

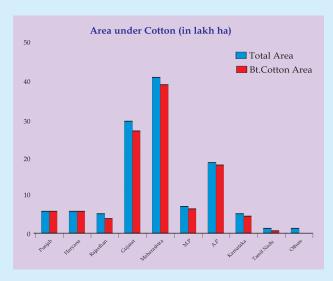
Cotton Area to be All-time Record in 2011-12 - DOCD

According to the data compiled and released by the Directorate of Cotton Development (DOCD), the area planted to cotton during 2011-12 may set an all-time record of nearly 121 lakh hectares as compared to 111.42 lakh hectares in 2010-11. The State-wise details available from the Directorate are given below:

Area in lakh hectares								
	201	0-11	2011-12					
State	Total	Bt.	Non-Bt.	Total				
		Cotton	Cotton					
Punjab	5.30	5.46	0.14	5.60				
Haryana	4.92	5.88	0.17	6.05				
Rajasthan	3.35	4.00	1.30	5.30				
North Zone	13.57	15.34	1.61	16.95				
Gujarat	26.33	26.78	2.84	29.62				
Maharashtra	39.32	38.95	2.31	41.26				
M. Pradesh	6.50	6.35	0.71	7.06				
Central Zone	72.15	72.08	5.86	77.94				
A. Pradesh	17.84	18.26	0.28	18.54				
Karnataka	5.45	4.60	0.30	4.90				
Tamil Nadu	1.22	0.82	0.18	1.00				
South Zone	24.51	23.68	0.76	24.44				
Other States	1.19	0.05	1.43	1.48				
All-India	111.42	111.15	9.66	120.81				
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Note: The area under Bt.cotton is approximate

While there was appreciable increase in area in both North zone and Central zone compared to last year, the maximum increase was in the latter zone. On the other hand, there was a marginal fall in the South zone due to a drop in area in both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Coming to individual States, the maximum rise was in Gujarat followed by Maharashtra and Haryana.



Besides the higher net returns from cotton farming compared to the other competing crops, cotton got a booster dose because of the removal of restrictions on cotton export and placing it under Open General Licence by the Government.

An interesting feature about cotton plantings in 2011-12 has been that there has been a further rise in the coverage by higher yielding, bollworm resistant Bt cottons. While the increase in total cotton area in 2011-12, compared to 2010-11, was 9.39 lakh hectares, the increase in the area under Bt cottons was higher at 12.61 lakh hectares. As against 98.54 lakh hectares under Bt cottons in 2010-11, the coverage in 2011-12 is placed at 111.15 lakh hectares. In percentage terms, while the share of Bt cottons was 88.4 per cent of the total cotton area in 2010-11, it is at present estimated to be nearly 92 per cent of the total in 2011-12.

(Source: Directorate of Cotton Development)

Spun Yarn Production Up 23 p.c. in Last Five Years

According to the data published by the office of the Textile Commissioner, production of spun yarn by the textile industry rose by 23 percent during the last five years. The relevant fibre-wise data are given below:

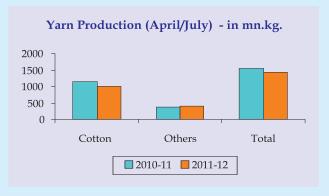
	(in million kg)								
Year	Cotton	Blended	100% N.C	G.Total					
2006-07	2823	635	355	3813					
2007-08	2948	677	378	4003					
2008-09	2896	655	361	3912					
2009-10	3079	707	407	4193					
2010-11	3469	790	424	4683					

The increase in total spun yarn production as well as in cotton yarn production amounted to 23 percent in 2010-11 over that in 2006-07. The increase was marginally higher at 24 percent in the case of blended yarn, while it was actually lower at 19 percent in the case of non-cotton yarn.

The data available for four months of 2011-12, from April to July, indicate that there has been a slight fall in yarn production during this period in 2011-12 as compared to 2010-11. The drop in total yarn production was about 8 percent while it was significantly higher at 13 percent in the case of cotton yarn. The difference was only marginal in

the case of blended yarn. The comparative monthwise data are given below:

			(in million kg)			
		2010-11	2011-12			
Month	Cotton	Others	Total	Cotton	Others	Total
April	274	97	371	267	107	374
May	284	97	381	254	101	355
June	285	93	378	247	105	352
July	302	98	400	244	97	341
Total	1145	385	1530	1012	410	1422



Apparently, there had been a setback to yarn production during the first four month period of 2011-12. The yarn market was sluggish for various reasons including poor demand. The economics were not working in favour of the mills since they had purchased cotton when the prices were higher in the previous months while prices offered for yarn were quite low. The situation is, however, expected to have turned better in subsequent months as the cotton prices have declined while yarn prices have started looking up because of the good demand for textile goods in the festive season.

NCAER to Undertake Study of Farm Sector

It is reported that the federal think tank, the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), proposed to undertake a regular and periodic study of the prevailing scenario of farm sector in the country. It also wants the results of the study to be disseminated through quarterly and six-monthly reports. The proposal in this behalf is said to have been submitted by the NCAER to the Ministry of Agriculture.

The study would involve providing analytical inputs to undertand emerging agricultureal scenarios in short term besides medium and long terms. For the present, the Ministry is said to have supported the proposal. If finalised, it will be the first such exercise on periodic dissemination of data on agricultural outlook and situational analysis. According to

officials in the Ministry, the reports and analysis will map the entire value chain from farm to retail, and could be framed on the lines of current reports by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) report on global farming. FAO reports on global agriculture trends are one of the most comprehensive sources of information on a global scale.

Such a study by the NCAER would take three months to prepare. It is to be followed by the release of quarterly reports, semi-annual reports and monthly briefings. The reports are to be on diverse issue like weekly weather reports, wholesale prices, monthly consumer prices, import and export scenarios, area sown, crop yield, output, market arrivals, mandi prices, procurement, distribution, stocks, cost of production and consumption.

Production of Spun Yarn (SSI & Non- SSI)

(In Mn. Kgs)

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	Pl	RODUCTION OF	YARN	
MONTH/YEAR	COTTON	BLENDED	100% N.C.	G. TOTAL
2000-01	2266.87	645.80	247.55	3160.22
2001-02	2211.88	609.03	280.15	3101.06
2002-03	2177.16	584.61	319.61	3081.37
2003-04	2120.71	589.33	341.76	3051.80
2004-05	2272.26	584.97	366.29	3223.52
2005-06	2520.87	588.11	349.31	3458.29
2006-07	2823.59	635.10	354.60	3813.39
2007-08	2948.36	677.11	377.75	4003.22
2008-09	2896.15	654.89	360.95	3911.99
2009-10	3078.97	707.31	407.15	4193.43
2010-11	3468.80	790.00	423.90	4682.70
2010-11	3400.00	790.00	423.90	4002.70
		2009-10 (P)		
April-09	244.50	54.11	33.51	332.12
May-09	247.76	54.11	32.85	335.53
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June-09	248.76		32.33	339.88
July-09	257.65	61.98	34.02	353.65
August-09	256.19	60.59	34.55	351.33
September-09	252.78	59.36	33.48	345.62
October-09	250.82	58.40	33.50	342.72
November-09	257.43	58.39	34.37	350.19
December-09	267.43	61.78	34.96	364.17
January-10	266.69	60.07	35.84	362.60
February-10	256.59	57.20	32.88	346.67
March-10	272.37	61.72	34.86	368.95
		2010-11 (P)		
April-10	273.77	63.55	33.42	370.74
May-10	283.69	64.42	33.16	381.27
June-10	284.79	61.83	31.26	377.88
July-10	302.16	63.65	34.02	399.83
August-10	300.34	62.51	34.92	397.77
September-10	297.68	66.47	35.64	399.79
October-10	298.68	70.49	37.87	407.04
November-10	282.25	63.67	35.00	380.92
December-10	305.95	64.67	36.99	407.61
January-11	290.74	70.09	37.82	398.65
•	268.99	66.23	35.43	370.65
February-11 March-11				
March-11	279.75	72.42	38.38	390.55
		2011 12 (D)		
April 11	266.72	2011-12 (P)	27.10	274.40
April-11	266.72	70.58	37.18	374.48
May-11	254.18	65.40	35.21	354.79
June-11	246.72	62.46	42.67	351.85
July-11	243.85	61.37	35.86	341.08
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Source: Office of the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai

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As per reports, industrial output in the country rose by a lower-than-expected rate at 4.1 percent. Industrial output in the April-August period reportedly rose by only 5.6 percent compared to 8.7 percent in the corresponding period of last fiscal. There was concern that growth in the manufacturing sector remained sluggish while that in the mining sector declined.

Merchandise exports from the country have maintained robust growth although there is likely to be a moderation in tempo in the months ahead due to European and American economic woes. Exports reportedly posted an increase of 52 percent to \$160 billion in the first half of the current financial year, driven by engineering goods and petroleum products. Although past trends indicate that during the full year, exports may be near the targeted \$290-300 billion, export growth in September was only 36 percent at \$24.8 billion as against 44 percent increase recorded in August although the overall growth rate is higher than last year. Imports in September reportedly grew 17.2 per cent over last year to \$34.6 billion, leaving a trade deficit of \$9.8 billion.



UPCOUNTRY SPOT RATES									(Rs./Qtl)		
Official quotations for standard descriptions with basic grade and staple in Millimetres based on Upper Half mean Length under By-law 66 (A)(a)(4) SPOT RATES (UPCOUNTRY) 2010-11 COUNTRY (October 2011)								CROP			
Sr. No.	Grade Standard	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/ GPT	Trade Name	15 th	17^{th}	18^{th}	19 th	20 th	21 st
03.	ICS-102	22mm	4.5-5.9	19	V-797	7114 (25300)	7030 (25000)	6889 (24500)	6889 (24500)	6889 (24500)	6889 (24500)
04.	ICS-103	23mm	4.0-5.5	19	Jayadhar	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
05.	ICS-104	24mm	4.0-5.5	20	Y-1	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
07.	ICS-105	25mm	3.5-4.9	22	NHH-44	9336 (33200)	9280 (33000)	9139 (32500)	9139 (32500)	9139 (32500)	9139 (32500)
08.	ICS-105	27mm	3.5-4.9	24	LRA-5166	9842 (35000)	9786 (34800)	9786 (34800)	9561 (34000)	9561 (34000)	9561 (34000)
09*.	ICS-105	28mm	3.5-4.9	25	H-4/ MECH-1	10686 (38000)	10461 (37200)	10264 (36500)	10179 (36200)	10123 (36000)	10123 (36000)
10.	ICS-105	29mm	3.5-4.9	26	Shankar-6	11135 (39600)	11079 (39400)	-	-	-	-
11.	ICS-105	31mm	3.5-4.9	27	Bunny/ Brahma	11192 (39800)	11135 (39600)	-	-	-	-
12.	ICS-106	33mm	3.3-4.5	28	MCU-5/ Surabhi	11754 (41800)	11670 (41500)	-	-	-	-
					2011-12	CROP					
01.	ICS-101	Below 22mm	5.0-7.0	15	Bengal Deshi (RG)	10461 (37200)	10264 (36500)	10264 (36500)	10264 (36500)	10264 (36500)	10264 (36500)
02.	ICS-201	Below 22mm	5.0-7.0	15	Bengal Deshi (SG)	10545 (37500)	10348 (36800)	10264 (36500)	10264 (36500)	10264 (36500)	10264 (36500)
06.	ICS-202	25mm	3.5-4.9	23	J-34	10039 (35700)	9701 (34500)	9701 (34500)	9842 (35000)	9729 (34600)	9505 (33800)
10.	ICS-105	29mm	3.5-4.9	26	Shankar-6	-	-	11023 (39200)	10770 (38300)	11023 (39200)	10967 (39000)
11.	ICS-105	31mm	3.5-4.9	27	Bunny/ Brahma	-	-	11079 (39400)	11079 (39400)	11023 (39200)	11023 (39200)
12.	ICS-106	33mm	3.3-4.5	28	MCU-5/ Surabhi	-	-	11389 (40500)	11389 (40500)	11389 (40500)	11389 (40500)
13.	ICS-107	35mm	2.8-3.6	31	DCH-32	13919 (49500)	14060 (50000)	13919 (49500)	13919 (49500)	13919 (49500)	13919 (49500)
Note: Figures in bracket indicate prices in Rs./candy *-Nominal											