

Domestic Fundamentals:**Market Outlook:**

The cotton physical market showed a mixed trend across India today. MCX cotton spot price was higher at Rs.45,230/bale on Thursday. ICE cotton futures closed green on Wednesday.

News: *Cotton sowing in Punjab has begun for the 2022-23 season. Till 19th April 2022, cotton was sown on around 2,500 hectares in Punjab. During the ongoing 2021-22 season cotton was sown on over 3.03 lakh hectares in Punjab. Agriwatch expects area under cotton cultivation to increase in Punjab by around 1-2 percent in the 2022-23 season.*

The Indian government on 13th April 2022 has removed the Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (5 percent) and basic custom duty (5 percent) on the imports of cotton. The government has allowed duty free imports of cotton until 30th September 2022 as prices in the local market has increased because of lower production in 2021-22 season. Further, duty free imports will help textile mills to import cotton from Australia, Brazil, African countries and United States. Agriwatch expects prices to come down slightly in the short term.

Cotton Association of India has reduced its March estimate of the cotton crop for the 2021-22 season by 8 lakh bales to 335.13 lakh bales from its previous estimate of 343.13 lakh bales. The Association has attributed the reduction in crop estimate to the drop in production in states including Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

Weather Forecast:

Thunderstorm accompanied with lightening & hail is very likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Assam & Meghalaya and with lightening at isolated places over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Jharkhand, and with lightening at isolated places over Gangetic West Bengal, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura and with lightening at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan, Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh, Arunachal Pradesh, Telangana, and with lightening at isolated places over East Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Konkan & Goa, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry & Karaikal, Kerala & Mahe. Heavy rainfall at isolated places very likely over Sikkim, Assam & Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh.

International Fundamentals:

The ICE cotton Futures was lower by 506 points at 139.68 cents/lb. The Cotlook A index was at 159.90 cents/lb. The AWP for cotton was at 131.10 cents/lb.

According to the U.S. Crop progress report, as on 18th April 2022, U.S cotton planting stands at 10 percent which 1 percent lower from previous season of 11 percent. U.S. cotton planting was higher from past 5 years average of 9 percent.

According to USDA WASDE Report, the 2021-22 cotton production is estimated 340,000 bales higher, with increases for Pakistan and Greece. A 500,000-bale decline in China's expected consumption resulted in a similar decline in the global estimate, which now stands at 124.1 million bales. World trade is projected about 450,000 bales lower this month, with exports projected lower for India, Brazil, and Malaysia.

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVALSCotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	21-Apr-22	20-Apr-22	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	12500	12500	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	12805	12855	-50
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	12675	12455	220
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	11960	11825	135
	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	11900	11600	300
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	NA	10800	-
	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	11600	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	12000	12000	Unch
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	10500	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	12711	12529	182
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	11500	10300	1200
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	21-Apr-22	20-Apr-22	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	9800	9700	100
	Abohar	J-34	9800	9750	50
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	9450	9400	50
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	8977	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	21-Apr-22	20-Apr-22	

Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	17000	17000	Unch
	Gondal	Shankar-6	1845	3709	-1864
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	1600	2710	-1110
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	2145	4119	-1974
	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	1020	850	170
	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	200	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	12000	15000	-3000
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	138	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	712	892	-180
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	8	5	3
Commodity		Lint	Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	21-Apr-22	20-Apr-22	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	85	85	Unch
	Abohar	J-34	136	136	Unch
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	340	340	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Seed Oil Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	21-Apr-22	20-Apr-22	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Rs. /10 Kg.	1625	1600	25
Delhi	New Delhi	Rs. /10 Kg.	1520	1530	-10
Telangana	Hyderabad	Rs. /10 Kg.	1610	1590	20
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Rs. /10 Kg.	1630	1630	Unch

Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake Prices:

Commodity	Cotton Seed Oil Seed Cake		Price		Change
State	Centre	Unit	21-Apr-22	20-Apr-22	
Gujarat	Mahesana (Kadi)	Rs./Qtl	3089	3106	-17
Maharashtra	Akola	Rs./Qtl	3190	3216	-26

INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND INDICES

China Cotton Index:

Index	Unit	20-Apr-22	19-Apr-22	Change
CCIndex(328)	RMB/Ton	22614	22627	-13
CCIndex(527)	RMB/Ton	20842	20859	-17
CCIndex(229)	RMB/Ton	23084	23096	-12
RMB -Renminbi, 1RMB =0.16 \$U.S.				

China Foreign Cotton (FCE) Index :

Index	Unit	20-Apr-22	19-Apr-22	Change
FC Index (S)	Cents/lb	157.56	162.63	-5.07
FC Index (M)	Cents/lb	155.97	161.03	-5.06
FC Index (L)	Cents/lb	154.44	159.49	-5.05

Cotlook Index:

Cotlook Indices	Unit	20-Apr-22	19-Apr-22	Change
A-Index	Cents/Pound	156.7	161.7	-5.00

USDA Cotton Spot Rates:

Growth Area	Unit	Leaf 4 to Staple 34	Leaf 3 to Staple 35	Arrivals
		20-Apr-22	19-Apr-22	Bales
Southeast	cents/lb.	138.88	140.58	-
North Delta	cents/lb.	137.88	139.58	-
South Delta	cents/lb.	137.88	139.58	-
East TX-OK	cents/lb.	130.88	132.58	-
West Texas	cents/lb.	130.88	131.83	-
Desert SW	cents/lb.	130.13	131.83	-
SJ Valley	cents/lb.	130.63	138.98	-

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 20-Apr-2022				(in Pakistan Rupees)
Product	Rate for	Ex-Gin Price	Up Country Sales	Spot Rate Karachi
Cotton	37.32Kgs	20200	180	20680
Equivalent	40 Kgs	21648	193	22163

Daily Futures Price Listing Wednesday, Apr 20 th , 2022									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Month	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Cotton(ICE)									
May-22	220420	139.80	142.45	139.38	140.39	+0.71	5,539	12,449	-4,486
Jul-22	220420	138.55	141.12	138.00	138.88	+0.55	12,942	99,658	+367
Oct-22	220420	127.57	128.74	128.74	128.10	+1.40	4	34	+1
Dec-22	220420	120.95	123.12	123.12	121.02	+0.07	5,406	74,071	+373
Mar-23	220420	116.00	119.03	119.03	116.97	+0.21	728	12,253	+58
May-23	220420	111.54	114.30	114.30	112.26	-0.04	336	3,036	+40
Total Volume and Open Interest							25,744	215,153	-3,270

Source: MRCI

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