	21150.00	924	1736

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALCotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity State	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
	Centre	Variety	07-Jan-21	06-Jan-21	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5950	5950	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5880	5905	-25
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5865	5850	15
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NR	6080	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	6000	6000	Unch
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5860	6000	-140
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5950	5850	100
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	6000	5970	30
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	5950	5880	70
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	5660	5700	-40
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	NR	5770	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	5675	5650	25
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	5700	5600	100
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5450	5500	-50
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-

Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	5725	5725	Unch
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	6070	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	5369	5600	-231
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	4109	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	5650	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maunder)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	07-Jan-21	06-Jan-21	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4520	4480	40
	Abohar	J-34	4520	4500	20
	Mansa	J-34	4530	4510	20
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4500	4470	30
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	4512	4418	94

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	07-Jan-21	06-Jan-21	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	64600	64600	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	3657	3141	516
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5050	3200	1850
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NR	12024	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	40000	50000	-10000
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	229	236	-7
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	300	500	-200
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	1020	680	340
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	300	200	100
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	500	750	-250
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	NR	400	-
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	500	300	200
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	700	500	200
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	18000	18000	Unch
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	1121347	1401772	-280425
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	3923	-

	Hubli	D.C.H.	2	2	Unch
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	2	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	157	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	07-Jan-21	06-Jan-21	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	3400	3400	Unch
	Abohar	J-34	340	340	Unch
	Mansa	J-34	1190	850	340
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	170	170	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	3000	700	2300

Cotton Seed Oil Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	07-Jan-21	06-Jan-21	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	1165	1165	Unch
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	1130	1140	-10
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	1190	1190	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	1185	1185	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	07-Jan-21	06-Jan-21	
Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2119	2121	-2
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	2124	2111	13

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICESChina Cotton Index:

Index	Unit	07-Jan-21	06-Jan-21	Change
CCIndex(328)	RMB/Ton	15302	15299	3
CCIndex(527)	RMB/Ton	14359	14347	12
CCIndex(229)	RMB/Ton	15531	15529	2

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

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index :

Index	Unit	07-Jan-21	06-Jan-21	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	90.44	90.8	-0.36
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	87.95	88.31	-0.36
FC Index (L)	Cents/lb	86.82	87.16	-0.34

Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	05-Jan-21	04-Jan-21	Change
A-Index	Cents/Pound	85.6	84.75	0.85

USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		05-Jan-21	04-Jan-21	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	78.6	79.47	0
North Delta	cents/lb.	77.35	78.22	0
South Delta	cents/lb.	77.35	78.22	0
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	75.35	76.47	7417
West Texas	cents/lb.	75.35	77.22	10742
Desert SW	cents/lb.	73.1	75.97	395
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	73.6	81.12	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 06-Jan-2021

				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32Kgs	9400	180	10580
Equivalent	40 Kgs	10074	193	11339

Daily Futures Price Listing Wednesday January 06th, 2021

Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
Mar-21	210106	80.41	80.93	79.92	80.06	-0.29	22,289	129,469	+1,645
May-21	210106	81.08	81.63	80.68	80.85	-0.16	10,360	45,462	+2084
Jul-21	210106	81.60	82.20	81.23	81.51	-0.02	3,452	25,519	+450
Oct-21	210106	78.21	78.21	78.21	78.21	+0.10	2	14	+1
Dec-21	210106	76.00	76.89	75.93	76.21	+0.10	1,881	28,308	+504
Mar-22	210106	76.40	77.47	76.40	76.83	+0.18	217	1,668	+40
Total Volume and Open Interest							38,254	233,001	+4,766

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