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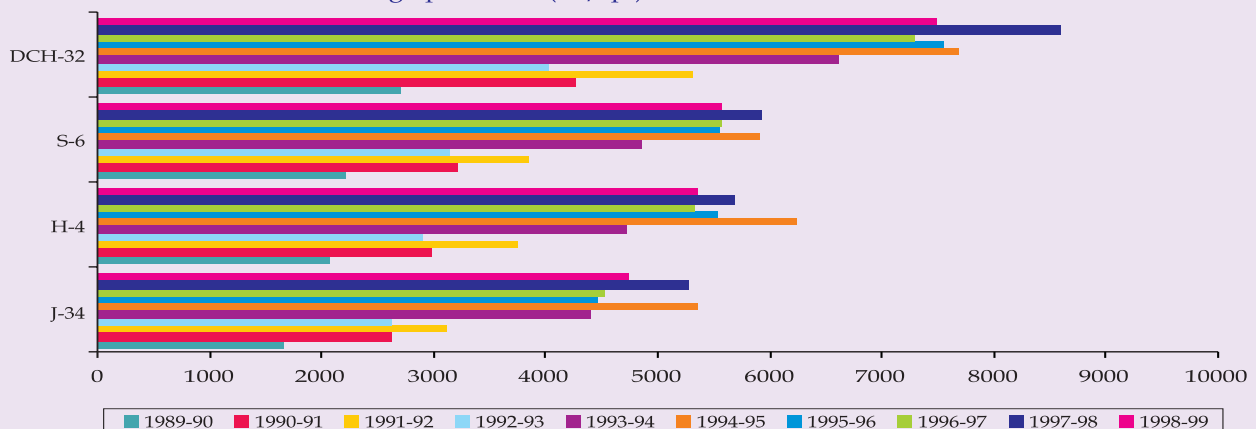
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Cotton Prices Nearly Quadruple in Two Decades

A study of the data relating to cotton prices during the last two decades throws up several interesting facts. For instance, the current cotton prices are about three to four times of those prevailing during twenty years ago. The detailed year-wise data pertaining to four representative varieties as also on the country's cotton production are given below :

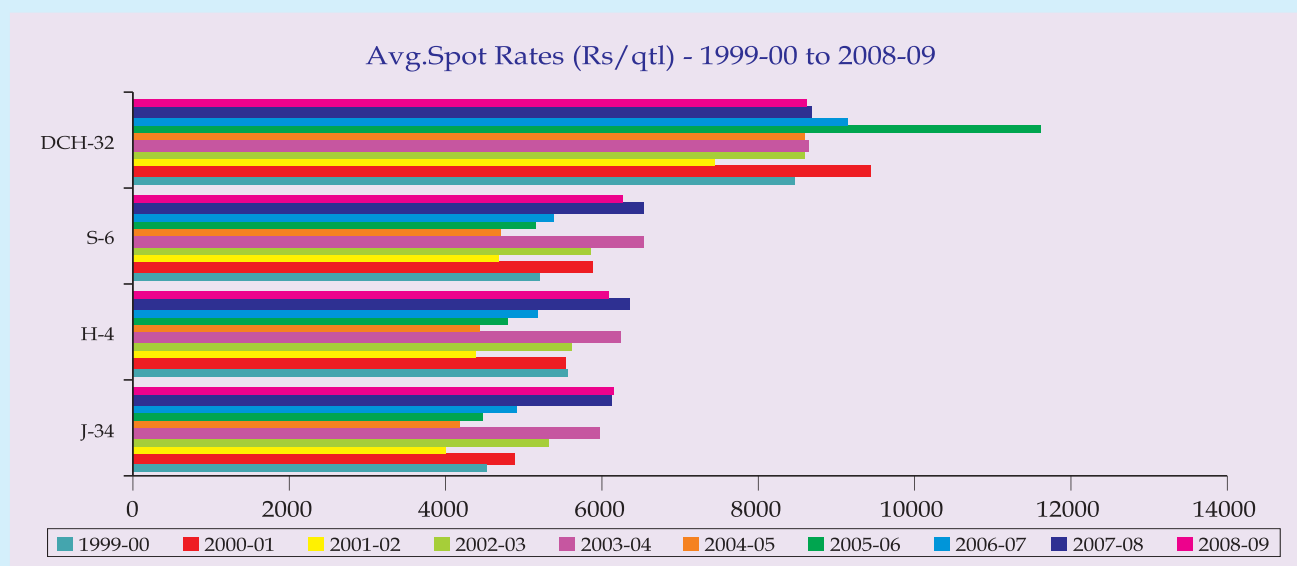
Year	Av. Spot Rate (Rs./Qtl.)				Cotton Production (lakh bales)
	J-34	H-4	S-6	DCH-32	
1989-90	1667	2073	2222	2716	136
1990-91	2638	2980	3222	4269	117
1991-92	3114	3747	3854	5309	119
1992-93	2621	2913	3149	4033	138
1993-94	4398	4720	4854	6623	122
1994-95	5350	6247	5904	7691	139
1995-96	4469	5542	5554	7558	171
1996-97	4523	5341	5575	7294	178
1997-98	5284	5696	5927	8595	158
1998-99	4735	5365	5572	7490	165
Average	3880	4462	4583	6158	144
% Increase	184	158	151	176	21
% Difference between Highest+Lowest Value	221	201	167	216	52

Avg.Spot Rates (Rs/qlt) - 1989-90 to 1998-99



During the decade commencing from 1989-90, prices of different varieties increased by 151 per cent to 184 per cent. During that decade, the percentage difference between the highest and lowest prices ranged from 167 to 221 per cent. In other words, the intra-variety variation was so much that prices more than trebled in some cases. This was apparently because of the chronic shortage of cotton prevailing then and large scale imports were the order of the day. Therefore, even a slight fall in production had immediate repercussion on price movement pushing it up. Similarly, if the production was somewhat higher, prices eased significantly.

Av. Spot Rate (Rs./Qtl.)					
Year	J-34	H-4	S-6	DCH-32	Cotton Production (lakh bales)
1999-00	4538	5562	5192	8469	156
2000-01	4897	5531	5868	9430	140
2001-02	3994	4376	4669	7438	158
2002-03	5326	5615	5845	8583	136
2003-04	5959	6226	6544	8651	179
2004-05	4190	4446	4708	8596	243
2005-06	4473	4786	5144	11619	241
2006-07	4903	5179	5370	9149	280
2007-08	6104	6353	6541	8681	307
2008-09	6158	6074	6252	8631	290
Average	5054	5415	5613	8925	213
% Increase	36	9	20	2	9
% Difference between Highest+Lowest Value	54	45	40	56	126
% Increase in 20 years	270	193	181	218	113



During the subsequent decade commencing from 1999-2000, prices of different varieties escalated only to a small extent from 2 per cent to 36 per cent, much less than in the previous decade. The percentage difference between the highest and lowest price of a given variety was also much less at 40 to 56 per cent. This is obviously a reflection of the relatively more comfortable and more stable cotton situation with production surpassing the requirement by sizable margins. In fact, from a net importing country in the earlier decade, India turned into a net exporting country during this decade and in 2007-08 India emerged as the world's second largest exporter, a far cry from the earlier decade.

(To be continued)

'Ram Navami' Festival Celebrated at Cotton Green

The Trustees of Shree Ramchandraji Temple Trust organised 'Shree Ram Navami Utsav' on 24th March 2010 at Cotton Green with great spiritual fervor. Thousands of people took part in the sacred rituals performed all through the day.

Devotees from all over the place performed elaborate pujas and chant the name of Rama. Temple of Rama had special services and bhajan sessions through the day. Stories from the Ramayana are



read out in joyous public gatherings. The "prasada" was distributed among all the people who have gathered for worship.



Glimpses of Ram Navami Utsav at Cotton Green



CONSUMPTION OF COTTON BY TEXTILE MILLS (COTTON YEAR - WISE) (lakh bales)

Months	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09(P)
NON SSI									
October	12.00	11.83	12.45	10.92	12.97	13.97	15.74	16.40	14.93
November	12.45	11.48	11.69	11.90	12.49	13.60	16.15	15.20	15.26
December	12.93	12.54	12.62	12.97	13.83	14.75	16.74	16.91	16.23
January	12.58	12.54	12.38	12.95	13.16	14.84	16.52	16.69	15.43
February	11.74	11.71	11.41	12.44	12.77	13.80	15.41	16.33	14.66
March	12.90	12.37	12.21	13.04	13.75	15.49	16.56	16.59	15.74
April	12.41	12.25	11.71	12.52	13.60	14.87	16.29	16.18	15.45
May	12.64	12.32	12.37	12.75	14.05	15.30	16.08	17.05	16.12
June	12.50	12.16	11.40	12.61	13.89	15.17	16.07	16.66	16.27
July	12.76	12.76	11.80	12.94	14.04	15.78	16.52	16.63	17.26
August	12.40	12.65	11.31	12.86	15.73	16.30	16.70	15.88	16.91
September	12.05	12.39	11.07	12.49	13.70	16.23	16.13	15.15	
TOTAL									
(Oct-Sept)	149.36	147.00	142.42	150.39	163.98	180.10	194.91	195.67	174.26 (180.52)
SSI Units	10.97*	11.70	11.63	12.99	16.57	18.85	21.27	22.08	10.02
Non - SSI									
Mill Cons.	12.70	13.06	14.78	10.00	14.00@	15.00@			
Total Cons.	173.03	171.76	168.83	173.38	194.44				
Cotton									
Production	140.00	158.00	136.00	179.00	243.00	241.00	280.00	315.00	290.00

Note : Figures in the bracket indicate the corresponding figure of the previous year

P = Provisional @ - as per CAB

Source: Office of the Textile Commissioner -January 2010

S N I P P E T S

As per the study by a Global Strategic Business Report on Organic Cotton, India, Syria and Turkey account for more than 85 percent of global organic cotton production. India is a leading producer of Organic cotton and in the next few years is expected to seize a sizable stake in the organic textile sector across the globe. The United States represents the leading consumer of organic cotton and eco-textiles. The US accounts for 40 percent of the organic cotton consumption in apparel products.

The study analyses organic cotton market data for the US, India, China, Syria, Turkey, Tanzania, Uganda and other producers around the world.



Growth of the six core sector industries, viz. crude oil production, refining, coal, electricity, finished steel and cement dropped to a moderate 4.5 per cent in February after posting a robust growth of 9.4 per cent in January, as per reports. The growth during February last year was, however, only a meagre 1.9 per cent. The core sector industries

had been posting a healthy growth of 6 per cent during November, 6.4 per cent in December and 9.4 per cent in January before it moderated in February. Since these industries have a significant weight of 26.7 per cent in the index of industrial production (IIP), economists are said to be of the view that the industrial output in February may not maintain the momentum of December and January of over 16 per cent.



Postponement of Third CAB Meeting to 8.04.2010

As reported earlier, the third meeting of the cotton advisory board for the cotton season 2009-10 fixed on 6th April, 2010 has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances as per the communication received from the office of the Textile Commissioner. The same will now be held on 8.4.2010 (Thursday). The time and venue remains unchanged.

UPCOUNTRY SPOT RATES

(Rs./Candy)

Official quotations for standard descriptions with basic grade and staple in Millimetres based on Upper Half mean Length under By-law 66 (A)(a)(4)					SPOT RATES (UPCOUNTRY) 2009-10 CROP March - April 2010					
					27th	29th	30th	31st	1st	2nd
01.	ICS-101	Below 22mm	Bengal Deshi (RG)	5.0-7.0 15	H	20300	20300	20400	20400	M
02.	ICS-201	Below 22mm	Bengal Deshi (SG)	5.0-7.0 15	O	21000	21000	21100	21100	A R
03.	ICS-102	22mm	V-797	4.5-5.9 19		20700	20700	20700	20900	K
04.	ICS-103	23mm	Jayadhar	4.0-5 19		22500	22500	22600	22800	E
05.	ICS-104	24mm	Y-1	4.0-5.5 20	L	24700	24700	24700	24700	T
06.	ICS-202	25mm	J-34	3.5-4.9 23		26700	26700	26800	27100	
07.	ICS-105	25mm	NHH-44	3.5-4.9 22		N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	C
08.	ICS-105	27mm	LRA-5166	3.5-4.9 24	I	26600	26600	26800	27000	L
09.	ICS-105	28mm	H-4/ MECH-1	3.5-4.9 25		27000	27000	27200	27400	O S
10.	ICS-105	29mm	S-6	3.5-4.9 26	D	28400	28400	28400	28500	E
11.	ICS-105	31mm	Bunny/ Brahma	3.5-4.9 27		28400	28400	28400	28600	D
12.	ICS-106	33mm	MCU-5/ Surabhi	3.3-4.5 28	A	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	
13.	ICS-107	35mm	DCH-32	2.8-3.6 31		41500	41500	41500	41500	
14.	ICS-301	26mm	ICC	3.7-4.3 25	Y	27000	27000	27200	27200	