

Domestic Fundamentals:**Market Outlook:**

The cotton physical market showed firm trend today as CCI procurement has slowed down and major markets are closed due to lockdown restrictions. MCX cotton spot price was up at Rs.22,200/bale Saturday. ICE cotton futures closed green on Friday.

News: The US Department of Agriculture has increased the cotton crop estimate by 4 percent for the coming 2021-22 season. According to USDA, India's cotton production for the next season is estimated at 378 lakh bales, up by 4 percent from its current season's estimate of 362.5 lakh bales but the Indian textile industry feels that it is too early to make any projection. The projection has been made despite the USDA pegging the area under cotton lower at 129 lakh hectares compared with 130 lakh hectares. Sowing of cotton is scheduled to begin shortly in states such as Punjab and Haryana, While in other states it will start next month.

According to the Cotton Textile Export Promotion Council Cotton Textile and Apparel export are 13 percent lower from the previous year. The Textile and Apparel Export are 13 percent lower from previous season; the exports are worth \$29 billion last year as against \$34 billion in 2019-20. Exports of readymade garment have also declined 20.78 percent last fiscal year compared with the previous year, while exports for man-made textile items fell 21.20 percent. Export of cotton textile had declined 2.12 percent; it is mainly because of COVID spread.

Cotton Consumption may drop by 8 percent due to second wave of corona virus. According to the Union Ministry of Textile Committee on Cotton Production and Consumption has reduced cotton consumption for the season 2020-21 at 303 lakh bales from 330 lakh bales earlier, owing to the current lockdown as the extreme second wave of corona virus. Although total demand is expected to be 373 lakh bales, with 303 lakh bales consumed domestically and 70 lakh bales exported.

According to the International Cotton Advisory Committee, Global production is estimated at 24.6 million tonnes this month. India has lead global production at an estimated 6.3 million tonnes for 2020-21 season. China is expected to be the second largest producer with 5.9 million tonnes. The West Africa cotton producing countries together are estimated to produce over 1 million tonnes this year. The United States and Brazil are expected to produce 3.2 and 2.5 million tonnes respectively. These two countries have textile industries relatively small compared to the domestic supply and will export the overwhelming majority of their production.

Committee on Cotton Production and Consumption has reduced cotton crop estimate for 2020-21 season. According to the meeting held by Committee on Cotton Production and Consumption, cotton production is estimated at 360 lakh bales from its previous estimate of 371 lakh bales where as imports were maintained at 11 lakh bales and exports were reduced from 75 lakh bales to 70 lakh bales. Due to current lockdown situation cotton consumption was also reduced from 330 lakh bales to 303 lakh bales.

Cotton cultivation delays in Malwa region of Punjab. Cotton farmers in the malwa region are worried as the cotton cultivation for the coming season has been delayed due to acute shortage of water. The sirhind canal and kotla canal of the region have been running dry for over a month now. These two canal supply water for irrigation to majority of Malwa districts.

Punjab has decreased the cotton cultivation target for 2021-22 seasons. Despite of high cotton prices in the current season, the cotton cultivation target has decreased for the coming season 2021-22 to 3.25 lakh hectares. Whereas in the 2020-21 season the Punjab government had claimed that they have increased the area under cotton cultivation to 5 lakh hectares. Although, now the government has said that the last year's area was inflated by almost two times, in revenue assessment in 2020-21 the area is found to be 2.51 lakh hectares and not 5 lakh hectares.

Weather Forecast:

Thunderstorm with lightening, hail & gusty winds very likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan & Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand and with lightening & gusty winds at isolated places over Bihar, Gangetic West Bengal and with lightening & gusty winds at isolated places over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, West Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Sub- Himalayan, West Bengal & Sikkim, Odisha, Assam & Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Telangana and Kerala & Mahe and with lightening at isolated places over Uttar Pradesh, East Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan & Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, East Uttar Pradesh, Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada, Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam, Rayalseema, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, & Karikal and Lakshwadeep. Thunderstorm very likely at isolated places over Rajasthan. Heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places over Assam & Meghalaya, Sub- Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura and Kerala & Mahe.

International Fundamentals:

The ICE cotton Futures was down by 92 points at 89.66 cents/lb. The Cotlook A index was down by 75 points at 92.30 cents/lb. The AWP for cotton was at 71.39 cents/lb.

Bangladesh apparel export improved year- on- year in March 2021. Bangladesh apparel export was at 2.450 billion USD, up by 8.8 percent on year-on- year basis but has slowed down on month on month basis by 6.5 percent. During January to March, Bangladesh apparel export has reached 7.94 billion USD which was down by 1.7 percent year on year; where else the cumulative export volume was 299 million USD.

Kenya aims to increase its commercial production of GMO cotton by 10 times next year. The target of Kenyan government is to involve over 200,000 farmers to boost production from 20,000 bales currently to 200,000 bales by 2022. Controlled farming of GMO cotton was approved by the Kenyan government in 2019 after successful field trials, and it identified 1,000 farmers last year to receive the first GMO cotton seeds. Overall the country has a demand of 38,000 tonnes of cotton lint, but produces only 5,300 tonnes. Besides Kenya, African countries like Sudan, South Africa, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Malawi also produce GMO cotton.

China will soon launch its own version of Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) standards. This cotton program will mainly focus on improving production efficiency through digitalization, a fully traceable cotton production process, low carbon production and high quality cotton farming.

According to the 2020-21 U.S. cotton supply and demand forecast, higher exports and lower ending stock was observed as compared to last month. Production and domestic mill use are unchanged; where else the export forecast has been raised to 250,000 bales to 15.75 million, based on the increase in recent sales and shipments. Ending stock has now forecasted at 3.9 million bales, which is equivalent to 22 percent of total disappearance. The projected global production is around 276,000 bales lower than March month, led by decline in Australia and Turkmenistan and also the rising textile demand in China accounts for much of the 387,000 bales increase in projected 2020-21 world cotton consumption. World trade has also raised about 935,000 bales.

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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	OI
MXCTNC1	-100	21670	21760	21660	21710	454	8654

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALCotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	10-May-21	08-May-21	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	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	Closed	Closed	-
	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	6100	6050	50
	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	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	NA	-
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	10-May-21	08-May-21	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4590	4580	10

	Abohar	J-34	4590	4580	10
	Mansa	J-34	4580	4580	Unch
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4490	4490	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	10-May-21	08-May-21	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	Closed	Closed	-
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	Closed	Closed	-
	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	Closed	Closed	-
	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	3000	3000	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	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	NA	NA	-
Commodity	Lint		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change

State	Centre	Variety	10-May-21	08-May-21	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Abohar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	NR	NR	-
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Seed Oil Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	10-May-21	08-May-21	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	Closed	Closed	-
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	NR	NR	-
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	1530	1500	30
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	1520	1510	10

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	10-May-21	08-May-21	
Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	2777	2698	79
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	2794	2740	54

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

Index	Unit	10-May-21	07-May-21	Change
CCIndex(328)	RMB/Ton	16134	16154	-20
CCIndex(527)	RMB/Ton	15343	15369	-26
CCIndex(229)	RMB/Ton	16486	16504	-18

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

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index :

Index	Unit	10-May-21	07-May-21	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	NR	NR	-
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	NR	NR	-
FC Index (L)	Cents/lb	NR	NR	-

Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	06-May-21	30-Apr-21	Change
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A-Index	Cents/Pound	92.3	91.9	0.40
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USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		06-May-21	04-May-21	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	89.33	88.17	0
North Delta	cents/lb.	88.33	87.17	821
South Delta	cents/lb.	88.33	87.17	0
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	85.58	84.92	0
West Texas	cents/lb.	85.58	84.92	71
Desert SW	cents/lb.	83.58	83.67	0
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	84.08	89.57	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 07-May-2021

				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32Kgs	9400	180	11480
Equivalent	40 Kgs	10074	193	12303

Daily Futures Price Listing Friday May 07th, 2021

Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Month	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
May-21	210507	89.48	89.48	89.48	89.48	+3.25	1	2	+1
Jul-21	210507	90.80	91.00	89.66	89.66	-0.92	9,209	101,696	-1,088
Oct-21	210507	89.10	89.20	87.18	88.41	-0.31	5	39	+1
Dec-21	210507	86.62	87.00	85.51	86.89	+0.17	6,501	90,907	+2,036
Mar-22	210507	86.00	86.08	84.67	85.92	+0.10	544	14,166	+159
May-22	210507	85.24	85.25	86.97	85.06	-0.02	181	2,544	+22
Total Volume and Open Interest							16,674	222,454	+1,264

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