

Current Market Outlook

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

Average price of Lint at Sirsa during the week was Rs. 4057 per maund (of 37.32 Kg each), compared to the previous week price of Rs 4127. Cotton fiber (Shankar-6) prices noticed pale tone this week. Average price was Rs 40617 per candy (of 355.6 kg each) during the week, which was Rs 41817 per candy previous week. Future price of cotton (at NCDEX, Continuous contract) closed lower this week at Rs. 856 per maund (of 20 kg each) which was Rs 863.5 a 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. 4800-5200 per quintal in the bench mark market. Lint price at Sirsa is likely to be in range of Rs 3900-4300 per maund. Kapas prices at NCDEX (Continuous contract), is expected to hover in the range of Rs.800-1000 per maund (of 20 kg each).

Major Market Highlights: According to the official figures, cotton has been sown on 121.72 lakh hectares as on September 22, 2017 across the country compared to 102.56 lakh hectares during the same period previous year.

On the back of favorable weather conditions and lucrative expected returns, rating agency, ICRA projected India to produce 36 million bales of cotton in 2018, up by 6 per cent from the previous year.

The Cotton Association of India projected India's cotton export to decline by 17% to 6 million bales in 2016- 17 due to the appreciation of Indian rupee this year, which makes the Indian cotton less lucrative for the foreign importers.

Provided a normal monsoon this year, the Cotton Association of India projected india's cotton production to rise by 11.4% from 34.1 million bales in 2016-17 to 38 million bales in 2017-18.

The Indian govt. had increased cotton MSP (Minimum Support Price) for long staple cotton from Rs 4,160/quintal in 2016-17 to Rs 4,320/quintal in 2017-18.

As per the latest report published by USDA, India is expected to produce 6.09 million Tonnes of cotton in 2017-18 which is 5.7% higher than the cotton produced last year in 2016-17.

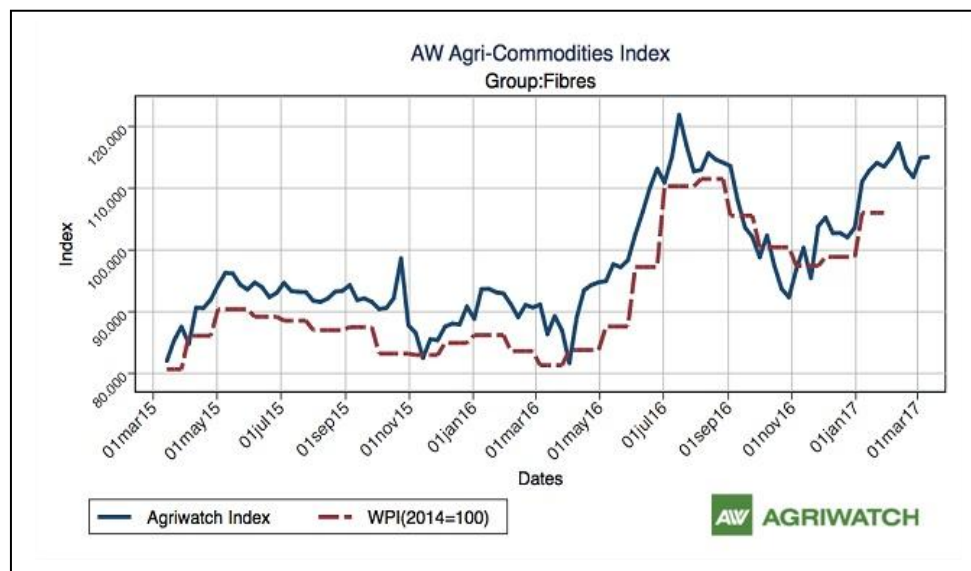
The sale of cotton seeds has picked up with sowing going on in full swing in the states of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and some parts of Karnataka. According to the National Seeds Association of India (NSAI), cotton seed sales are likely to cross 5.5 to 6.5 lakh packs (each of 450 gms) this season.

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.



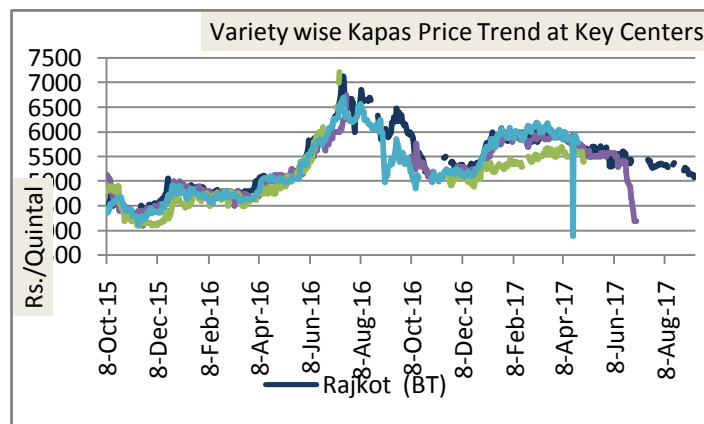
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Domestic Cotton Prices Scenario

Kapas (Raw Cotton) Weekly Price Scenario

Weekly Price Review: Weekly kapas average price at Rajkot fell from Rs 5117/quintal to Rs 5083/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

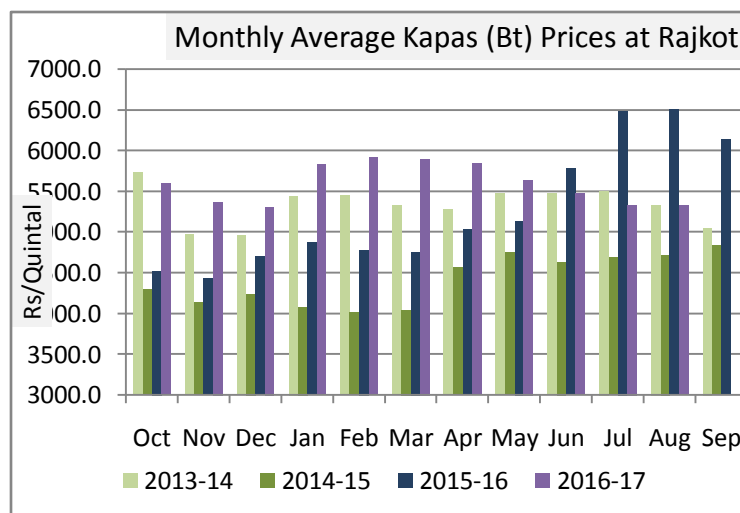


Weekly Price Outlook: Kapas prices are expected to remain range-bound to pale in coming days. The expected range for Kapas at Rajkot is Rs 4800-5200per quintal for the coming week.

Kapas Monthly Y-o-Y Price Scenario

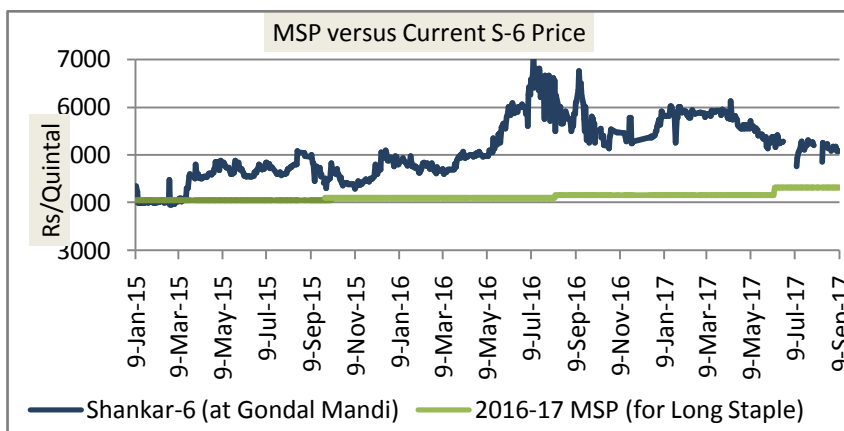
Kapas(seed cotton) prices in country noticed weak tone during the August month when compared to the previous month, and the same is ruling lower compared to the prices during the corresponding month of the previous season.

Monthly average price of Kapas at Rajkot remained Rs.5323 per quintal during August, which was Rs.5328 during previous month and Rs.6504 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 September month is likely to be Rs 5100-5600 per quintal.



Spot Price versus MSP

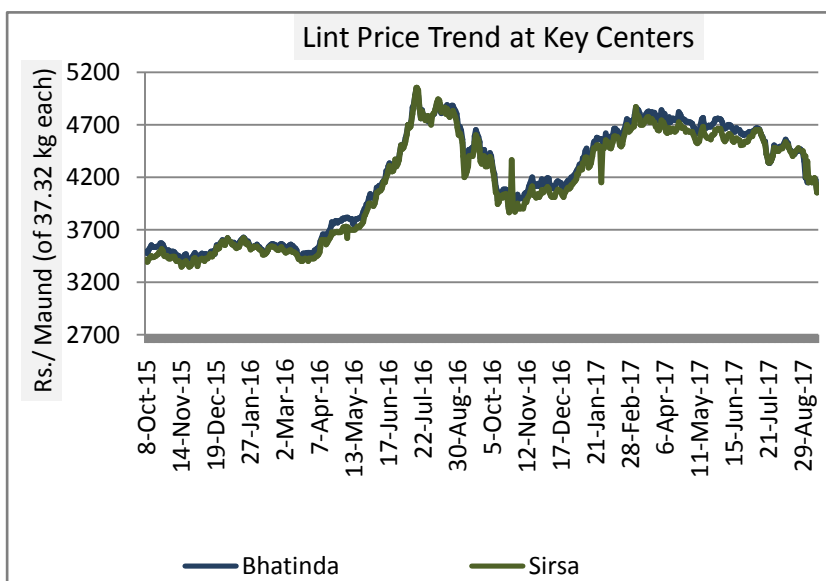
The Kapas prices are ruling above the MSP so far. The gap between the two prices has decreased this week. The average gap between the prices was Rs.644 this week compared to Rs.797.5 a week earlier. This indicates prices are increasing



Lint (De-Seeded Cotton) Weekly Price Scenario

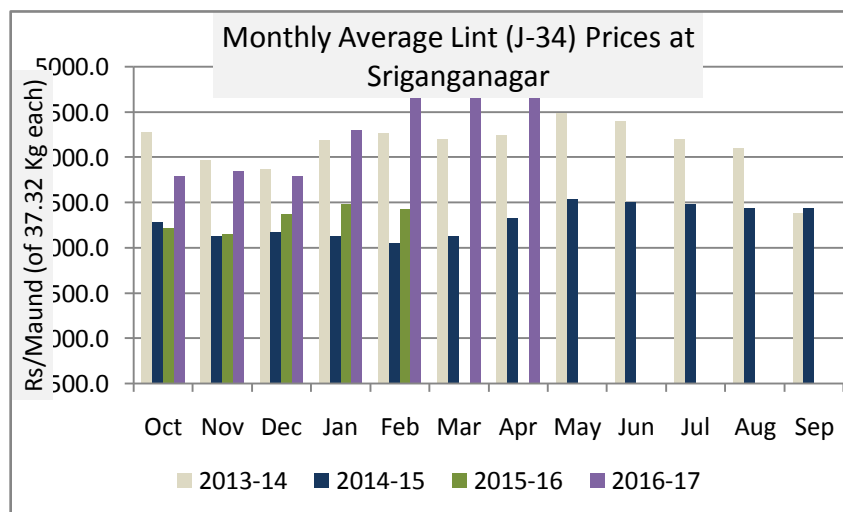
Weekly Price Review: Lint prices remained pale during the week owing to light tone prevailing in market. Weekly average price of Lint at Sirsa remained Rs. 4057 per maund of 37.32 kg each, lower compared to the previous week price of Rs. 4127 per maund.

Weekly Price Outlook: Lint prices are expected to remain range bound to pale during the week. We expect Lint at Sirsa to remain in the range of Rs. 3900-4300per maund.



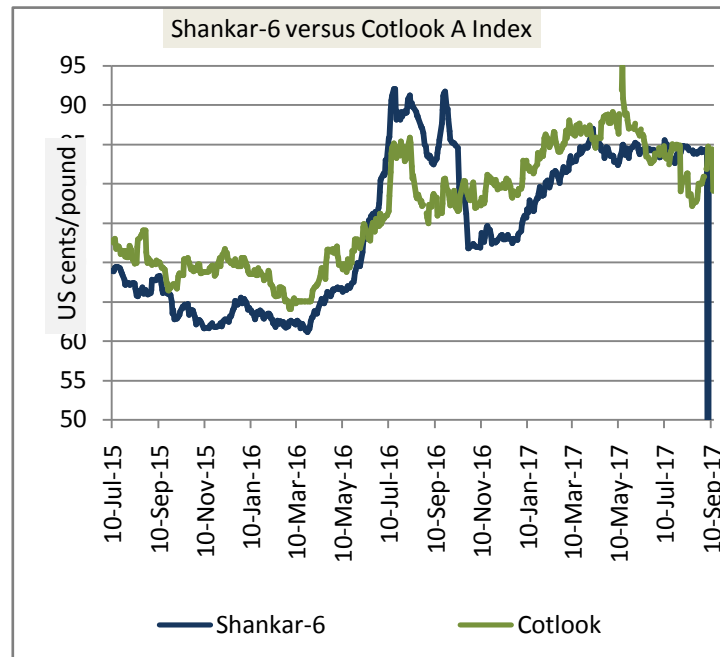
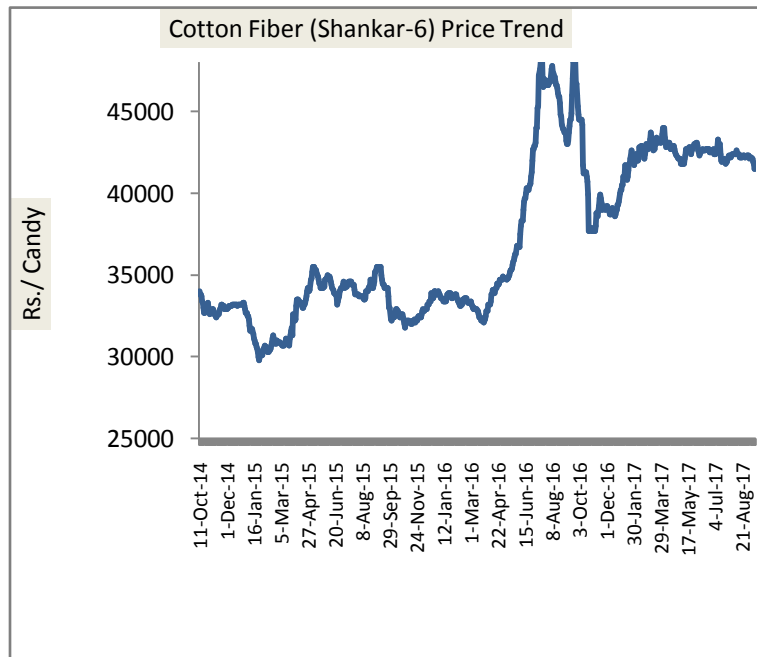
Lint Monthly Y-o-Y Price Scenario

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 pale tone this week. Weekly average price of cotton (Shankar-6) at Mumbai remained Rs.40617 per candy (of 355.6 kg each) compared to Rs. 41817 per candy in the previous week.

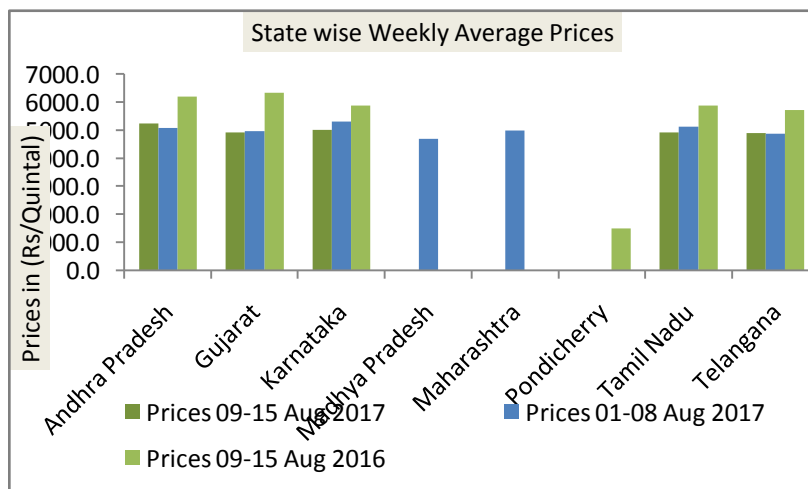


Indian Fiber price versus International Fiber Price: Indian fiber prices are ruling above the international price. Against the weekly average Cotlook A Index of 79.31 cents/pound, Indian weekly average price stood at 81.02 cents/pound, making Indian fiber less competitive in international market.

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 Andhra Pradesh followed by Karnataka this week and lowest was in Telangana followed by Tamil Nadu. On year on year basis, cotton prices are reflecting downtrend in most of the States. Prices have been summarized in the table given in annexure.



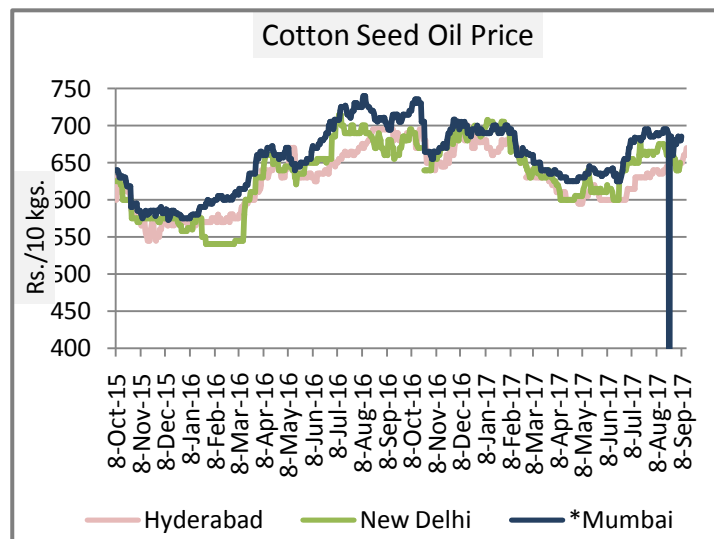
Cotton Seed Oil and Cotton Seed Oil Cake

Cotton Seed Oil Weekly Price Scenario

Cotton seed oil price mostly remained pale during the week. Weekly average price in New Delhi remained Rs 642 per 10 Kg, lower compared to the weekly average price of Rs 645 per 10 Kg in previous week.

Centers	Weekly Average Price as on (Rs/10 kg.)		% Change
	21-Sep-17	14-Sep-17	
New Delhi	642	645	-0.52
Rajkot	653	653	-0.08
Hyderabad	662	658	0.51
Mumbai*	680	681	-0.12

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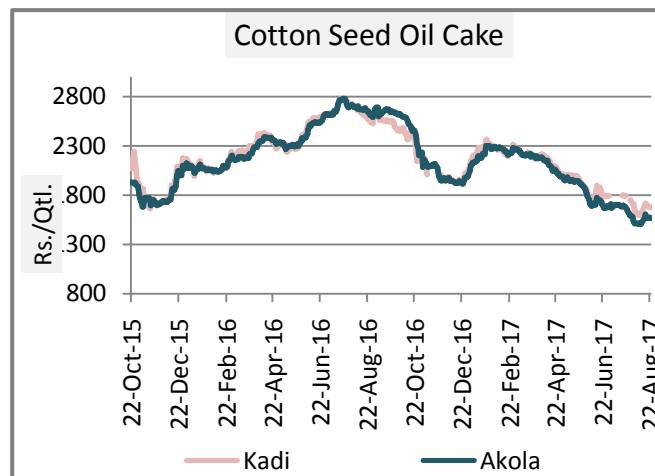


Cotton Seed Oil Cake Weekly Price Scenario

Cotton seed oil cake price noticed pale tone during this week. Weekly average price in Akola remained Rs 1493 per quintal, lower compared to the weekly average price of Rs 1511 per quintal in the previous week.

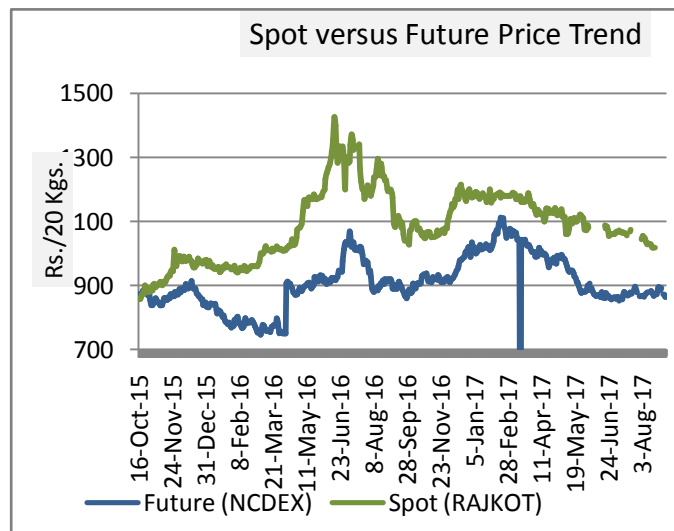
Centers	Weekly Average Price as on (Rs/quintal.)*		% Change
	21-Sep-17	14-Sep-17	
Kadi	1524	1599	-4.65
Akola	1493	1511	-1.18

**Source: NCDEX*

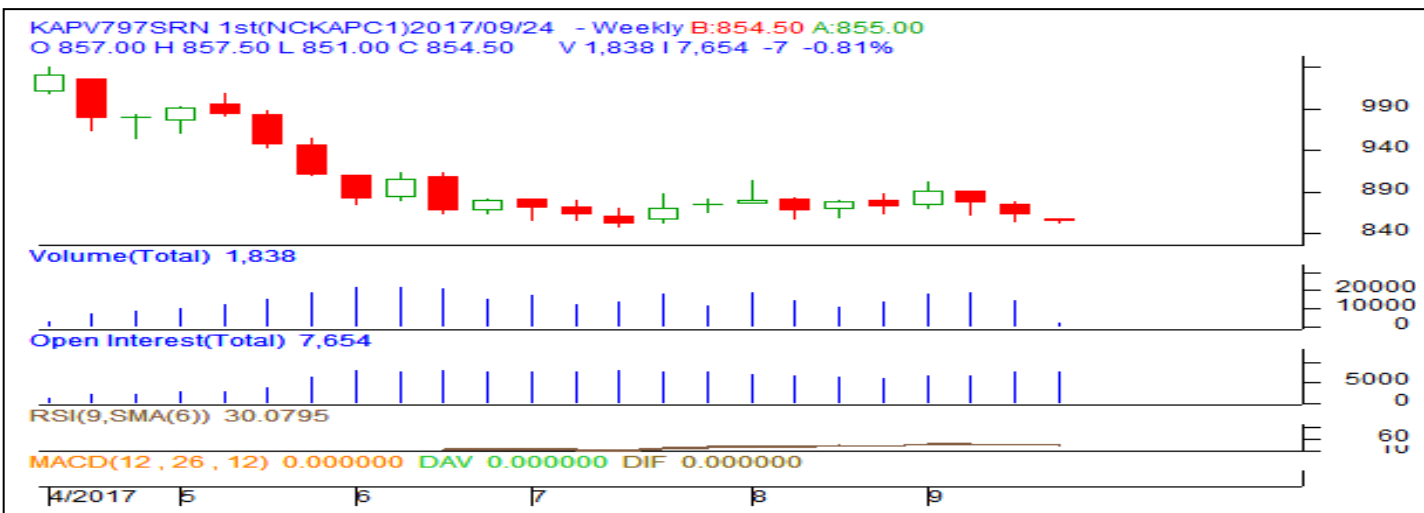


Cotton Spot and Future Price Trend

Cotton future price closed lower this week. Kapas at NCDEX (Continuous chart) closed at Rs.856 as on 21 September 2017, compared to 863.5 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.151.1 which was Rs 149.4 a week earlier.



Technical Analysis of Kapas Future Prices at NCDEX(Continuous Chart C1)



Weekly Technical Outlook:

- Kapas prices and volume decreased while O.I increased for the week.
- RSI is hovering in a neutral zone.
- MACD signal line and center line denotes neutral crossover.

Expected Price Range During Coming Week

Expected Trend	Expected Trading Band
Range-bound To Firm Momentum	800-1000

Expected Support and Resistance

Support 1	Support 2	Resistance 1	Resistance 2
750	700	1080	1150

Figures in Rs/20 Kg

International Market Scenario

International cotton prices remained range bound to pale during the week. Cotlook A index weekly average stood at 80.95 cents/pound this week, which was 81.78 cents/pound during last week.

Major Market Highlights: According to the latest report published by International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), world's cotton area is likely to increase by 9% to 31.9 million hectares in 2017-18.

ICAC also projected global cotton production to rise by 9% from 23.07 million tonnes in 2016-17 to 25.14 million tonnes in 2017-18. Wherein, China, U.S and Pakistan are projected to produce 5.2 million tonnes, 4.5 million tonnes and 2 million tonnes of cotton respectively.

On the back of a favorable weather condition , increased acreage and yield; the Chinese govt. forecasted the country to produce 5.28 MT of cotton in 2017-18. Alongwith it, cotton consumption by the country is also projected to lie at 7.9 MT during 2017-18.

As per the latest USDA report, global cotton production is expected to rise by 8.25% from 23.08 million tonnes in 2016-17 to 24.98 million tonnes in 2017-18; wherein China, U.S , Pakistan and Brazil are expected to produce 5.23 million tonnes, 4.18 million tonnes, 2.03 million tonnes and 1.52 million tonnes of cotton respectively in 2017-18.

According to the Cotton Board of Zambia, it is likely to produce 117,000 tonnes of cotton this year compared to 116,000 tonnes in the previous year. Though the number of farmers cultivating cotton declined by over 20,000 from 277,560, production increased amid favourable weather in the growing regions.

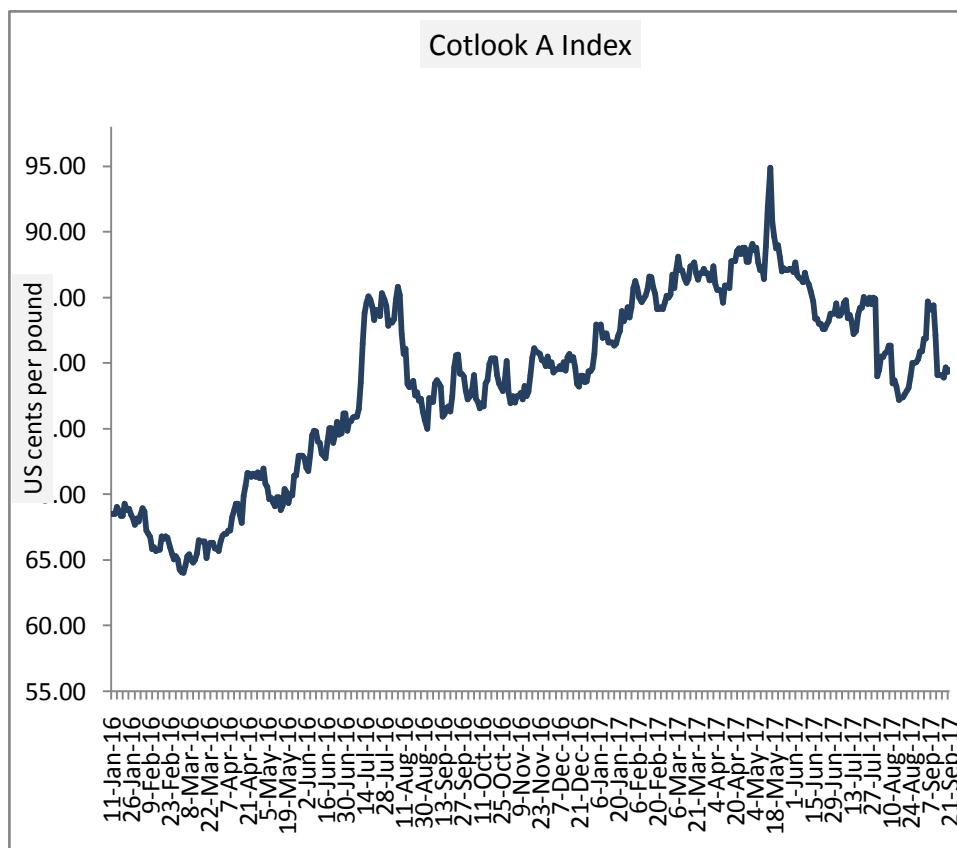
In a bid to discourage imports and to promote domestic sowing and harvesting of cotton, the Pakistan govt. had re-imposed import duty of 4% & sales tax of 5% on import of cotton to the country that is going to get effective from 15th July, 2017.

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 ginneries.

Cotlook A Index

Cotlook A index remained pale during the week.



Cotlook A Index	Weekly Average Price as on		% Change
	21-Sep-17	14-Sep-17	
Prices	79.31	81.75	-3.0
Prices in US cents per Pound			

China Cotton Index and Foreign Cotton Index

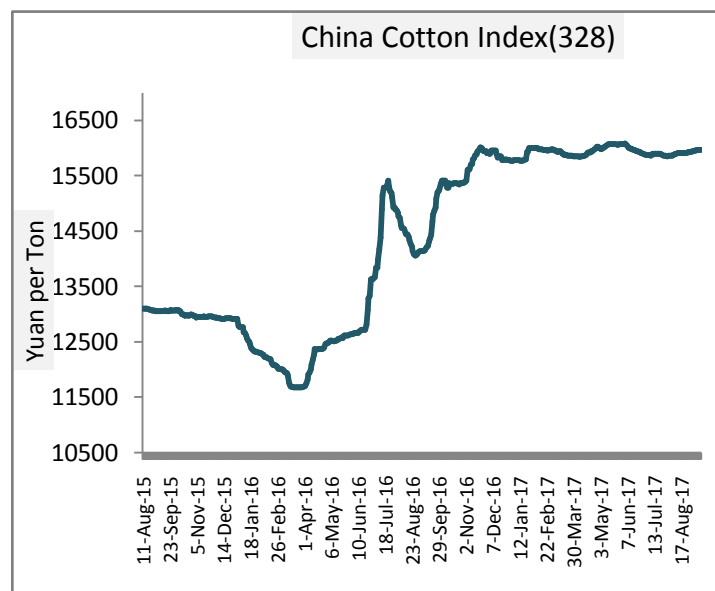
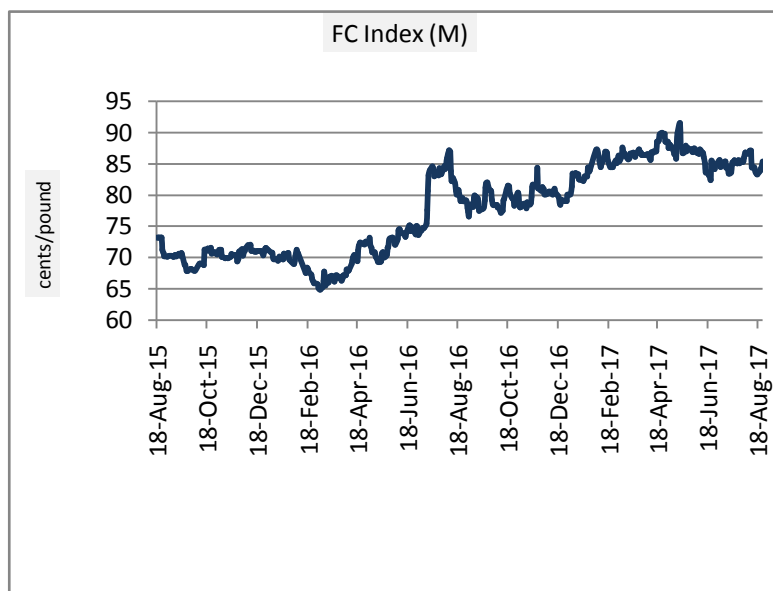
According to the National Bureau of Statistics, cotton production in China declined by 4.6 per cent in 2016 to 5.34 million tons compared to the previous year. Production has declined amid decline in acreage and yields. Acreage has declined by 11.1 per cent to 3.38 million hectares. Yields of cotton 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
	21-Sep-17	14-Sep-17	
FC (S)	83.34	86.57	-3.73
FC (M)	79.14	81.71	-3.14
FC (L)	77.26	80.46	-3.98
Prices in US cents per Pound			

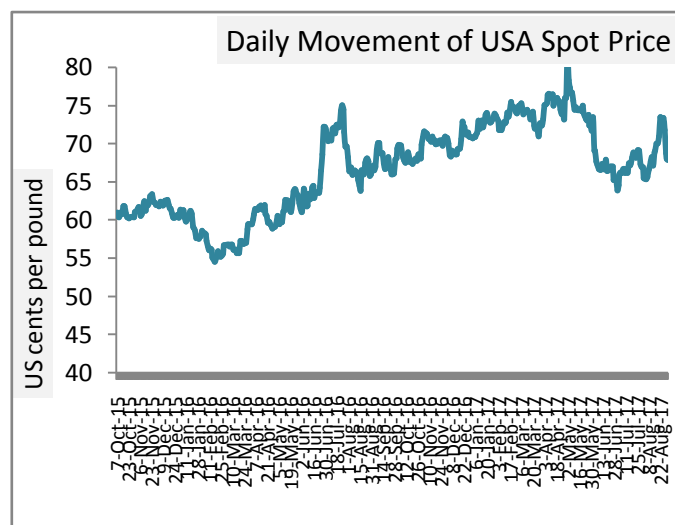
China Index remained firm during the week. CC Index (328) remained 15970 Yuan per ton during the week. Average was 15954 Yuan per ton during previous week.

Cotton Index	Weekly Average Price as on		% Change
	21-Sep-17	14-Sep-17	
CCIndex(328)	15970	15954	0.10
CCIndex(527)	14912	14890	0.15
CCIndex(229)	16405	16390	0.09
Prices in Yuan per ton			



USA Spot Prices

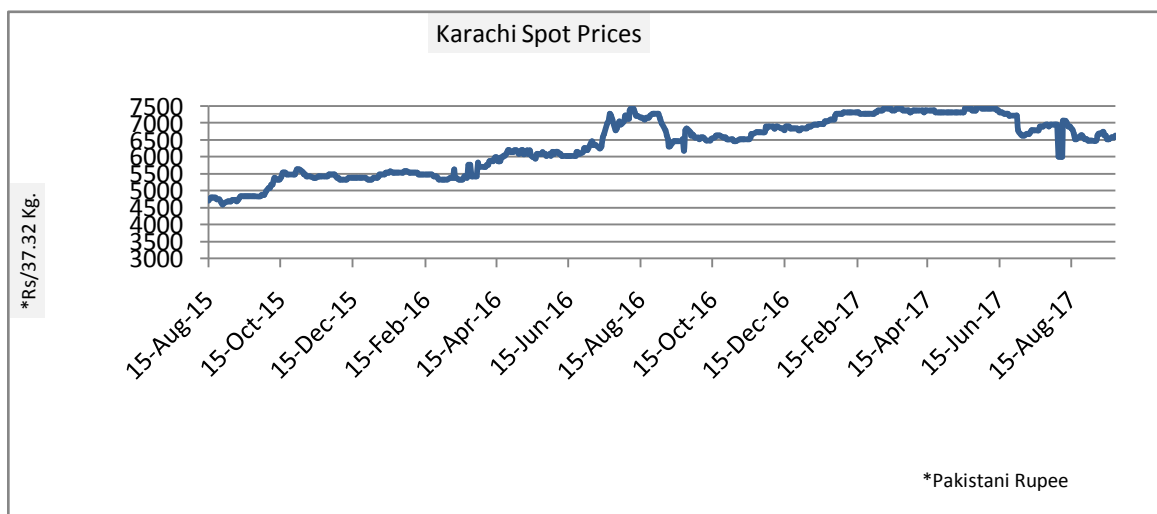
According to latest report of USDA, global 2016/17 cotton ending stocks are revised down this month. Production in Pakistan is estimated to be lower, based on arrivals at gins, but higher in China. World ending stocks are now projected at 90.48 million bales.



USA Spot Prices	Weekly Average Price as on		% Change
	21-Sep-17	14-Sep-17	
Prices	68.27	69.95	-2.40
Prices in US cents per Pound			

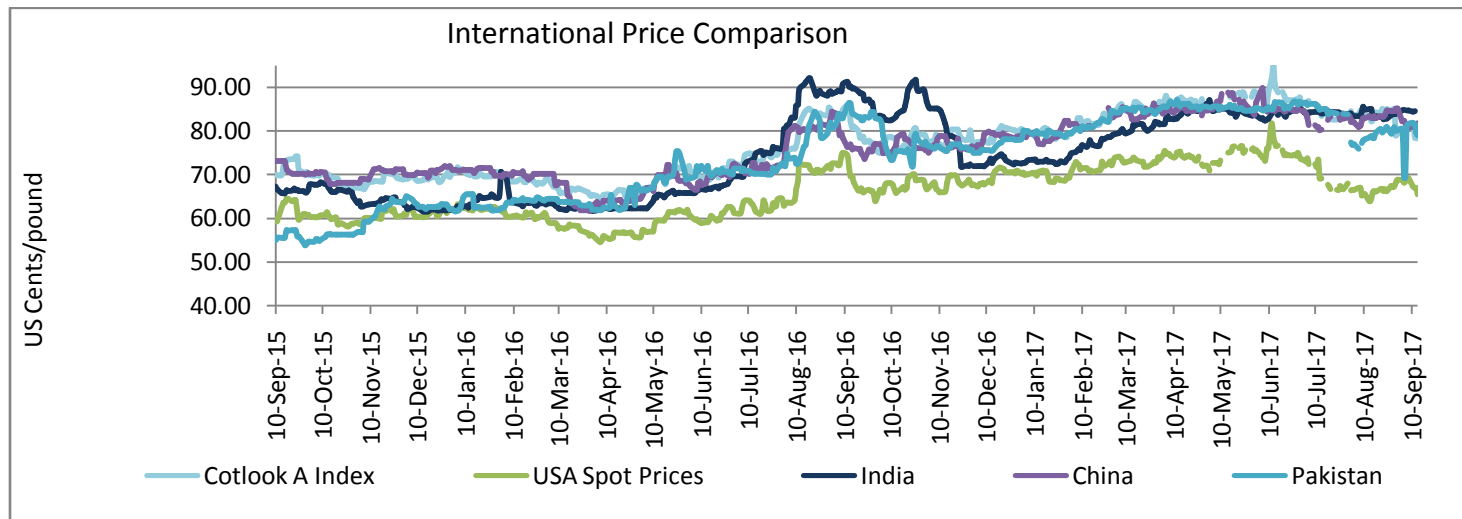
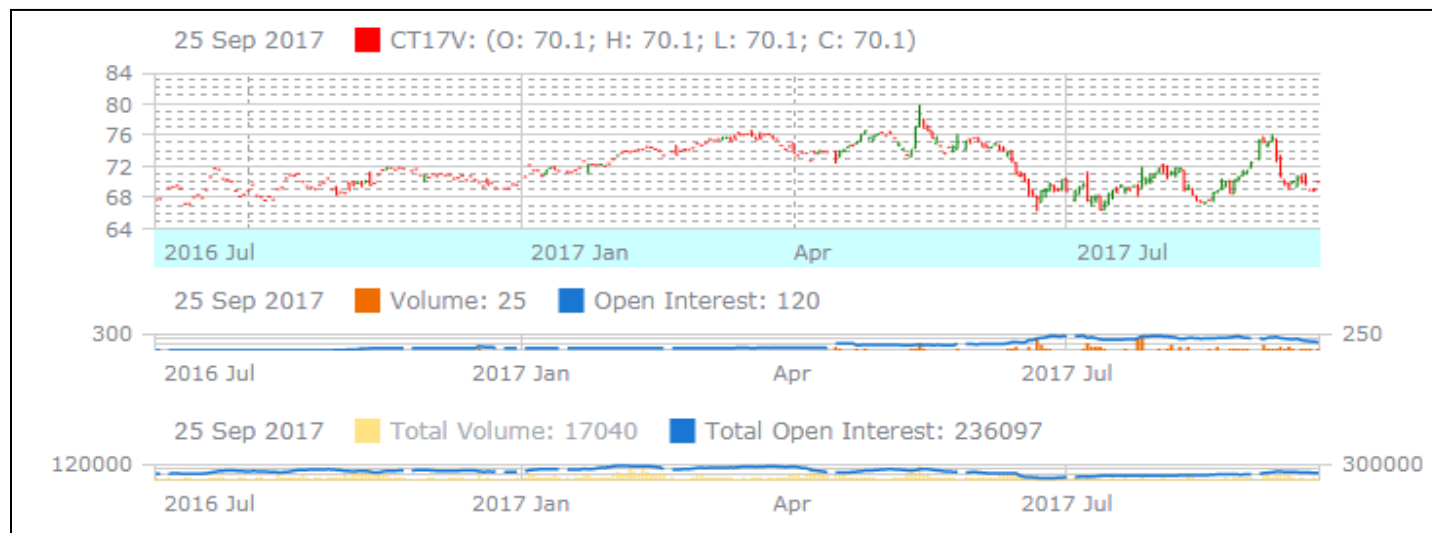
Pakistan Spot Prices

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
	21-Sep-17	14-Sep-17	
Prices	6576	6657	-1.22
Prices in Rs per 37.32 Kg			

International Price Comparison

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

Weekly Technical Outlook:

- Candlesticks denote bearish movement in the market.
- Volume decreased while Open Interest increased.
- 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	65.00-75.00

Expected Support and Resistance

Support 1	Support 2	Resistance 1	Resistance 2
60.23	57.84	82.30	85.26

Figures in US cents/pound

Cotton Future Prices at ICE

Contracts	20-Sep	Week Ago	Month ago	Year Ago	%W-o-W change	%M-o-M change	%Y-o-Y change
Oct-17	70.04	69.98	68.71	70.82	0.09	1.94	-1.10
Dec-17	69.25	69.09	67.56	70.80	0.23	2.50	-2.19
Mar-18	68.51	68.60	67.30		-0.13	1.80	
May-18	69.03	69.21	67.90		-0.26	1.66	
Jul-18	69.50	69.64	68.51		-0.20	1.45	
Oct-18	67.84	67.89	67.57		-0.07		

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	16th to 22nd September 2017	09th to 15th September 2017	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	NA	NA	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	4925	5092	-167
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	5070	5109	-39
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	4865	4579	286
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	4333	4404	-71
	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	4279	4430	-151
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	4293	4481	-188
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	4523	4597	-74
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-

Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	3869	4139	-270
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	4738	4592	146
	Hathras	Desi	4588	4358	229
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	4533	4525	8
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	4200	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	3702	NA	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	4285	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	4320	4320	Unch
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	5140	5453	-313
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	4487	5127	-640
Commodity	Lint		Prices (Rs./Maund of 37.32kg each)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	16th to 22nd September 2017	09th to 15th September 2017	
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	4040	4120	-80
	Abohar	J-34	4043	4124	-82
	Mansa	J-34	4039	4120	-81
	Muktsar	J-34	NA	NA	-
	Fazilika	J-34	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4040	4113	-73
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Kapas		Weekly Sum Arrivals (Quintal)		Change
State	Centre	Variety	16th to 22nd September 2017	09th to 15th September 2017	
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Shankar-6	NA	NA	-
	Gondal	Shankar-6	1120	2479	-1359
	Rajkot	B.T. Cotton	3335	4600	-1265
	Patan	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Kadi	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Deesa	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	B.T. Cotton	17	40	-23
Punjab	Fazilika	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Muktsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Bhiwani	B.T. Cotton	27000	25000	2000

	Bhiwani	Desi	NA	NA	-
	Adampur	B.T. Cotton	2040	5738	-3698
	Fatehabad	B.T. Cotton	2800	1535	1265
	Jind	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Uchana	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Dabwali	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	B.T. Cotton	3021	365	2656
	Rawatsar	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Khargaon	Mech-1	8680	22455	-13775
Maharashtra	Amravati	Mech-1	NA	NA	-
	Jamner	Medium Staple	NA	NA	-
Uttar Pradesh	Hathras	B.T. Cotton	1210	2000	-790
	Hathras	Desi	662	720	-58
Telangana	Adilabad	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Un-Ginned	70	NA	-
	Kurnool	Un-Ginned	70	NA	-
	Krishna	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
	East Godavari	Un-Ginned	NA	NA	-
Karnataka	Bijapur	Bunny	784	1950	-1166
	Hubli	D.C.H.	NA	NA	-
	Hubli	B.T. Cotton	NA	NA	-
	Raichur	H-44 Cotton	366	79	287
Commodity	Lint		Weekly Sum Arrivals (Quintal)		
State	Centre	Variety	16th to 22nd September 2017	09th to 15th September 2017	Change
Punjab	Bhatinda	J-34	28900	12580	16320
	Abohar	J-34	8330	4335	3995
	Mansa	J-34	2848	1148	1700
Haryana	Sirsa	J-34	4080	1785	2295
Rajasthan	Sri-Ganganagar	J-34	NA	NA	-

Cotton Association of India Spot Rates:

Trade Name	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Weekly Average Prices		+/- Change
				15th to 21st September 2017	08th to 14th September 2017	
Bengal Deshi (RG)/Assam Comilla (101)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	33833	33700	133
Bengal Deshi (SG)(201)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	15	34833	34700	133
J-34(202)	26mm	3.5 - 4.9	23	38750	39750	-1000

H-4/ MECH-1(105)	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	27	39783	40617	-833
Shankar-6(105)	29mm	3.5 – 4.9	28	40617	41817	-1200
Bunny/ Brahma(105)	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	30	43217	43850	-633
MCU-5/ Surabhi(106)	32mm	3.3 - 4.9	31	45067	45750	-683
DCH-32(107)	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	52750	54500	-1750

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