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Technical Analysis

Price Outlook for Gujarat-ICS-105, 29mm and ICE Cotton Futures for the period 4th October, 2022 to 6th November, 2022

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Domestic Markets

 The domestic cotton futures edged lower sharply as pressure from arrivals and lower demand from mills continue to weigh on the cotton complex. Daily arrivals as per trade sources were in the 32-33000 bales. Lack of demand with millers preferring to wait for the prices to drop further amidst a decline in global prices, is influencing cotton prices in the country.

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- Additionally, heavy rains in October could damage ripening crops such as cotton and soybeans in India, the world's leading producer of an array of farm goods that is seen supportive for prices.
- On the supply side, the market is expecting higher production of cotton this season above 350 lakh bales, but subdued demand for raw cotton due to sluggish local and export demand for yarn continues.

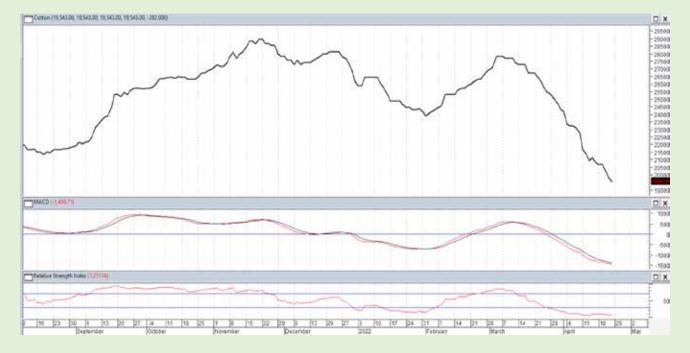
• Domestic cotton yarn prices nudged lower again on poor demand. On the demand side, order for yarn have reduced almost by 70-75% due to global economic slowdown and Ukraine war has affected demand in Europe. Moreover, cheaper imports of Chinese cotton yarn is keeping the cotton demand lower in the country. India's cotton yarn imports have surged nearly three-fold this marketing year, as textile millers/weavers get cheaper Chinese yarn.

International Markets

- ICE cotton futures extended losses to drop more than 2% on Monday, touching their lowest since mid-July as worries of an imminent recession dampened demand for the natural fibre crop. The market remains squarely focused on continued releases of troubling economic news, both domestically and across the world. Prices have dropped despite the downward turn of the dollar that would make U.S. cotton less expensive for overseas buyers.
- Demand remains extremely poor, worse than expected. The most recent week showed only 13 countries were in the market for U.S. cotton. Of equal importance, five of those countries registered cancellation of prior sales greater than the volume of cotton they purchased this week. Cotton is perceived as a luxury item and retail might continue to heat their homes, buy food, buy transportation, but as far as clothing, they are likely to cut back on clothing and that perception is hurting the market.
- Cotton prices will continue to be influenced by daily economic events. A look at the stock markets at any given time will give you a semblance of the direction cotton prices are moving. To stem this month-long decline, it is critical that the July low of 82.5 cents holds. Upward resistance will be found, however, as a return there will require signs of strengthening demand.

Shankar 6 Guj ICS Price Trend

As mentioned in the previous update, we expected prices would eventually drop lower to 23,500-24,000 in the coming weeks. But, it dropped sharply, even below 20,000 levels quickly. Prices are expected to pull back higher initially towards 21,500 followed by 23,000 levels, where it could find strong resistances again. Eventually, it could sustain a bottom out around 17,500-18,000 levels in the coming month.



MCX Oct Contract Chart

The MCX benchmark cotton October futures moved perfectly in line with our expectations. Shorter-term charts suggest that the price would stay above 30,000 levels and edge higher back towards 35,000 levels from where it could again start declining once again towards 28,600-700. A rise above 37,000



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would hint that a breakout type rally would start towards 40,000-41,000. In the bigger picture we anticipate prices to edge lower towards supports mentioned above, from where a possible intermediate bottom can be seen.



ICE Dec Cotton Futures

ICE Cotton December futures has been witnessing a bearish down move. It smartly pulled back from 82c level July 22 lows, which presently seems like a double bottom in place. We can expect a pull back to 89-90c at least immediately or even higher to 95c where strong resistances will be noted in the coming weeks. Failure to cross 95c could see further weakness breaking the recent 82c bottom, reaching targets near 73-74c eventually.



As mentioned before, using ICE futures and Options for mitigating prices risk especially when prices are at elevated levels helps cushion the fall and manage high priced inventory of cotton and yarn; is ideal for the industry. But to take that leap of faith is a humungous task for this industry, where raw material price moves makes or break the profit margins. Hedging high priced inventories in a falling market, could help offset some losses from the recent fall in cotton prices. Current bottoming levels could be ideal opportunities to Buy Call options in ICE to take advantage of a possible rise in the near-term. To protect against falling inventory cost one can take Put options in ICE around resistance levels by paying a premium, where losses will be minimum and profits unlimited.

Conclusion:

The domestic prices have corrected sharply lower from recent highs. Price could be inclined to test 60,000-61,000 per candy in the near-term where it can find a possible near-term bottom. However, more negative factors continue to weigh in on domestic markets by way of arrivals and poor demand, which makes us feel further downside even to 58,000 is likely in the coming months. However, if there are late rains like the previous year and the forecasts presently indicate such a possibility, then all our bearish bets are off.

Important support is at \$82c followed by \$75c on the downside and in that zone, prices could find a lot of buying interest again. The domestic prices are still at a premium to ICE though it has corrected from peaks. It has not fallen lower relative to international prices due to tight stocks. We expect prices to initially pullback higher and then come under pressure again in the coming weeks, before finding a bottom eventually. Prices will now be falling in line with fundamentals, while external factors like On-call sales and speculative fund activity in unlikely to influence it in any major way. The international price indicates that it is in the process of a more downward correction in the coming sessions.

For Guj ICS supports are seen at 19,000/ qQtl and for ICE May cotton futures at \$82c followed by \$74c. The domestic technical picture looks weak and could grind lower eventually. Therefore, we can expect prices to come under pressure with a bearish bias for both the domestic and international markets, but we are on the watchout for any bottoming signs in between.

USDINR Monthly Report: October 2022

Shri. Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury, Finrex Treasury Advisors LLP, has a rich experience of Banking and Foreign Exchange for the past 36 years. He was a Chief Dealer with an associate bank of SBI

We expect USDINR to trade within the wide range of 80.50-82.50 for October 2022. DXY, USDCNY as well as oil price movement, FII flows and RBI stance to maintain stability Shri. Anil Kumar Bhansali day in the October meet. in Rupee will be closely observed. Rupee has slipped below 81.0 levels as US\$ has strengthened, US rate

hike bets, FII's outflow, postponed the entry of India to global bonds and dollars buying by oil companies supported upside move in USDINR.

However, RBI closely monitored the foreign exchange market and tried its best by taking appropriate steps to maintain stability in Rupee.

Following will be the key triggers for USDINR in the month of October:-

♦ Geo-political issues: Investors will remain sensitive to any news regarding US-China tensions, Russia-Ukraine war crisis, Russia-Europe gas supply related updates and will react accordingly, thus affecting the market sentiments. Escalation in the situation will create volatility in the market.





Head of Treasury,

Brent oil prices: Brent oil posted losses for fourth straight month in a row, down sharply by more than 10% and hit 8-months low of \$83.71/bl in September. It marked losses of 22% over the July-September quarter. Traders will also keep a watch on OPEC+ meet outcome on 5th October for further cues. OPEC+ is expected to consider oil cut of over than 1 mn barrels per

FII flows: Domestic markets Finrex Treasury Advisors LLP witnessed outflows in the month of September after experiencing inflows of \$7.346 bn in the prior two months. In CY 2022 from January to September total outflows stand at \$22.826 bn, with September witnessing

> FX Reserves: FX reserves declined \$8.1 bn from prior week to \$537.52 bn for the week ended 23rd September, lowest since August 2020, when it was at \$535.25 bn.

FII's selling of around \$0.437 bn

* Trade Balance: India's trade deficit in August 2022 stood at \$27.98 bn, with exports valued at \$33.92 bn, up 1.6% on year and imports at \$61.90 bn, surged 37.3% y/y.

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