

## **Technical Analysis**

Price outlook for Gujarat-ICS-105, 29mm and ICE cotton futures for the period 03/09/19 to 05/10/19

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We will look into the Gujarat-ICS-105, 29mm prices along with other benchmarks

and try to forecast price moves going forward.

As mentioned in the previous update, fundamental analysis involves studying and analysing various reports, data and based on that arriving at some possible direction for prices in the coming months or quarters.

Some of the recent fundamental drivers for the domestic cotton prices are:

• Cotton futures edged lower, tracking rise in crop numbers and the impending arrival season. CAI has retained its cotton crop estimate for 2018-19 at 312 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each i.e. at the same level as in the previous estimate.

• The provisional data for the first three weeks of August 2019 also shows that the 25 per cent decline in exports is continuing month on month basis. The monthly exports of cotton yarn are at a 5 year low of 59-60 million kgs. Exports to major markets like China have declined by 50 per cent.

• With expectations of a better crop in the ongoing sowing kharif season, cotton fibre prices

are likely to correct to a level lower than the average prices observed during the harvest season ended March 2019.

• The total cotton supply estimated by the CAI during the period from October 2018 to July 2019 is 353.80 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each which consists of the arrivals of 305.52 lakh bales upto 31st July 2019, imports of 15.28 lakh bales upto an 31st July 2019 and the opening

31st July 2019 and the opening stock estimated by the CAI at 33

lakh bales at the beginning of the season.



Some of the fundamental drivers for International cotton prices are:

• ICE cotton futures fell to a one-week low on Tuesday as the threat from Hurricane Dorian lost

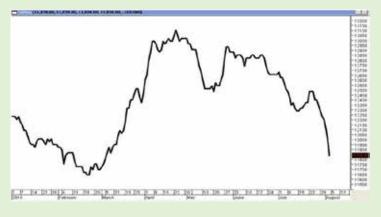
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its edge and trade negotiations between the United States and China showed no progress. Prices for the natural fibre have suffered drastically due to the long trade dispute between Washington and Beijing, causing the cotton contract to fall more than 21% so far this year. Also, the recent rains in Texas, a major crop-producing state, are giving a boost to crop conditions previously impacted by extreme heat,

- Also hurting cotton prices was a stronger dollar, which climbed to its highest level in over two years against a basket of currencies, casting a cloud over demand for U.S. cotton from international markets.
- Speculators increased their net short position in cotton by 1,980 contracts to 49,563 contracts, the data from the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission showed on Friday.

## **Guj ICS Price Trend**

As mentioned in the previous update, we were expecting prices to correct lower to 12,500 levels or even lower. Prices have tested the important 11,500 levels , a strong support level that has contained declines previously in February 2019, and bounced higher from there once again. Though, it looks like a possible reversal, only a move and close above 12,500, could provide more clues.



As mentioned previously, we expected a correction to 12,500 levels, which materialised perfectly. The indicators are now showing oversold conditions, but the bearish trend is still in progress. Only levels below 11,500 could result in further declines to 11,000 or even lower.

### MCX Oct Contract Chart

The MCX benchmark Oct cotton chart is moving perfectly in line with expectations. As mentioned earlier, with the way the international



prices are poised, a fall below 20,000, could see more declines to 18,500 or even lower to 18,000 in the coming weeks. It is a significant support and most likely prices are expected to hold here and rise higher again. Any pullbacks to 20,500 would find it difficult to cross on the upside.

We will also look at the ICE Cotton Dec futures charts for possible direction in international prices.



As mentioned earlier, the trend which was so far showing bullish tendencies has reversed and markets might be bracing for sharp falls ahead. Once, the important 65c levels gave way, it has been a one-way streak. Possibility a bullish reversal from here looks likely. In the event, it does not happen, more downside to 54c look likely in the coming sessions. However, a good reversal from these levels can be expected. But any further negative news flows could see a break of this key support taking prices even lower to 47c. Our favoured view expects 54c to hold and markets to reverse higher from there.

## **CONCLUSION:**

As mentioned before, the domestic and international prices are showing divergent trends. The domestic prices have more or less adjusted for the sharp fall in the international prices. The international prices are weak and indicates more weakness ahead. Though, the scope for downside is still present, it might be limited from present levels in both the markets.

For Guj ICS supports are seen at 11,500 /qtl

followed by 11,000 /qtl, and for ICE Dec cotton futures at 57 followed by 54c. Prices are in the process of completing a head and shoulder pattern with targets nearing 51c being the previous lows made in 2016. The domestic technical picture has turned bearish, but relatively less bearish compared to the international prices. We expect prices to edge lower, but the downside seems limited and therefore we remain cautiously bearish, looking for possible turnarounds near the levels mentioned above.

## Update on Cotton Acreage (As on 29.08.2019)

( Area in Lakh Ha)

		Normal	Normal	Area Covered (SDA)											
Sr. No.	State	Area (DES)*	Area as on Date (2014-2018)	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)						
1	Andhra Pradesh	6.56	5.228	5.740	5.050	5.440	3.778	5.300	6.570						
2	Telangana	17.00	16.287	17.697	17.724	18.240	12.500	16.730	16.240						
3	Gujarat	26.04	26.870	26.522	26.908	26.180	23.824	27.630	29.810						
4	Haryana	6.06	6.078	7.010	6.650	6.560	4.980	5.810	6.390						
5	Karnataka	6.47	5.080	5.611	3.840	4.610	4.640	4.840	7.470						
6	Madhya Pradesh	5.65	6.012	6.090	6.880	5.990	5.990	5.470	5.730						
7	Maharashtra	41.48	40.078	43.682	40.996	41.980	38.014	38.192	41.210						
8	Odisha	1.31	1.376	1.700	1.578	1.450	1.360	1.250	1.240						
9	Punjab	3.56	3.650	4.020	2.840	3.850	2.560	4.500	4.500						
10	Rajasthan	4.76	4.412	6.445	4.961	5.031	3.847	4.060	4.162						
11	Tamil Nadu	1.61	0.127	0.117	0.062	0.266	0.056	0.179	0.070						
12	Others	0.43	0.230	0.271	0.172	0.286	0.170	0.210	0.310						
	All India	120.930	115.428	124.905	117.661	119.883	101.719	114.171	123.702						

<sup>\*</sup> Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi Source : Directorate of Cotton Development, Nagpur

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# Excerpts from India Meteorological Department's Weather Report of 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019

## Forecast for next two weeks

Weather systems & associated Precipitation during Week 1 (29 August to 04 September, 2019) and Week 2 (05 to 11 September, 2019)

## Rainfall for week 1: (29 August to 04 September, 2019)

• Under the influence of low pressure area over northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas of Gangetic West Bengal & north Odisha; and a fresh Low Pressure Area which is likely to develop over northeast Bay of Bengal & neighbourhood around 02nd September. Fairly widespread to widespread rainfall with isolated heavy to very heavy falls very likely over Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, East Rajasthan, Gujarat region and Vidarbha during week 1.

- Widespread rainfall with isolated heavy falls at isolated places (on some days) is very likely to occur along West coast and Andaman & Nicobar Islands for a few days during most days of week 1.
- Light/moderate scattered to fairly widespread rainfall activity likely to occur over rest parts of the country outside West Rajasthan, Rayalaseema & Tamilnadu, where light isolated to scattered rainfall very likely to occur during most days of week 1 (Annexure III).
- Cumulatively, above normal rainfall likely over East Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Vidarbha, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, West Coast, Odisha,

### Annexure III

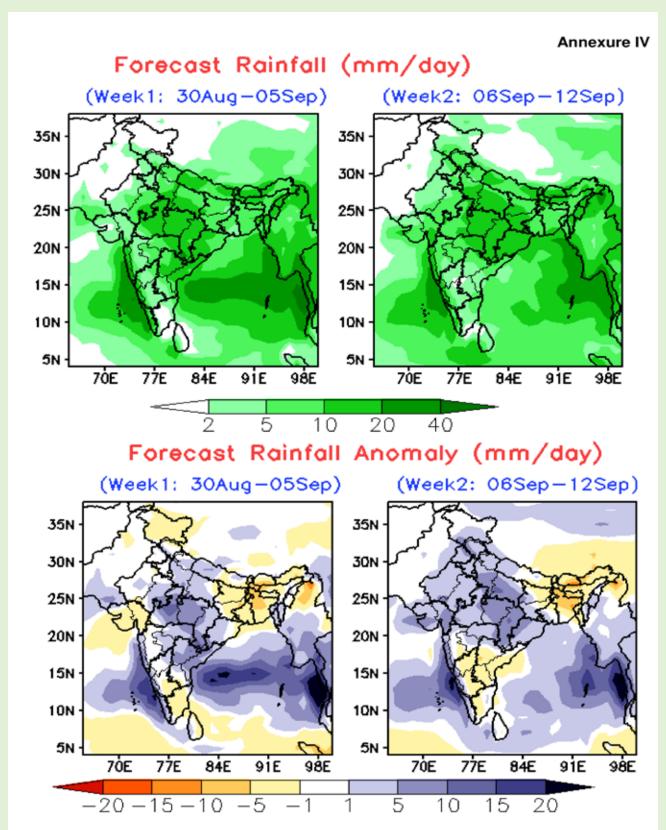
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3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH ASSAM & MEGHALAYA	SCT <sup>15</sup>	SCT*	SCT	SCT	SCT	FWS*	FWS*		
4	NAGA.MANI.MIZO.& TRIPURA	SCT	SCT	SCT	FWS	FWS	FWS	FWS*		
5	SUB-HIM.W. BENG. & SIKKIM	FWS <sup>15</sup>	ws"	ws	FWS	FWS	FWS	ws*		
6	GANGETIC WEST BENGAL	FWS <sup>15</sup>	SCT"	SCT	FWS	FWS	FWS	FWS		
7	ODISHA	FWS <sup>TS*</sup>	FWS*	FWS*	ws"	ws"	ws*	ws		
8	JHARKHAND	FWS <sup>15</sup>	FWS <sup>15</sup>	FWS	SCT	SCT	FWS	FWS		
9	BIHAR	FWS <sup>13*</sup>	ISOL"	ISOL	ISOL	SCT	FWS	FWS		
10	EAST UTTAR PRADESH	ISOL	SCT	FWS*	ws*	ws	ws	FWS		
11	WEST UTTAR PRADESH	ISOL*	SCT	FWS*	FWS*	ws*	ws*	FWS*		
12	UTTARAKHAND	FWS*	FWS*	ws*	ws*	ws*	ws*	ws*		
13	HARYANA CHD. & DELHI	ISOL*	SCT	FWS	FWS*	FWS	FWS	FWS		
14	PUNJAB	ISOL	SCT	FWS	FWS	FWS	FWS	SCT		
15	HIMACHAL PRADESH	FWS*	FWS*	FWS*	FWS*	FWS	FWS	SCT		
16	JAMMU & KASHMIR	ISOL	ISOL	SCT	SCT*	SCT	ISOL	SCT		
17	WEST RAJASTHAN	ISOL*	ISOL	SCT	SCT	FWS	SCT	SCT		
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18	WEST MADHYA PRADESH	FWS	FWS*	FWS*	ws'	ws*	ws*	ws'		
20	EAST MADHYA PRADESH	ws*		ws*		ws*		ws*		
			ws.		ws*		ws*			
21	GUJARAT REGION D.D. & N.H.	FWS*	FWS*	FWS*	SCT	SCT	FWS	ws*		
22	SAURASTRA KUTCH & DIU	FWS*	SCT	SCT	ISOL	ISOL	SCT	ws*		
23	KONKAN & GOA	ws	ws	ws	ws	ws	ws*			
24	MADHYA MAHARASHTRA	SCT	SCT	SCT	SCT	SCT	FWS	FWS		
25	MARATHAWADA	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	SCT	SCT	SCT	SCT		
26	VIDARBHA	FWS	ws*	FWS*	FWS*	ws*	FWS*	FWS*		
27	CHHATTISGARH	FWS*	ws*	ws*	ws*	ws"	ws"	ws"		
28	COASTAL A. PR. & YANAM	SCT	SCT	FWS*	FWS*	FWS*	FWS*	FWS		
29	TELANGANA	ISOL	SCT	FWS*	FWS*	ws*	ws*	ws"		
30	RAYALASEEMA	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	SCT	SCT	SCT		
31	TAMIL. PUDU. & KARAIKAL	ISOL*	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL*	ISOL*	ISOL	ISOL		
32	COASTAL KARNATAKA	ws*	ws	ws	ws	ws	ws*	ws*		
33	NORTH INT.KARNATAKA	SCT	SCT	SCT	SCT	SCT	FWS	FWS		
34	SOUTH INT.KARNATAKA	FWS*	SCT	SCT	FWS	FWS	SCT	SCT		
35	KERALA & MAHE	ws'	ws*	FWS	FWS	FWS*	FWS	FWS		
36 LEGEND	LAKSHADWEEP	WS	FWS	FWS	FWS	FWS	FWS	FWS		
WS	WIDE SPREAD / MOST PLACES (76-10	00%)	FWS F	AIRLY WIDE SPRI	EAD / MANY PL	ACES (51% to 7	75%)			
SCT	SCATTERED / FEW PLACES (26% to 5			OLATED (up to 25		D/DRY	NIL RAINFA	LL		
		to Very Heavy F					II (204.5 mm or	more)		
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	STORM WITH SQUALL/GUSTY WIND	DUST/THUNG			E (-4.5 °C to -6.4		VERE COLD W			

Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. It is very likely to be normal to below normal over remaining parts of the country during week 1 (Annexure IV).

Rainfall for week 2: (05 to 11 September, 2019)

• During week 2, above normal rainfall

activity likely over Western Himalayan Region, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Vidarbha, West Coast, Odisha, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. It is very likely to be normal to below normal over remaining parts of the country during week 2 (Annexure IV).



Glimpses of Shravan Mass Utsav

Shravan Mass Utsav was celebrated at Bhid Bhanjan Mahadev Mandir, Colaba, on Friday, 30th August 2019.















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D		M/M(P)/ SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	26 mm	3.0-3.4	4%	11304	11164	11079	10939	10939	10939	10939	10939	10939	10967	10995	11051	:	11192	11220	11220	11220	11220	11220	:	11107	10967	10882	1	10798	10798	10798 10686 10686	10798 10686 10686 11304	10798 10686 10686 11304 10686
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		M/M(P)	ICS-104	Fine	24 mm	4.0-5.5	4%	11337	11332	11248	11192	11192	11192	11192	11192	11192	11220	11248	11276	:	11276	11304	11304	11304	11304	11304	:	11276	11248	11220	l	11220	11220	11220 11164 11135	11220 11164 11135 11332	11220 11164 11135 11332 11135
		KAR	ICS-103	Fine	23 mm	4.0-5.5	4.5%	10770	10770	10686	10629	10629	10629	10629	10629	10629	10657	10686	10714	į	10714	10742	10742	10742	10742	10742		10714	10686	10657		10657	10657	10657 10601 10573	10657 10601 10573 10770	10657 10601 10573 10770 10573
		GUJ	ICS-102	Fine	22 mm	4.0-6.0	13%	9392	9392	9280	9223	9139	9223	9223	9195	9195	9280	9308	9364	:	9364	9392	9308	9308	9308	8086	:	9280	9280	9280		9280	9280	9280 9280 9251	9280 9280 9251 <b>9392</b>	9280 9280 9251 <b>9392</b> <b>9139</b>
		P/H/R (SG)	ICS-201	Fine	Below 22 mm	5.0-7.0	4.5%	11614	11614	11529	11529	11529	11529	11529	11529	11529	11529	11529	11585		11585	11614	11614	11614	11614	11614		11614	11614	11557		11501	11501	11501 11473 11445	11501 11473 11445 <b>11614</b>	11501 11473 11445 11614 11614
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					JPCOUI	NTRY SP	OT RAT	ES				(Rs	s./Qtl)		
		d Descrip netres bas [ By		Spot Rate (Upcountry) 2018-19 Crop August 2019											
Sr. No	. Growth	Grade Standard	Grade	Staple	Micronaire	Gravimetric Trash	Strength /GPT	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st		
1	P/H/R	ICS-101	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	4%	15	11473 (40800)	11473 (40800)	11417 (40600)	11360 (40400)	11332 (40300)	11304 (40200)		
2	P/H/R (SG)	ICS-201	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	4.5%	15	11614 (41300)	11614 (41300)	11557 (41100)	11501 (40900)	11473 (40800)	11445 (40700)		
3	GUJ	ICS-102	Fine	22mm	4.0 - 6.0	13%	20	9280 (33000)	9280 (33000)	9280 (33000)	9280 (33000)	9280 (33000)	9251 (32900)		
4	KAR	ICS-103	Fine	23mm	4.0 - 5.5	4.5%	21	10714 (38100)	10686 (38000)	10657 (37900)	10657 (37900)	10601 (37700)			
5	M/M (P)	ICS-104	Fine	24mm	4.0 - 5.5	4%	23	11276 (40100)	11248 (40000)	11220 (39900)	11220 (39900)	11164 (39700)	11135 (39600)		
6	P/H/R (SG)	ICS-202	Fine	27mm	3.5 - 4.9	4.5%	26	11979 (42600)	11867 (42200)	11754 (41800)	11614 (41300)	11557 (41100)	11529 (41000)		
7	M/M(P)/ SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	26mm	3.0 - 3.4	4%	25	11107 (39500)	10967 (39000)	10882 (38700)	10798 (38400)	10686 (38000)	10686 (38000)		
8	P/H/R	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	4%	26	12063 (42900)	11979 (42600)	11867 (42200)	11754 (41800)	11698 (41600)	11670 (41500)		
9	M/M(P)/ SA/TL/G	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.0 - 3.4	4%	26	11220 (39900)	11079 (39400)	10995 (39100)	10911 (38800)	10854 (38600)	10854 (38600)		
10	M/M(P)/ SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 - 4.9	3.5%	26	11501 (40900)	11389 (40500)	11389 (40500)	11389 (40500)	11389 (40500)	11389 (40500)		
11	P/H/R	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	4%	27	12148 (43200)	12035 (42800)	11923 (42400)	11810 (42000)	11754 (41800)	11726 (41700)		
12	M/M(P)/ SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	3.5%	27	11810 (42000)	11810 (42000)	11810 (42000)	11810 (42000)		11698 (41600)		
13	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	3.5%	27	11838 (42100)	11838 (42100)	11838 (42100)	11838 (42100)	11838 (42100)	11726 (41700)		
14	M/M(P)/ SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.5 – 4.9	3.5%	28	12120 (43100)	12120 (43100)	12120 (43100)	12120 (43100)	12092 (43000)	11979 (42600)		
15	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.5 - 4.9	3.5%	28	12063 (42900)	12063 (42900)	12063 (42900)	12063 (42900)	12007 (42700)	11895 (42300)		
16	M/M(P)/SA/ TL/K/O	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.5 - 4.9	3%	29	12288 (43700)	12288 (43700)	12288 (43700)	12288 (43700)	12288 (43700)	12204 (43400)		
17	M/M(P)/SA/ TL/K/TN/O	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.5 - 4.9	3%	30	12626 (44900)	12541 (44600)	12513 (44500)	12513 (44500)		12429 (44200)		
18	SA/TL/K/ TN/O	ICS-106	Fine	32mm	3.5 - 4.9	3%	31	12935 (46000)	12851 (45700)	12823 (45600)	12823 (45600)	12823 (45600)	12738 (45300)		
19	M/M(P)/ K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	3.5%	33	15157 (53900)	15157 (53900)	15157 (53900)	15157 (53900)		15157 (53900)		

(Note: Figures in bracket indicate prices in Rs./Candy)