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

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Some of therecent 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.


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 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
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 $11,500 / \mathrm{qtl}$
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) 

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# Excerpts from India Meteorological Department's Weather Report of 29th 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


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).

Annexure IV

## Forecast Rainfall (mm/day)

(Week1: 3OAug-05Sep)
(Week2: 06Sep-12Sep)


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Forecast Rainfall Anomaly (mm/day)
(Week 1: 30Aug-05Sep)
(Week2: O6Sep-12Sep)


Glimpses of
Shravan Mass Utsav

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



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


[^0]:    * Directorate of Economics E Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi Source : Directorate of Cotton Development, Nagpur

