

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 was down at Rs.21,680 /bale Wednesday. ICE cotton futures closed red on Tuesday.

News: Cotton exports from India are facing quality issues. According to the trade sources, the quality of Indian cotton has emerged as a major issue in the export market with importing nations becoming reluctant to purchase the natural fiber from India, this in turn can also slow down the exports that are projected at 75 lakh bales. According to Southern India Mills Association, Cotton has quality issues this season particularly because of unseasonal rains during October and November. Although, CCI had denied the issue and was strict in ensuring that the cotton it procured this year adhered to the FAQ norms and is of good quality.

Cotton Corporation of India has reduced the selling price of cotton as a onetime correction. International prices had risen almost 12 percent in the last two months and dropped at the same rate. Although CCI had not increased the prices to that extent, prices went up only by 2 percent and it has now been reduced by almost 2 percent. Also, the amount of reduction in prices differs according to the variety of cotton.

About 80 percent of the cotton has been sold in current cotton season. Cotton farmers in the country have taken advantage of higher global price for cotton in the current season 2020-2021, resulting in at least 80 percent of the production being sold. Cotton arrivals were higher in the various markets in the country since the prices have ruled higher than the minimum support price of Rs. 5825 per quintal by the government. Although, arrivals in government procurement center (CCI) has been decreased to about 75,000 bales.

Punjab Agriculture Department is likely to add 50,000 hectares area under cotton cultivation. As there is good production in 2020 and no major pest outbreak in the crop for last 5 years, the Punjab Agriculture Department has decided to add 50,000 hectares under cotton cultivation in the malwa region this year. This will increase about 10 percent over the current area of 5 lakh hectares.

Raw cotton prices have increased about 15 percent more than MSP. The current cotton prices in the market are prevailing at 6,500-6,600 per quintal, which is about 15 percent higher than the minimum support price of 5825 per quintal. Also, the CCI arrivals have slowed down to 90,000 bales a day.

Nacto Pharma is planning to launch pheromone product to control Pink Bollworm in cotton crop. Nacto Pharma limited is planning to launch India's first green label pheromone product for effective management of Pink Bollworm in cotton crop during kharif 2021. The product will be launched under the brand Natmate PBW. This is the first pheromone based indigenously manufactured product for mating disruption that received approval from Central Insecticide Board.

Cotton exports are likely to be hitting 60 lakh bales on competitive rates. India's cotton exports are likely to hit 60 lakh bales for the current season on cost competitiveness. According to Cotton Association of India about 60 percent or 36 percent has been shipped since the start of the season.

Cotton Association of India has reduced the cotton crop estimate for the current season by 1.50 lakh bales to 358.50 lakh bales from its previous estimate of 360 lakh bales. The total cotton supply for the five month period from October 2020 to February 2021 is estimated around 430.89 lakh bales, with arrivals of 298.89 lakh bales, imports are at 7 lakh bales and the opening stock at 125 lakh bales. Cotton Consumption was estimated at 137.50 lakh bales of 170 kg each, while the exports are estimated at 36 lakh bales. Stock at the end of February 2021 is estimated at 257.39 lakh of 170 kg each, including 92.50 lakh bales with textile mills, and the remaining 164.89 lakh bales with the CCI, Maharashtra Federation and others. The CAI Crop Committee has estimated the total cotton supply till end of the cotton season 2020-21 i.e. up to September 30, 2021 at 495.50 lakh bales of 170 kg each. The total cotton supply consists of the opening

stock of 125 lakh bales of 170 kg each at the beginning of the cotton season on October 1, 2020, crop for the season estimated at 358.50 lakh bales, and the imports now estimated at 12 lakh bales as against 15.50 lakh bales estimated for the previous cotton season 2019-20. CAI has retained the domestic consumption estimate at the pre-lockdown level of 330 lakh bales. The exports for the season have now been revised to 60 lakh bales from the previous month's estimate of 54 lakh bales. The exports estimate for the previous cotton season 2019-20 was of 50 lakh bales. The carry-over stock at the end of the cotton season 2020-21 on September 30, 2021, is estimated by the CAI at 105.50 lakh bales, as against 107.50 lakh bales estimated earlier.

Weather Forecast:

Thunderstorm with lightening, hail and gusty winds very likely in isolated places over Sub- Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim , Andaman and Nicobar Island and with lightening at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh and Kerala & Mahe.

International Fundamentals:

The ICE cotton Futures was down by 109 points at 83.53 cents/lb. The Cotlook A index was down by 75 to 90.50 cents/lb. The AWP for cotton was at 71.45 cents/lb.

Australian cotton exports are expected to grow in 2021. Cotton production in Australia is expected to increase in 2021 as the country's normal weather replenishes reservoirs essential for irrigation. The monthly average cotton production is expected to grow 312.70 percent in 2020-21 to 0.22 million where else in 2019-20 season it was 0.05 million.

The global 2020-21 cotton supply and demand estimates shows lower production and ending stocks, but higher mill use and trade. Estimated global production is reduced nearly 830,000 bales largely due to lower Brazilian and U.S. production. Cotton imports pace and indications of recovering global consumption has helped boost consumption estimates for Turkey, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Vietnam, more than offsetting lower projections for U.S. and Taiwan. The forecast for 2020-21 world trade is more than 600,000 bales. On export side, higher Indian exports accounts for most of the increase as auctions by Cotton Corporation of India have released much of the cotton purchased during last year under the MSP program.

According to US Department of Agriculture, global cotton consumption is expected to grow by 4.1 percent in 2021-22 seasons, substantially above the long term average rate of 1.7 percent. World cotton stocks are expected to reduce by 3.2 million bales. Also, World cotton production is expected to rise 4.7 percent with the most significant year-over-year growth in Pakistan, Australia, Brazil, the United States and West Africa. Overall, strong cotton consumption growth in 2021-22 and tightening stocks are expected to support prices with the A-Index forecast up 7 cents to 90 cents/pound for the marketing year.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	OI
MXCTNC1	-270	20960	21000	20880	21170	906	2939
MXCTNJ1	-290	21250	21330	21170	21490	1219	7674

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALCotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	24-Mar-21	23-Mar-21	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	6375	6375	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	6455	6555	-100
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	Closed	NA	-
	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	6150	6150	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	6000	6000	Unch
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	6025	6025	Unch
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	5900	5900	Unch
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	6250	6250	Unch
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	6300	6300	Unch
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	6500	6500	Unch
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	6075	6075	Unch
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	4109	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	5900	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	24-Mar-21	23-Mar-21	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4550	4570	-20
	Abohar	J-34	4540	4580	-40
	Mansa	J-34	4550	4600	-50
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4470	4500	-30

Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	4371	4371	Unch
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Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	24-Mar-21	23-Mar-21	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	20400	17000	3400
	Gondal	Shankar-6	744	1425	-681
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	Closed	NA	-
	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	1000	1000	Unch
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	680	340	340
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	70	70	Unch
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	200	200	Unch
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	125	150	-25
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	500	600	-100
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	150	150	Unch
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	11000	11000	Unch
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	1	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	15	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	24-Mar-21	23-Mar-21	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	2550	1700	850
	Abohar	J-34	425	170	255
	Mansa	J-34	170	255	-85
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	170	170	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	500	1000	-500

Cotton Seed Oil Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	24-Mar-21	23-Mar-21	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	1280	1300	-20
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	1260	1290	-30
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	1290	1320	-30
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	1320	1320	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	24-Mar-21	23-Mar-21	
Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2496	2500	-4
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	2467	2468	-1

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICESChina Cotton Index:

Index	Unit	24-Mar-21	23-Mar-21	Change
CCIndex(328)	RMB/Ton	15566	15753	-187
CCIndex(527)	RMB/Ton	14836	14969	-133
CCIndex(229)	RMB/Ton	15892	16101	-209
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.				

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index :

Index	Unit	24-Mar-21	23-Mar-21	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	95.04	96.12	-1.08
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	92.33	93.47	-1.14
FC Index (L)	Cents/lb	91.1	92.24	-1.14

Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	22-Mar-21	21-Mar-21	Change
A-Index	Cents/Pound	90.5	#N/A	-

USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		22-Mar-21	20-Mar-21	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	83.37	#N/A	#N/A
North Delta	cents/lb.	82.37	#N/A	#N/A



South Delta	cents/lb.	82.37	#N/A	#N/A
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	79.12	#N/A	#N/A
West Texas	cents/lb.	79.12	#N/A	#N/A
Desert SW	cents/lb.	76.62	#N/A	#N/A
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	77.12	#N/A	#N/A

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 22-Mar-2021				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32Kgs	9400	180	12380
Equivalent	40 Kgs	10074	193	13268

Daily Futures Price Listing Tuesday March 23rd, 2021									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Month	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
Mar-21	210323	84.59	84.87	83.35	83.53	-1.09	14,630	94,727	-607
May-21	210323	85.46	85.85	84.40	84.60	-1.01	8,611	52,202	-112
Jul-21	210323	82.07	82.07	82.07	82.07	-1.01	3	19	+1
Oct-21	210323	82.01	82.46	81.26	81.32	-0.88	5,945	67,354	-26
Dec-21	210323	81.43	81.50	80.84	80.91	-0.78	209	7,383	-76
Mar-22	210323	81.06	81.06	80.58	80.58	-0.70	96	1,371	+7
Total Volume and Open Interest							29,693	230,636	-751

Source: MRCI

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