

Current Market Outlook

Domestic Weekly Price Scenario: Cotton spot markets noticed mostly weak tone during the week.

Average price of Lint at Sirsa during the week was Rs. 4688 per maund (of 37.32 Kg each), compared to the previous week price of Rs 4648. Cotton fiber (Shankar-6) prices noticed pale tone this week. Average price was Rs 42617 per candy (of 355.6 kg each) during the week, which was Rs 42800 per candy previous week. Future price of cotton (at NCDEX, April'17 contract) closed lower this week at Rs. 997 per maund (of 20 kg each) which was Rs 1018 week earlier.

Cotton Price Outlook (For Coming Week): In the coming week we expect Kapas price to remain range bound to weak with the price band of Rs. 5600-6000 per quintal in the benchmark market. Lint price at Sirsa is likely to be in range of Rs 4300-4700 per maund. Kapas prices at NCDEX (April'17 contract), is expected to hover in the range of Rs. 1000-1100 per maund (of 20 kg each).

Major Market Highlights: Textile sector seeks Technology Mission On Cotton (TMC) amid decline in yield of cotton. Though India is the largest producer and net exporter of cotton, productivity declined below 500 kg of lint/hectare in 2015-16 from a high of 566 kg/ha in 2013-14. During the current season, productivity has been recorded at 568 kg/ha amid good monsoon. The national average yield in Australia, Brazil, China, Turkey, Mexico and Israel is more than 1,500 kg/ha. India's poor productivity is related to obsolete technology and insufficient fund support for cotton research. The textile sector wants the TMC back in a revised format. It will help to double the income of the cotton farmer and fuel the growth of the textile industry.

The Southern India Mills Association (SIMA) has advised the mills to avoid panic buying of cotton. Till date cotton arrivals in the domestic market are lower compared to previous year. Both at the global level and in India, the cotton supply position is comfortable. According to sources at SIMA, India has contracted to import 15 lakh bales of cotton from West Africa and U.S. Prices are likely to ease when Australian cotton arrives in the market around May. Reports indicate that there has been a significant increase in the Australian cotton crop — from 28 lakh bales previous year to 45 lakh bales this year and an 18 per cent increase in the US cotton crop.

India's textiles exports declined by around 4.5 per cent to \$26 billion during April-December this fiscal year. The exports of textiles during April –December (2016 -17) were recorded at \$26 billion compared to \$27.2 billion during the same period previous year.

Cotton acreage in North India, which stood at a high of 15.55 lakh hectares in 2014-15, declined to 13.90 lakh ha in the following year and reached a low of 11.96 lakh ha in 2016-17 amid rising pest attacks and declining yields. Cotton prices are ruling firm in the country on lower availability and steady demand in the domestic market. Cotton has yielded better returns in 2016-17 compared with other competing crops.

AW Cotton Index – 12 Mar. 2017

The Agriwatch Agri Commodities Index gained 0.98% to 110.22 during the week ended March 11, 2017 from 109.15 during the previous week, to end a 5-week falling streak. Cereals and pulses led the Index higher. The base for the Index and all sub-Indices is 2014 (= 100).



The Fiber Index increased by +0.11% week-on-week.



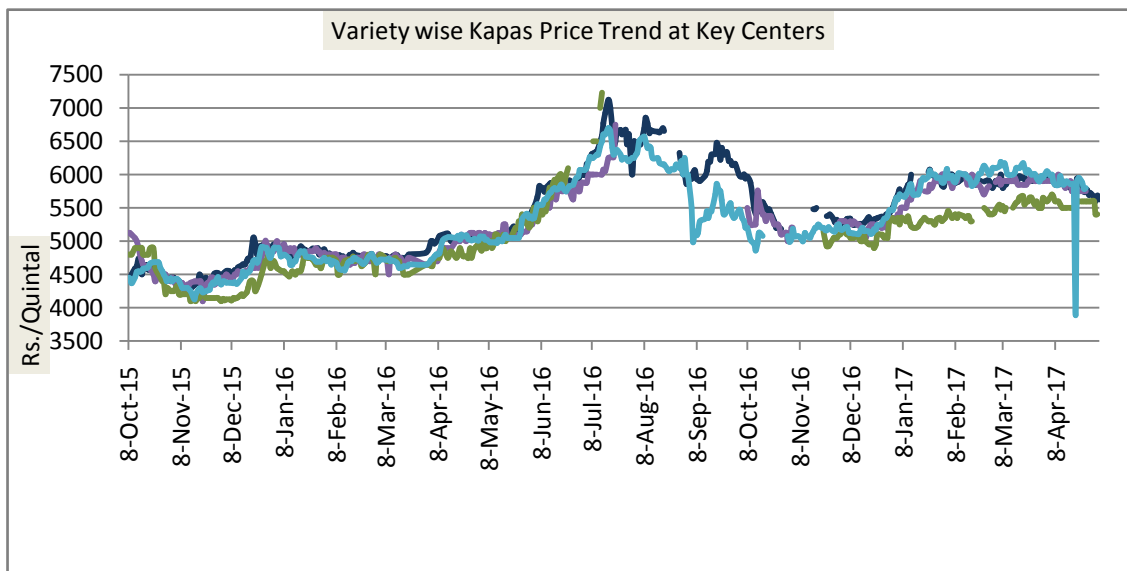
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Domestic Cotton Prices Scenario

Kapas (Raw Cotton) Weekly Price Scenario

Weekly Price Review: Weekly kapas average price at Rajkot fell from Rs 5823/quintal to Rs 5666/quintal this week.

According to latest report of USDA attaché, India's 2016/17 cotton production forecast is 27.00 million 480 lb. bales on marginally lower acreage of 11.8 million hectares. Higher yields are expected through a combination of better crop, pest, and weed management practices and assuming a normal monsoon

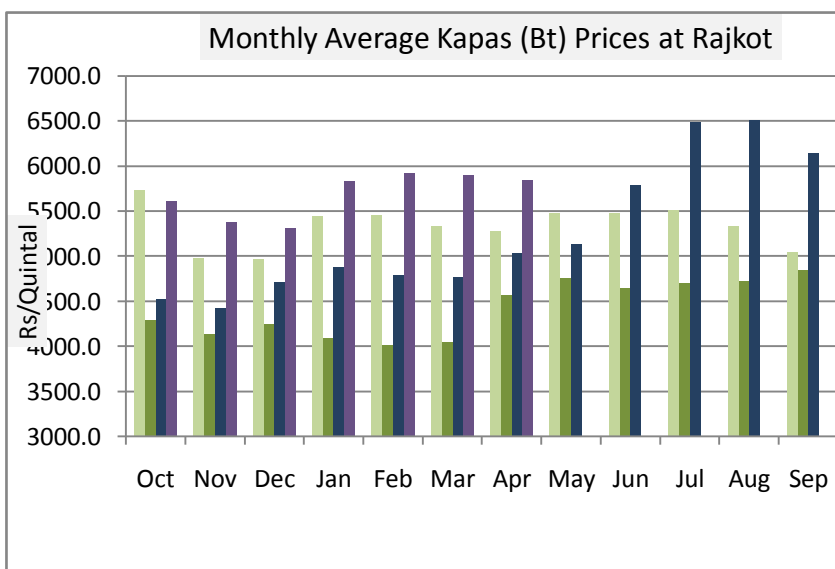


Weekly Price Outlook: Kapas prices are expected to remain range-bound to weak in coming days. The expected range for Kapas at Rajkot is Rs 5500-5900per quintal for the coming week.

KapasMonthly Y-o-Y Price Scenario

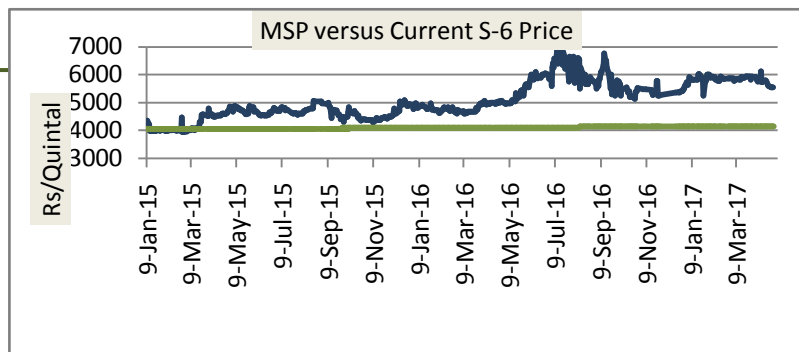
Kapas(seed cotton) prices in country noticed mixed tone during the April month when compared to the previous month, and the same is ruling higher compared to the prices during the corresponding month of the previous season.

Monthly average price of Kapas at Rajkot remained Rs.545 per quintal during April, which was Rs.5893 during previous month and Rs.5029 per quintal during the corresponding month last year. We expect Kapas prices to remain range –bound to weak in the coming month. The expected price range for April month is likely to be Rs 5500-6000 per quintal.



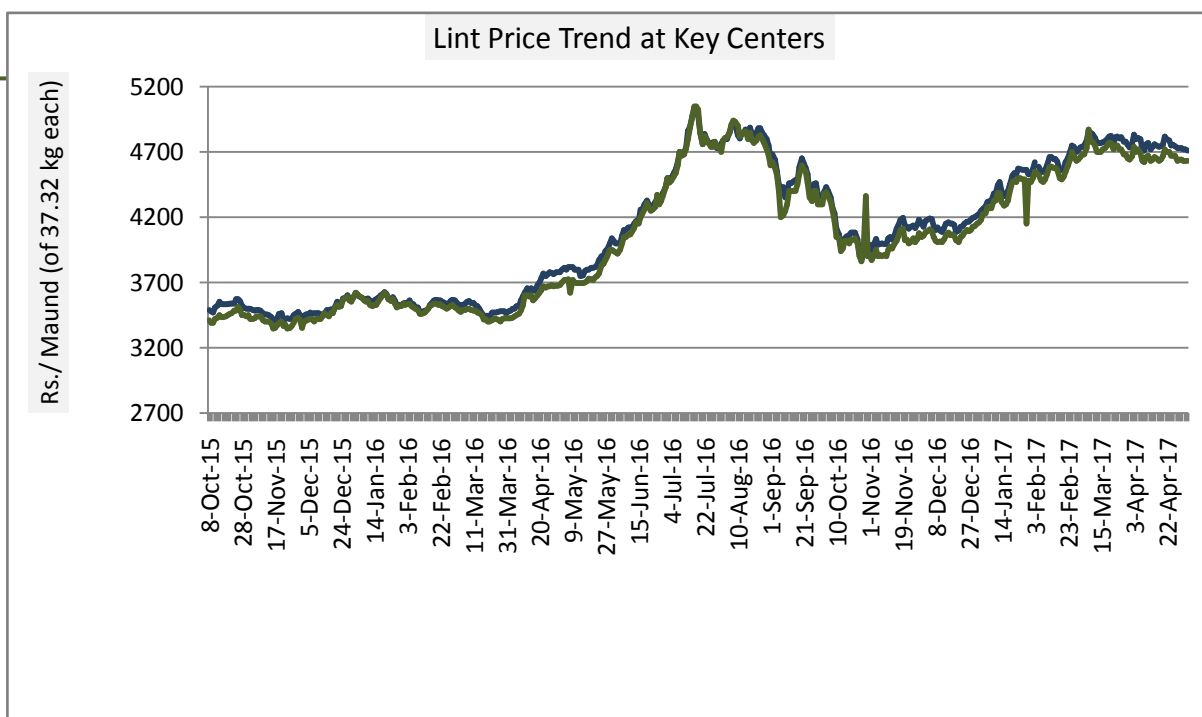
Spot Price versus MSP

The Kapas prices are ruling above the MSP so far. The gap between the two prices has decreased this week. The average gap between the prices was Rs.1412 this week compared to Rs.1591 a week earlier. This indicates prices are decreasing



Lint (De-Seeded Cotton) Weekly Price Scenario

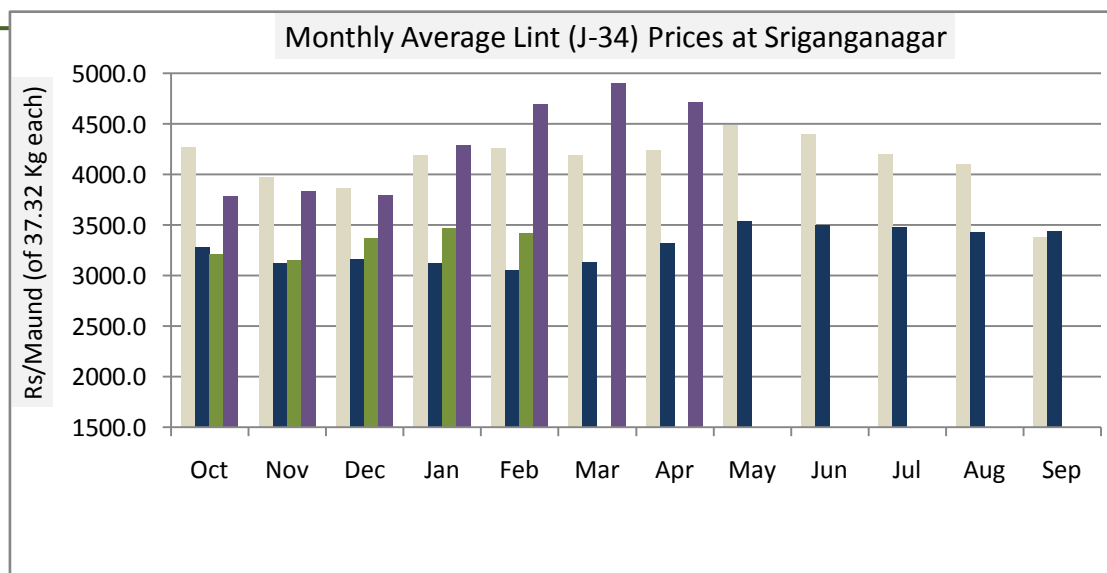
Weekly Price Review: Lint prices remained weak during the week owing to tight tone prevailing in market. Weekly average price of Lint at Sirsa remained Rs. 4633 per maund of 37.32 kg each, lower compared to the previous week price of Rs. 4688 per maund.



Weekly Price Outlook: Lint prices are expected to remain range bound to firm during the week. We expect Lint at Sirsa to remain in the range of Rs. 4500-4900 per maund.

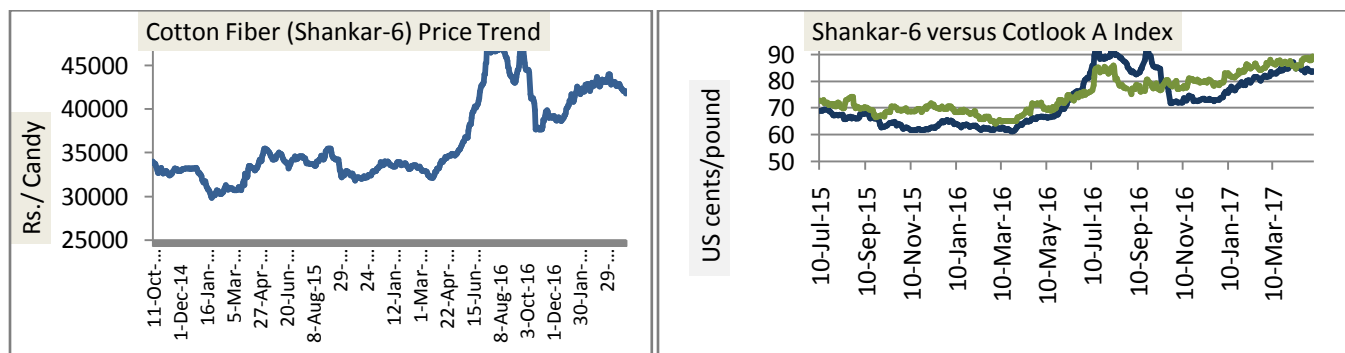
Lint Monthly Y-o-Y Price Scenario

Monthly average price at Sri Ganganagar in April was Rs.4713/Qtl compared to Rs.4903/Qtl in March.



Cotton Fiber Weekly Price Scenario

Following range -bound movement in Kapas prices, cotton fiber witnessed weak tone this week. Weekly average price of cotton (Shankar-6) at Mumbai remained Rs.42067per candy (of 355.6 kg each) compared toRs. 42617per candyin the previous week.

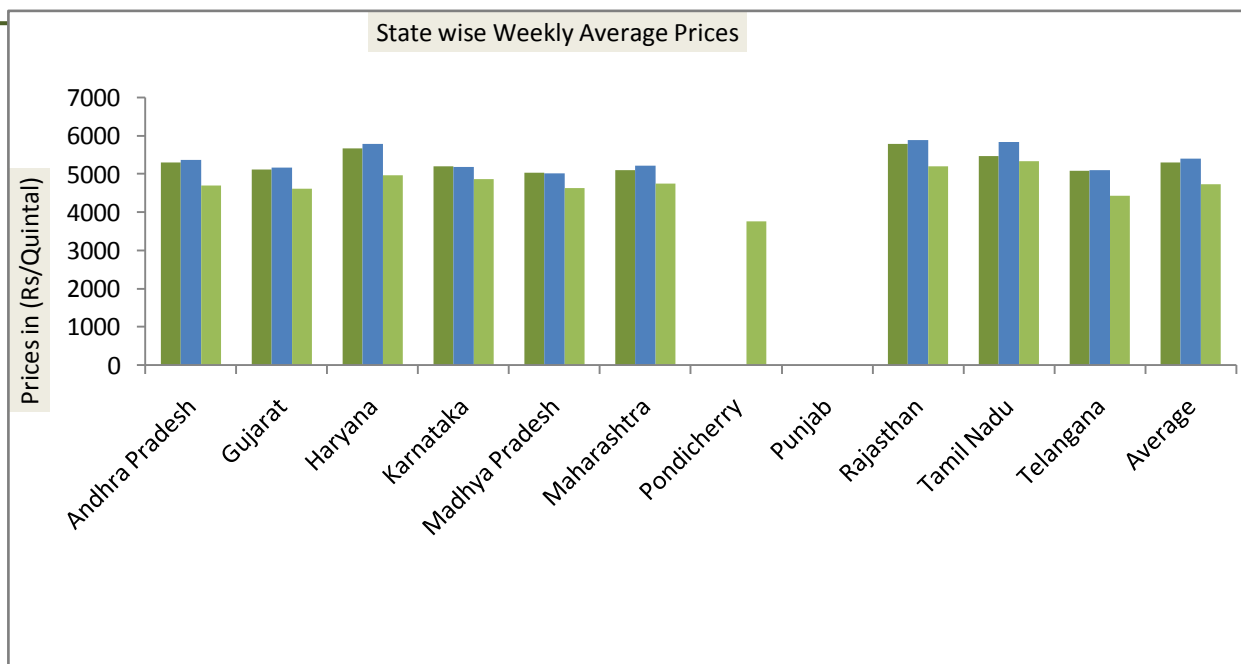


Indian Fiber price versus International Fiber Price: Indian fiber prices are ruling below the international price. Against the weekly average Cotlook A Index of 88.27 cents/pound, Indian weekly average price stood at 83.62 cents/pound, making Indian fibercompetitive in international market.

Weekly Price Outlook: Shankar-6 price in the coming week is expected to hover in range of Rs 40000-45000 per candy.

State wise Weekly Price Scenario

On week on week basis, prices are by and large showing weak trend in most of the States, highest price was recorded



in Rajasthan followed by Haryana this week and lowest was in Telangana followed by Maharashtra. On year on year basis, cotton prices are reflecting uptrend in most of the States. Prices have been summarized in the table given in annexure.

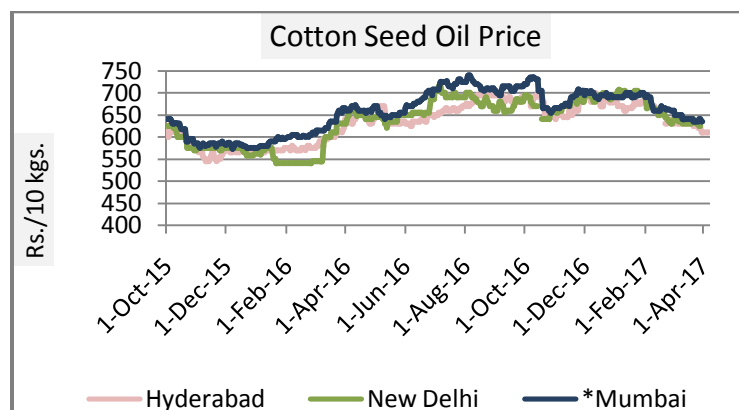
Cotton Seed Oil and Cotton Seed Oil Cake

Cotton Seed Oil Weekly Price Scenario

Cotton seed oil price mostly remained pale during the week. Weekly average price in New Delhi remained Rs 600 per 10 Kg, lower compared to the weekly average price of Rs 612 per 10 Kg in previous week.

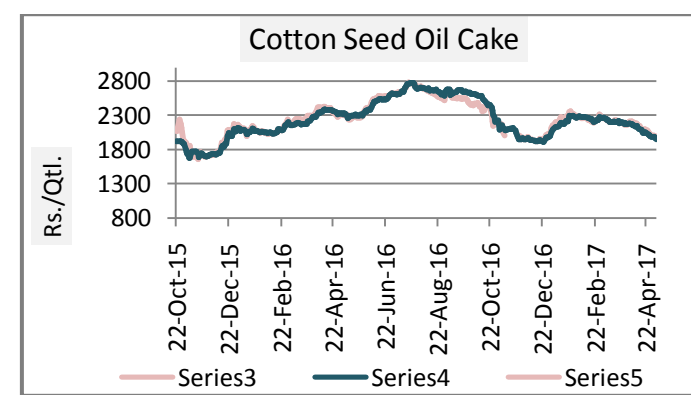
Centers	Weekly Average Price as on (Rs/10 kg.)		% Change
	04-May-17	27-Apr-17	
New Delhi	600	600	0.00
Rajkot	620	627	-1.06
Hyderabad	598	600	-0.28
Mumbai*	625	628	-0.48

*Vat Included



Cotton Seed Oil Cake Weekly Price Scenario

Cotton seed oil cake price noticed pale tone during the week. Weekly average price in Akola remained Rs 1981 per quintal, lower compared to the weekly average price of Rs 2032 per quintal in the previous week.

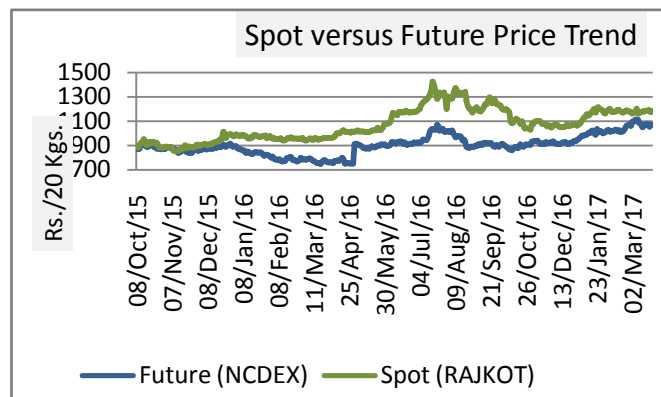


Centers	Weekly Average Price as on (Rs/quintal.)*		% Change
	04-May-17	27-Apr-17	
Kadi	2003	2066	-3.04
Akola	1981	2032	-2.53

*Source: NCDEX

Cotton Spot and Future Price Trend

Cotton future price closed lower this week. Kapas at NCDEX (April'17) closed at Rs.997 as on 27 Apr 2017, compared to 1018 a week earlier. The gap between the spot and future prices has decreased. Average gap between the spot and future price during the week was Rs.163 which was Rs 164 a week earlier.



Technical Analysis of Kapas Future Prices at NCDEX(April'17 Contract)



Weekly Technical Outlook:

- Kapas prices noticed weak tone during the week.
- RSI is increasing in the neutral zone.
- MACD signal line and center line denotes bullish crossover.

Expected Price Range During Coming Week

Expected Trend	Expected Trading Band
Range-bound To Firm Momentum	Contract Expired

Expected Support and Resistance

Support 1	Support 2	Resistance 1	Resistance 2
1020	1000	1080	1100
Figures in Rs/20 Kg			

International Market Scenario

International cotton prices remained range bound to firm during the week. Cotlook A index weekly average stood at 88.64 cents/pound this week, which was 87.80 cents/pound during last week.

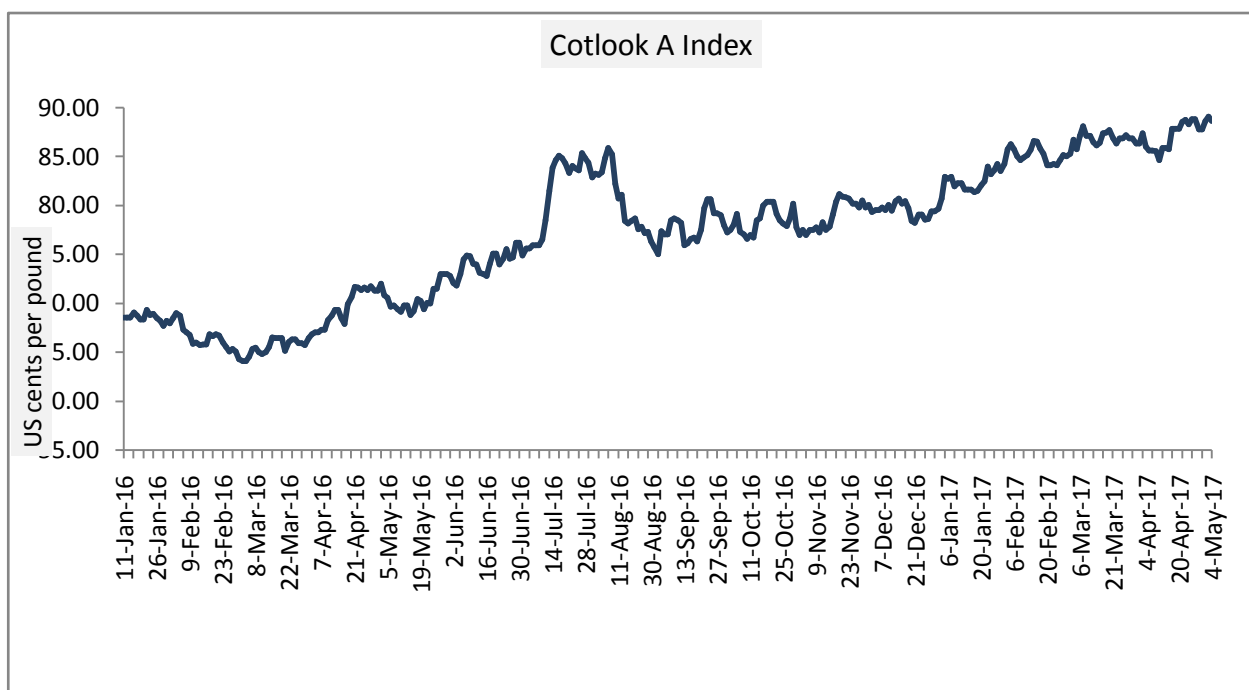
Major Market Highlights: According to agriculture ministry, Mali's cotton production for the upcoming 2017/18 season is estimated at 725,000 tonnes compared to 645,000 tonnes in the current season. Plantation of more land, renewing subsidies and continuing a two-year-old programme that provides tractors at reduced prices will help in achieving higher production in the coming season.

Good demand for quality lint, increasing prices in the global markets and lack of availability of quality cotton led to increase in cotton prices in Pakistan during the previous week. The Karachi Cotton Association increased its spot rates by Rs. 50 to Rs 6,700 per maund (37.3242 kg) and Rs 7,180 for 40 kg. The Ex-Karachi rates also increased to Rs 6,835 per maund and Rs 7,325 for 40 kg. There is good buying from the millers amid limited stocks with ginners.

According to USDA latest report, global 2016/17 cotton ending stocks are revised down this month. World 2016-17 cotton production is projected at 105.42 million bales, around 9.28 per cent above last season. Global ending stocks are now projected higher at 89.90 million bales. For India, production is forecast at 27.00 million bales, same as previous month's estimates and India's crop is estimated 2.27 per cent above 2015/16.

Global cotton consumption is likely to be around 24.33 million tons in season 2016-17, which was estimated to be around 24.39 million tons a month earlier. In the earlier estimates by USDA, consumption was expected to rise and cotton consumption would be standing at around 0.6% higher compared to the previous season.

Cotlook A Index



Cotlook A index remained weak during the week.

Cotlook A Index	Weekly Average Price as on		% Change
	04-May-17	27-Apr-17	
Prices	88.37	88.64	-0.3
Prices in US cents per Pound			

China Cotton Index and Foreign Cotton Index

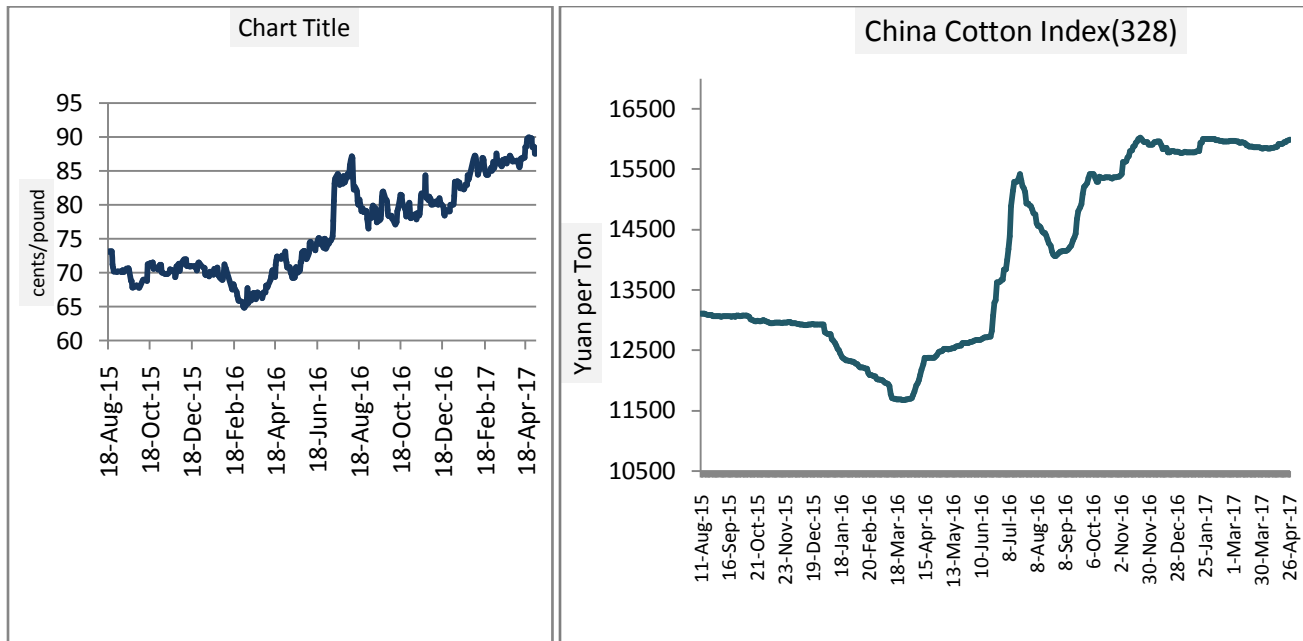
According to the National Bureau of Statistics, cotton production in China declined by 4.6 per cent in 2016 to 5.34 million tons compared to the previous year. Production has declined amid decline in acreage and yields. Acreage has declined by 11.1 per cent to 3.38 million hectares. Yields of cotton declined by 260,000 tons to 5.34 million tons.

In 2016, China's cotton yarn import declined by 30 per cent y-o-y to 960 mkg worth US\$2430 million. According to report released by www.yarnsandfibers.com (YarnsandFibers), imports from India declined by 49 per cent to US\$560 million for 231 mkg. Price-wise, Pakistan was the cheapest supplier of cotton yarn for China, followed by India and then by Vietnam.

Cotton Index	Weekly Average Price as on		% Change
	04-May-17	27-Apr-17	
FC (S)	90.57	92.16	-1.73
FC (M)	88.07	89.76	-1.88
FC (L)	86.60	88.58	-2.24
Prices in US cents per Pound			

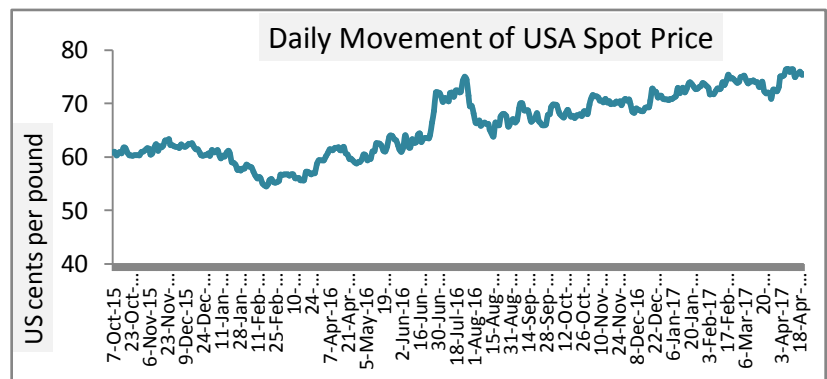
China Index remained firm during the week. CC Index (328) remained 14912 Yuan per ton during the week. Average was 14857 Yuan per ton during previous week.

Cotton Index	Weekly Average Price as on		% Change
	04-May-17	27-Apr-17	
CCIndex(229)	15968	15911	0.36
CCIndex(328)	14912	14857	0.37
CCIndex(527)	16348	16285	0.39
Prices in Yuan per ton			



USA Spot Prices

According to latest report of USDA, global 2016/17 cotton ending stocks are revised down this month. Production in Pakistan is estimated to be lower, based on arrivals at gins, but higher in China. World ending stocks are now projected at 90.48 million bales.

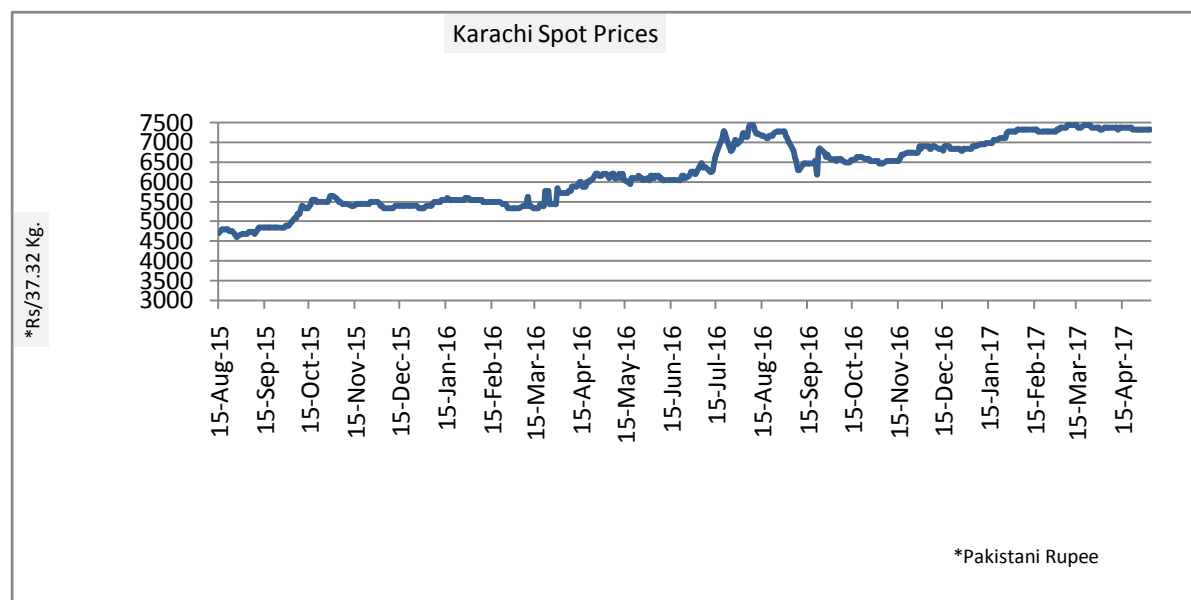


USA Spot Prices	Weekly Average Price as on		% Change
	04-May-17	27-Apr-17	
Prices	75.69	76.10	-0.54
Prices in US cents per Pound			

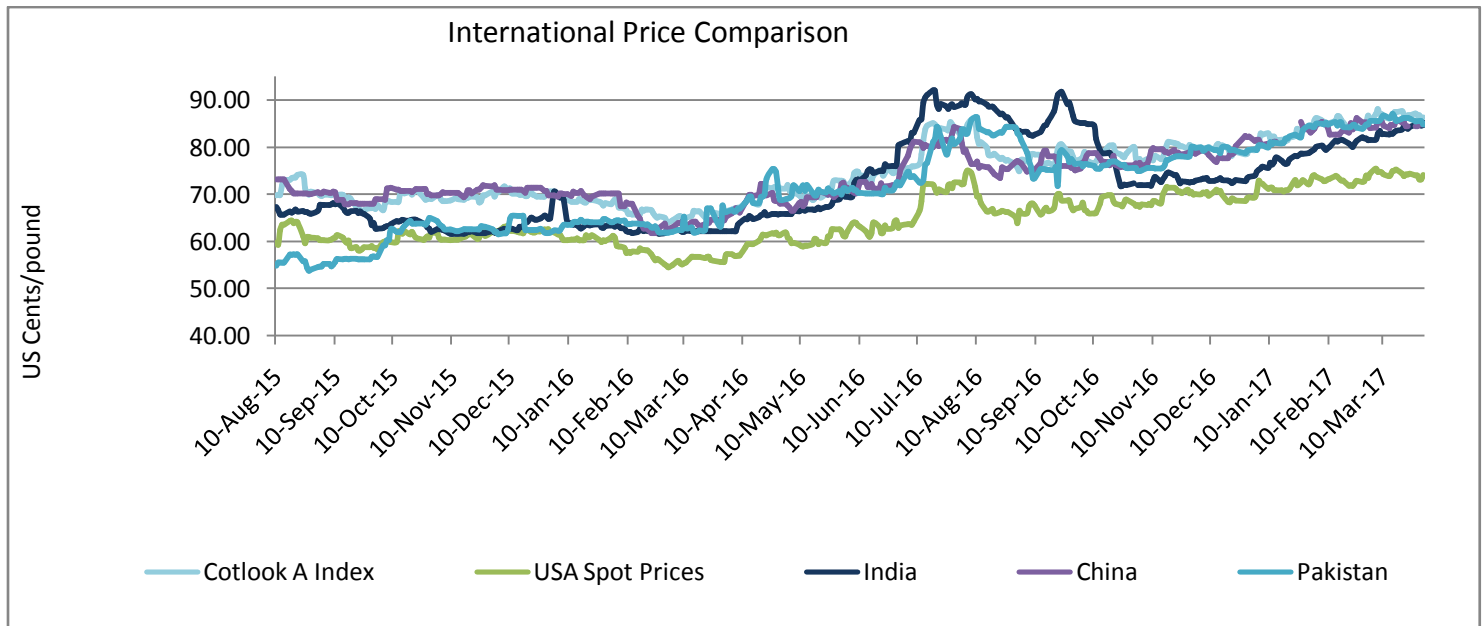
Pakistan Spot Prices

Annual growth output of Cotton in Pakistan has slowed to 12.3 per cent amid lower arrivals of seed cotton during the period December 01-15, 2016. Pakistan has harvested 10.147 million bales of cotton up to December 15, 2016 according to data released by the Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association. Seed cotton arrivals during the same period declined by 3 per cent to 389,490 bales. According to the latest estimates, Pakistan is expected to produce 10.542 million bales during the current season.

Karachi Spot Prices	Weekly Average Price as on		% Change
	04-May-17	27-Apr-17	
Prices	7325	7334	-0.12
Prices in Rs per 37.32 Kg			



International Price Comparison



Technical Analysis of Cotton Future (May'17 Contract) at ICE



Weekly Technical Outlook:

- Candlesticks denote range-bound movement in the market.
- Volume and Open Interest are decreasing.
- We expect cotton prices to remain sideways to firm in the coming week.

Expected Price Range During Coming Week

Expected Trend	Expected Trading Band
Range bound to Bearish Momentum	74.00-82.00

Expected Support and Resistance

Support 1	Support 2	Resistance 1	Resistance 2
78.26	76.39	81.58	82.38
Figures in US cents/pound			

Cotton Future Prices at ICE

Contracts	3-May	Week Ago	Month ago	Year Ago	%W-o-W change	%M-o-M change	%Y-o-Y change
May-17	80.69	80.69	77.28	63.05	0.00	4.41	27.98
Jul-17	78.77	79.39	77.99	63.06	-0.77	1.00	24.91
Oct-17	76.02	76.62	78.83	63.30	-0.76	-3.56	20.09
Dec-17	74.53	75.00	75.06	62.35	-0.61	-0.71	19.53
Mar-18	74.06	74.61	74.94		-0.73	-1.17	
May-18	74.03	74.46	74.98		-0.58		

Domestic Cotton Prices and Arrivals at Key Centers

Cotton Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Kapas		Weekly Average Prices (Rs./Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	29th April to 05th May.17	22nd to 28th April.17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	5546	5683	-138
	Gondal	Shankar-6	5576	5722	-146
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5658	5782	-123
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	5678	5789	-111
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	5633	5750	-117
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	5376	5629	-253
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	5992	6033	-42
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NA	5854	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	NA	5967	-

	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	5910	5912	-2
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	5665	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	4367	4929	-563
	Khargaon	Mech-1	5517	5743	-227
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	5400	5600	-200
	Jamner	Medium Staple	5324	5568	-244
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	5233	5271	-38
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	5557	5642	-85
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	4160	4160	Unch
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	5927	5988	-62
	Hubli	D.C.H.	5309	5750	-441
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	5767	5883	-117
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maunder of 37.32kg each)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	29th April to 05th May.17	22nd to 28th April.17	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4720	4762	-42
	Abohar	J-34	4723	4760	-37
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4633	4673	-40
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Weekly Sum Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	29th April to 05th May.17	22nd to 28th April.17	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	144500	153000	-8500
	Gondal	Shankar-6	6181	6739	-558
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	11200	15250	-4050
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	18029	21790	-3761

	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	80000	90000	-10000
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	1641	563	1078
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	NA	160	-
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	NA	20	-
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	285	790	-505
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	590	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	530	1959	-1429
	Khargaon	Mech-1	3100	6530	-3430
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	300	590	-290
	Jamner	Medium Staple	1467	1583	-116
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Hathras	Desi	NA	NA	-
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	3940	4415	-475
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	112	188	-76
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	7920	9968	-2048
	Hubli	D.C.H.	2	10	-8
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	1020	1067	-47
Commodity	Lint		Weekly Sum Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	29th April to 05th May.17	22nd to 28th April.17	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	2635	3910	-1275
	Abohar	J-34	2125	1275	850
	Mansa	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	850	850	Unch
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/	Weekly Average Prices	+/-
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			GPT	28th April to 04th May.17	21st to 27th April.17	Change
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	34450	34133	317
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	35450	35133	317
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	43650	44067	-417
H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	27	40550	40983	-433
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	28	42067	42617	-550
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	43717	44133	-417
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	46000	45933	67
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	57500	57500	Unch

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