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# **COTTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

**JANUARY 2026**

**ALL INDIA ARRIVALS**

**STATEWISE CROP ESTIMATES**

**INDIAN COTTON BALANCE SHEET**



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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **CAI MAINTAINS INDIA'S COTTON PRESSING ESTIMATE FOR 2025-26 SEASON AT 317.00 LAKH BALES +/-3%**

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Cotton Association of India (CAI) has released its latest estimate of India's total cotton pressing numbers for 2025-26 season, which began on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2025. The CAI Crop Committee met on Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 virtually which was attended by 21 members representing various cotton growing regions of the country. Based on the input received from the members of eleven cotton growing state associations and other trade sources, the CAI Crop Committee has estimated cotton pressing of each state for 2025-26 season and also drawn cotton balance sheets till the end of January 2026 and also till end of ongoing crop year 2025-26 on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026. The state-wise break-up of cotton pressing numbers as well as balance sheets drawn by the CAI Crop Committee at the above meeting are enclosed.

The following are the salient features of the CAI Crop Report: -

#### **1. COTTON PRESSING**

As per the latest report submitted by upcountry associations and trade sources at the above CAI Crop Committee meeting, CAI's total cotton pressing estimate of the country for 2025-26 season has been maintained at 317.00 lakh bales of

170 kgs. each (equivalent to 332.65 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) +/- 3% i.e. same as estimated previously.

The Committee members will have a close watch on the cotton pressing numbers in the subsequent months and if any addition or reduction is required to be made in the pressing estimates, the same will be made in the CAI reports of the subsequent months.

## **2. CONSUMPTION**

CAI has maintained India's total cotton consumption during 2025-26 i.e. upto 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at the same level as estimated previously i.e. 305.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 320.06 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) as against 314.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 329.51 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) in last year.

Upto 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026, cotton consumption is estimated at 104.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 109.14 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each).

## **3. IMPORTS**

The CAI has maintained its estimate of cotton imports into India during 2025-26 season at 50.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 52.47 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) i.e. same as estimated previously.

The cotton imports estimated by the CAI for the ongoing 2025-26 season are higher by 9.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each than 41.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each estimated for the last year.

Upto 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026, about 35.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 36.73 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) are estimated to have arrived the Indian ports.

## **4. EXPORTS**

The CAI has maintained its cotton exports estimate for the 2025-26 season at 15.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 15.74 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each), against 18.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 18.89 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) estimated for 2024-25 season.

Upto 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026, about 6.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 6.30 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) are estimated to have been shipped by the country.

## **5. TOTAL COTTON SUPPLY**

Total cotton supply till end of the 2025-26 season i.e. upto 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026 is maintained at the same level as estimated previously i.e. 427.59 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 448.71 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) as against the last year's total supply of 392.59 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 411.98 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each). The total cotton supply estimated for the ongoing 2025-26 crop year consists of the opening stock of 60.59 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 63.58 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) at the beginning of the season on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025, cotton pressing numbers for the season estimated at 317.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each and imports for the season estimated at 50.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each.

Total cotton availability till end January 2026 is estimated at 316.17 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 331.78 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) and the same consists of the opening stock of 60.59 lakh at the beginning of the season on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025, cotton pressing estimated at 220.58 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each upto 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 and imports of 35.00 lakh bales estimated till end January 2026.

## **6. AVAILABLE SURPLUS**

Total available surplus (i.e. total supply of 427.59 lakh bales less total domestic demand estimated at 305.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each) works out to 122.59 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 128.64 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) at the end of 2025-26 season upto 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026 as against the last year's available surplus of 78.59 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 82.47 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each).

## **7. CLOSING STOCK AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

The closing stock at the end of 2025-26 season on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026 is maintained at 107.59 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 112.90 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) which is higher by 47.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each from the closing stock of 60.59 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to

63.58 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) for the previous year on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

The closing stock as on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 is estimated at 206.17 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 216.35 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each), which consists of 75.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 78.70 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) with textile mills and 131.17 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 137.65 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) with CCI, Maharashtra Federation, MNCs, Ginners, traders, etc. including cotton sold but not delivered.

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Date: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026



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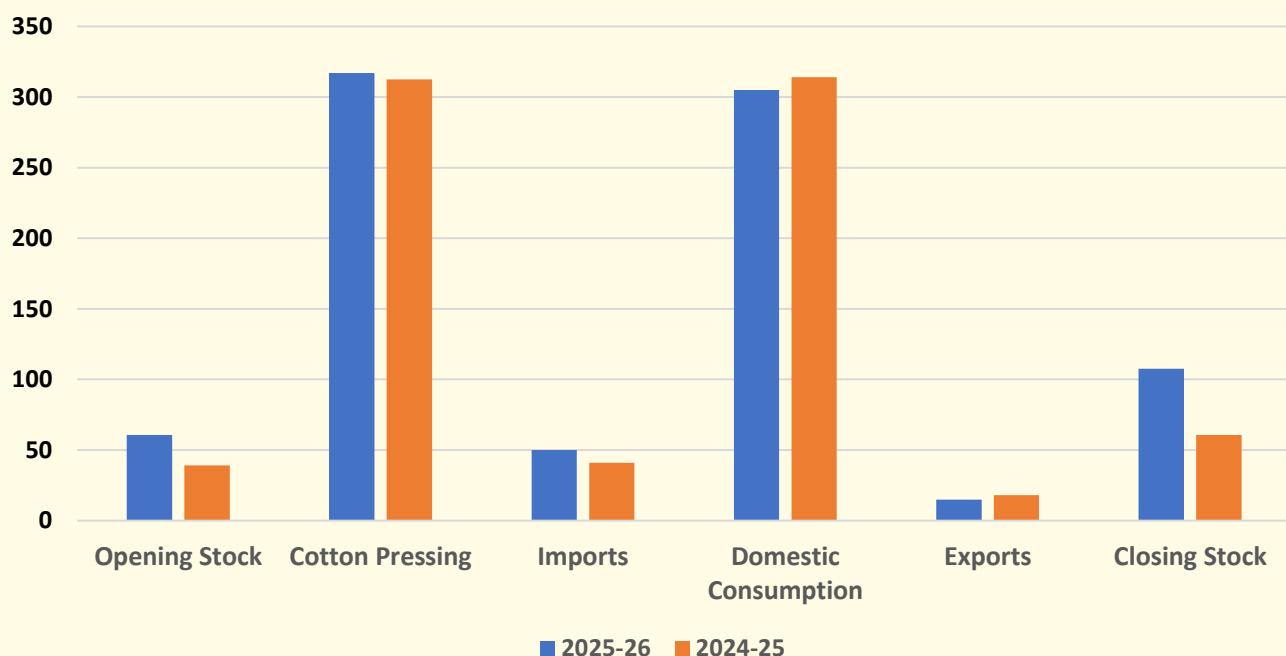
### INDIAN COTTON BALANCE SHEET FOR THE SEASON 2024-25 AND 2025-26

Estimated as on 31st January 2026

All Figures in Lakh Bales of 170 Kg

Season	2025-26	2024-25	Change	
Details	Dec-25	Jan-26	Monthly	Yearly
<b>Supply</b>				
Opening Stock	60.59	60.59	39.19	21.40
Cotton Pressing	317.00	317.00	312.40	4.60
Imports	50.00	50.00	41.00	9.00
<b>Total Supply</b>	<b>427.59</b>	<b>427.59</b>	<b>392.59</b>	<b>35.00</b>
<b>Demand</b>				
Non-MSME Consumption	216.00	216.00	210.00	6.00
MSME Consumption	73.00	73.00	89.00	-16.00
Non-Textile Consumption	16.00	16.00	15.00	1.00
<b>Total Domestic Demand</b>	<b>305.00</b>	<b>305.00</b>	<b>314.00</b>	<b>-9.00</b>
<b>Available Surplus</b>	<b>122.59</b>	<b>122.59</b>	<b>78.59</b>	<b>44.00</b>
Exports	15.00	15.00	18.00	-3.00
<b>Closing Stock</b>	<b>107.59</b>	<b>107.59</b>	<b>60.59</b>	<b>47.00</b>
<b>Note-The CAI's above estimates are +/- 3%</b>				

### Indian Cotton Comparative Balancesheet





# COTTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

## INDIAN COTTON PRESSING ESTIMATE FOR THE SEASON 2024-25 AND 2025-26

**Estimated as on 31st January 2026**

**All figures in Lakh Bales of 170 Kg**

## North Zone

Punjab	1.80	0.20	2.00	2.00		1.50	0.50
Haryana	6.52	0.48	7.00	7.00		8.05	-1.05
Upper Rajasthan	12.17	0.33	12.50	12.50		10.35	2.15
Lower Rajasthan	8.67	0.33	9.00	9.00		9.65	-0.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>29.16</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>30.50</b>	<b>30.50</b>		<b>29.55</b>	<b>0.95</b>

## Central Zone

Gujarat	73.01	1.99	75.00	75.00		77.00	-2.00
Maharashtra	92.54	1.46	94.00	94.00		91.00	3.00
Madhya Pradesh	17.50	0.50	18.00	18.00		19.00	-1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>183.05</b>	<b>3.95</b>	<b>187.00</b>	<b>187.00</b>		<b>187.00</b>	

## South Zone

Telangana	44.09	0.91	45.00	45.00		48.75	-3.75
Andhra Pradesh	16.70	0.30	17.00	17.00		13.25	3.75
Karnataka	26.45	0.55	27.00	27.00		24.00	3.00
Tamil Nadu	4.86	0.14	5.00	5.00		4.00	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>92.10</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>94.00</b>	<b>94.00</b>		<b>90.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>
Orissa	3.42	0.08	3.50	3.50		3.85	-0.35
Others	2.00		2.00	2.00		2.00	

Loose cotton production figures are as per the survey report of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles and Management for a non-covid year.

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## ALL INDIA COTTON PRESSINGS

**As on 31st January 2026**



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### Balance Sheet of 4 months

From 01-Oct-2025 to 31-Jan-2026

Details	In Lakh Bales of 170 kg	in '000 Tons
Opening Stock as on 01-Oct-2025	60.59	1,030.03
Pressings upto 31-January-2026	220.58	3,749.86
Imports upto 31-January-2026	35.00	595.00
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>316.17</b>	<b>5,374.89</b>
Consumption	104.00	1,768.00
Export Shipments upto 31-January-2026	6.00	102.00
Stock with Mills	75.00	1,275.00
Stock with CCI, Maha. Fedn., MNCs, Ginners, Traders & Exporters	131.17	2,229.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>316.17</b>	<b>5,374.89</b>

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# CAI Services



**Cotton Testing  
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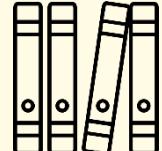
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