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## Cotton Prices Harden in July

Prices of all cotton growths moved up in July from the averages of June. The average monthly spot rates of representative growths since the beginning of the current season in October 2011 are given below alongwith the corresponding prices last year.

Month	Avg. Spot Rate (Rs/Qtl.)				
	ICS-202 (P/H/R)	ICS-105 (M/M/A)	ICS-105 (GUJ)	ICS-105 (M/M/A/ K/T/O)	ICS-107 (M(P)/KT)
	26mm	28mm	29mm	31mm	34mm
Oct.'11	9,774 (10,236)	N.A. (11,135)	11,020 (11,389)	11,048 (11,501)	13,945 (13,301)
Nov.'11	8,687 (11,389)	9,679 (11,979)	10,558 (12,345)	10,461 (12,260)	13,567 (14,510)
Dec.'11	8,667 (11,136)	9,382 (11,220)	9,758 (11,726)	9,833 (11,670)	12,156 (14,594)
Jan.'12	9,452 (12,063)	9,915 (12,457)	10,296 (12,598)	10,317 (12,963)	12,945 (17,659)
Feb.'12	9,232 (15,297)	9,621 (15,438)	10,005 (15,663)	10,089 (16,134)	13,572 (22,890)
Mar.'12	8,675 (16,702)	9,131 (16,297)	9,531 (16,790)	9,521 (17,250)	12,648 (23,328)
Apl'12	8,534 (16,073)	9,289 (15,137)	9,616 (16,128)	9,861 (16,842)	12,703 (22,405)
May'12	8,891 (12,649)	9,269 (11,401)	9,525 (12,991)	9,913 (13,455)	12,841 (20,210)
Jun'12	8,681 (11,091)	8,941 (10,481)	9,243 (11,658)	9,838 (12,197)	12,994 (18,486)
Jul.'12	9,625 (9,078)	10,087 (8,655)	10,189 (9,439)	10,994 (10,000)	14,678 (16,415)

*Note : Figures in brackets denote corresponding prices last year*

While cotton prices displayed a mixed trend in May, the trend in June was distinctly downward. July has seen a reversal of this trend with prices of

all growths going up appreciably. The increase ranged from Rs. 944 per quintal in the case of the medium staple cotton growth of P/H/R to Rs. 1,684 per quintal in the case of the extralong staple cotton growth of M(P)/K/T. When compared to the prices at the commencement of the season in October 2011, prices in July were lower in some cases and higher in some others. Prices in July were lower by Rs. 149 per quintal in the case of growth of P/H/R by Rs. 832 in the case of M/M/A and Rs. 1,111 per quintal in the case of growth of M(P)/K/T.

The main reasons for the prices going up in July compared to the previous month appear to be the dearth of ready cotton in the market and the apprehensions of a smaller crop in 2012-13 owing to the truant monsoon. Spinning mills were eager to replenish their raw material stock and entered the market in a big way fuelling cotton prices.

Compared to last year when the prices touched record levels, the average prices during the first ten months of the current season have been lower in the case of all the growths. Comparative data in this regard are presented below:

Seasonal (Oct-July) Avg. Spot Rates (Rs/Qtl.)			
Growth	2010-11	2011-12	Decline
ICS-202 (P/H/R)	12,564	9,022	3,542
ICS-105 (M/M/A)	12,420	9,479	2,941
ICS-105 (GUJ)	13,073	9,974	3,099
ICS-105 (M/M/A/K/T/O)	13,427	10,188	3,239
ICS-107 (M(P)/K/T)	18,380	13,205	5,175

## Maharashtra State Orders Study on Bt Cotton's Impact

Admitting for the first time that genetically modified (GM)cotton may have had an adverse impact on the state's farming community, the Maharashtra government has ordered a socio-economic study of the Bt cotton by the country's leading independent institutes. The survey will be carried out by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS ) and Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA), and a report will be submitted to the state government in three months.

"Our system has failed to live up to the expectations of the farming community, which has suffered because of the introduction of a series of policy and technology measures in the past. It is time we studied what has led to a state's agrarian problems resulting from Bt," said Agriculture Minister, Shri Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil.

In the past, several independent studies have connected a spate of farmers' suicides in the state to Bt, which has allegedly been causing "crop failure", resulting in a loss of Rs 2,000 crore annually. Bt, which has been allowed an experimental-basis cultivation of (bollworm-resistant) GM cotton on 10,000 hectares across the country since 2005, is used in 27 cotton-growing regions of Maharashtra.

Several states, including Maharashtra, had also allowed commercial cultivation trials in rain-fed cotton-growing regions, which led to an agrarian crisis of sorts with increased cost and stagnant yield. The black-marketing of seeds became widespread in the state, leading to financial debts for farmers. The Bt also proved to be more expensive than the use of traditional seeds.

The state has also directed leading universities in Maharashtra to adopt villages in their region to study the impact of various state policies on the lives of farmers. "They will study all policies introduced in the past five years," said Shri Patil. The state has introduced various schemes, including introduction of new technology, distribution of seeds and fertilizers through a nodal agency and Maharashtra Agriculture Competitiveness Project in 33 districts. The use of Bt cotton resulted in stagnant yield as there is a question mark on whether the Vidarbha land is suited for it. It led to new pest and disease attacks, Patil said. The universities have been told to assess the BG-1 and BG-2 Bt seeds for resistance capabilities.

(Source: Times of India - 07.08.2012)

## Kharif Sowing Across Crops Hit

As a weak monsoon crossed the halfway mark, the shortfall in kharif acreage of rice, pulses, oilseeds and cotton continued to widen.

This trend may persist with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicting deficient rain for the remaining period of the monsoon. The IMD pegged the overall rain deficit for the June-September period at 15 per cent, the worst since 2009 – a drought year when the shortfall stood at 22 per cent.

The deficit has already sparked a rally in prices of agricultural commodities and could possibly shrink the country's economic growth.

The total rainfall for the June-September period is likely to be below normal, at 85 per cent of the long period average (LPA), Director General, IMD stated. The deficit rain forecast confirms the possibility of drought in parts of the country, which now includes even the North-Western States of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Gujarat that face a 50 per cent deficiency. States such as Karnataka, Maharashtra and Rajasthan have already declared the drought-hit areas.

Since the onset of monsoon in June, the deficit has been 20 per cent. Twenty-two of the 36 meteorological subdivisions accounting for 63 per cent of the country's total area are facing a deficit or scanty rainfall. For August and September, the shortfall is forecast at 10 per cent on the likely emergence of El Nino – a warm weather condition in the Pacific that creates drought in countries, including India.

Poor rain in Gujarat have shrunk the cotton acreage by 7 lakh hectares, though area under the fibre crop has picked up in Andhra Pradesh.

### Overall Kharif Acreage as on August 3 (in lakh Ha)

Crops	This Year	Last Year
Rice	233.68	258.60
Coarse Cereals	135.75	162.08
Pulses	72.79	87.53
Oilseeds	145.17	149.98
Sugarcane	52.88	50.59
Cotton	100.14	109.92
Jute+Mesta	8.40	8.92
Total Kharif Area	748.81	827.62

(Source: Business Line - 03.08.2012)

**UPCOUNTRY SPOT RATES**

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**July 2012**

**2011-12 Crop**

Growth	P/H/R	P/H/R	GUJ	KAR	M/M	P/H/R	M/M/A	M/M/A	P/H/R	M/M/A	M/M/A	P/H/R	M/M/A	GUJ	M/M/A/K	GUJ	M/M/A/K	M/M/A/K/T/O	K/A/T/O	MP/K/T
G. Standard	ICS-101	ICS-201	ICS-102	ICS-103	ICS-104	ICS-202	ICS-105	ICS-105	ICS-105	ICS-105	ICS-105	ICS-105	ICS-105	ICS-105	ICS-105	ICS-105	ICS-105	ICS-105	ICS-106	ICS-107
Grade	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine
Staple	22 mm	22 mm	22 mm	23 mm	24 mm	26 mm	26 mm	26 mm	27 mm	27 mm	27 mm	28 mm	28 mm	28 mm	29 mm	29 mm	30 mm	31 mm	32 mm	34 mm
Micronaire	5.0-7.0	5.0-7.0	4.0-6.0	4.0-5.5	4.0-5.5	3.5-4.9	3.0-3.4	3.5-4.9	3.5-4.9	3.0-3.4	3.5-4.9	3.5-4.9	3.5-4.9	3.5-4.9	3.5-4.9	3.5-4.9	3.5-4.9	3.5-4.9	3.5-4.9	3.0-3.8
Strength/GPT	15	15	20	21	23	26	25	25	26	26	26	27	27	27	28	28	29	30	31	33
2	10967	11332	7620	8183	N.Q.	9195	8605	N.Q.	9420	8745	N.Q.	9533	9476	9505	9701	9701	9842	10404	10686	14060
3	11164	11529	7677	8323	N.Q.	9280	8717	N.Q.	9533	8858	N.Q.	9701	9561	9645	9701	9758	9983	10489	10826	14060
4	11332	11698	7677	8436	N.Q.	9251	8858	N.Q.	9505	8998	N.Q.	9561	9701	9589	9842	9701	9983	10545	10882	14060
5	11332	11698	7677	8436	N.Q.	9251	8858	N.Q.	9505	8998	N.Q.	9561	9701	9589	9842	9701	9983	10545	10882	14060
6	11389	11754	7677	8436	N.Q.	9195	8858	N.Q.	9448	8998	N.Q.	9505	9701	9589	9842	9701	9983	10545	10882	14060
7	11389	11754	7649	8436	N.Q.	9167	8830	N.Q.	9420	8970	N.Q.	9476	9673	9561	9814	9673	9954	10545	10882	14060
9	11529	11895	7649	8492	N.Q.	9251	8914	N.Q.	9505	9055	N.Q.	9561	9729	9645	9870	9758	10011	10601	10939	14341
10	11726	12092	7705	8492	N.Q.	9280	8998	N.Q.	9561	9139	N.Q.	9617	9786	9701	9926	9814	10067	10657	10995	14426
11	11726	12092	7705	8492	N.Q.	9336	8998	N.Q.	9617	9139	N.Q.	9673	9786	9701	9926	9814	10067	10657	10995	14426
12	11726	12092	7761	8492	N.Q.	9392	9083	N.Q.	9673	9195	N.Q.	9673	9786	9758	9983	9870	10123	10714	11051	14482
13	11782	12148	7761	8492	N.Q.	9476	9167	N.Q.	9758	9336	N.Q.	9758	9870	9842	10067	9954	10264	10798	11051	14482
14	11782	12148	7874	8492	N.Q.	9476	9167	N.Q.	9758	9420	N.Q.	9758	9954	9926	10151	10039	10348	10854	11051	14482
16	12120	12485	8211	8830	N.Q.	9814	9505	N.Q.	10095	9758	N.Q.	10095	10292	10264	10489	10376	10686	11192	11332	14763
17	12176	12513	8492	9111	N.Q.	9954	9786	N.Q.	10179	10039	N.Q.	10236	10573	10601	10770	10714	10967	11473	11473	14904
18	12176	12513	8492	9111	N.Q.	9814	9786	N.Q.	10067	10039	N.Q.	10123	10573	10601	10770	10714	10967	11473	11473	14904
19	12176	12513	8492	9111	N.Q.	9926	9673	N.Q.	10179	9926	N.Q.	10236	10461	10489	10657	10601	10854	11360	11332	14763
20	12176	12513	8520	9139	N.Q.	10011	9729	N.Q.	10264	9954	N.Q.	10348	10461	10517	10657	10601	10854	11417	N.Q.	14904
21	12176	12513	8520	9139	N.Q.	10011	9729	N.Q.	10264	9954	N.Q.	10348	10461	10517	10657	10601	10854	11417	N.Q.	14904
23	12176	12513	8380	8998	N.Q.	10039	9729	N.Q.	10292	9954	N.Q.	10376	10461	10461	10657	10545	10854	11417	N.Q.	15185
24	12176	12513	8380	8998	N.Q.	9898	9673	N.Q.	10208	9898	N.Q.	10292	10404	10461	10601	10545	10798	11417	N.Q.	15185
25	12176	12513	8380	8998	N.Q.	9898	9673	N.Q.	10208	9898	N.Q.	10292	10404	10461	10601	10545	10798	11417	N.Q.	15185
26	12176	12513	8380	8998	N.Q.	9898	9617	N.Q.	10179	9842	N.Q.	10264	10348	10404	10545	10489	10770	11276	N.Q.	15185
27	12176	12513	8380	8998	N.Q.	9898	9617	N.Q.	10179	9842	N.Q.	10264	10348	10404	10545	10489	10770	11276	N.Q.	15185
28	12120	12401	8380	8998	N.Q.	9898	9561	N.Q.	10179	9786	N.Q.	10264	10292	10348	10489	10432	10742	11192	N.Q.	15185
30	12120	12401	8380	8998	N.Q.	9870	9561	N.Q.	10151	9758	N.Q.	10236	10264	10320	10461	10404	10714	11107	N.Q.	15185
31	11979	12288	8267	8942	N.Q.	9758	9505	N.Q.	10039	9701	N.Q.	10123	10208	10264	10404	10348	10686	11051	N.Q.	15185
H	12176	12513	8520	9139	-	10039	9786	-	10292	10039	-	10376	10573	10601	10770	10714	10967	11473	11473	15185
L	10967	11332	7620	8183	-	9167	8605	-	9420	8745	-	9476	9476	9505	9701	9673	9842	10404	10686	14060
A	11844	12190	8080	8753	-	9625	9315	-	9892	9508	-	9957	10087	10083	10268	10188	10459	10994	11046	14678

N.A. = Not Available H = Highest L = Lowest A = Average \* = Nominal

**UPCOUNTRY SPOT RATES**

(Rs./Qtl)

Standard Descriptions with Basic Grade & Staple in Millimetres based on Upper Half Mean Length [ By law 66 (A) (a) (4) ]							Spot Rate (Upcountry) 2011-12 Crop August 2012					
Sr. No.	Growth	Grade Standard	Grade	Staple	Micronaire	Strength /GPT	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
1	P/H/R	ICS-101	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	15	11895 (42300)	12007 (42700)	12035 (42800)	12035 (42800)	12035 (42800)	11979 (42600)
2	P/H/R	ICS-201	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	15	12092 (43000)	12148 (43200)	12260 (43600)	12260 (43600)	12260 (43600)	12204 (43400)
3	GUJ	ICS-102	Fine	22mm	4.0 – 6.0	20	8436 (30000)	8436 (30000)	8436 (30000)	8436 (30000)	8436 (30000)	8436 (30000)
4	KAR	ICS-103	Fine	23mm	4.0 – 5.5	21	9195 (32700)	9280 (33000)	9280 (33000)	9280 (33000)	9280 (33000)	9280 (33000)
5	M/M	ICS-104	Fine	24mm	4.0 – 5.5	23	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.
6	P/H/R	ICS-202	Fine	26mm	3.5 – 4.9	26	10038 (35700)	10179 (36200)	10179 (36200)	10123 (36000)	10123 (36000)	10067 (35800)
7	M/M/A	ICS-105	Fine	26mm	3.0 – 3.4	25	9842 (35000)	9842 (35000)	9842 (35000)	9842 (35000)	9842 (35000)	9842 (35000)
8	M/M/A	ICS-105	Fine	26mm	3.5 – 4.9	25	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.
9	P/H/R	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	26	10320 (36700)	10461 (37200)	10461 (37200)	10404 (37000)	10404 (37000)	10348 (36800)
10	M/M/A	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.0 – 3.4	26	9983 (35500)	9983 (35500)	9983 (35500)	9983 (35500)	9983 (35500)	9983 (35500)
11	M/M/A	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	26	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.
12	P/H/R	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	27	10404 (37000)	10545 (37500)	10461 (37200)	10404 (37000)	10404 (37000)	10348 (36800)
13	M/M/A	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	27	10545 (37500)	10601 (37700)	10601 (37700)	10545 (37500)	10545 (37500)	10545 (37500)
14	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	27	10545 (37500)	10601 (37700)	10601 (37700)	10545 (37500)	10545 (37500)	10545 (37500)
15	M/M/A/K	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.5 – 4.9	28	10742 (38200)	10826 (38500)	10826 (38500)	10798 (38400)	10798 (38400)	10798 (38400)
16	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.5 – 4.9	28	10742 (38200)	10798 (38400)	10854 (38600)	10826 (38500)	10826 (38500)	10826 (38500)
17	M/M/A/K	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.5 – 4.9	29	11107 (39500)	11164 (39700)	11164 (39700)	11164 (39700)	11164 (39700)	11164 (39700)
18	M/M/A/K/T/O	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.5 – 4.9	30	11417 (40600)	11473 (40800)	11473 (40800)	11473 (40800)	11473 (40800)	11473 (40800)
19	K/A/T/O	ICS-106	Fine	32mm	3.5 – 4.9	31	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.
20	M(P)/K/T	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	33	15185 (54000)	15185 (54000)	15185 (54000)	15185 (54000)	15185 (54000)	15185 (54000)

(Note: Figures in bracket indicate prices in Rs./Candy) N.Q. = Not Quoted