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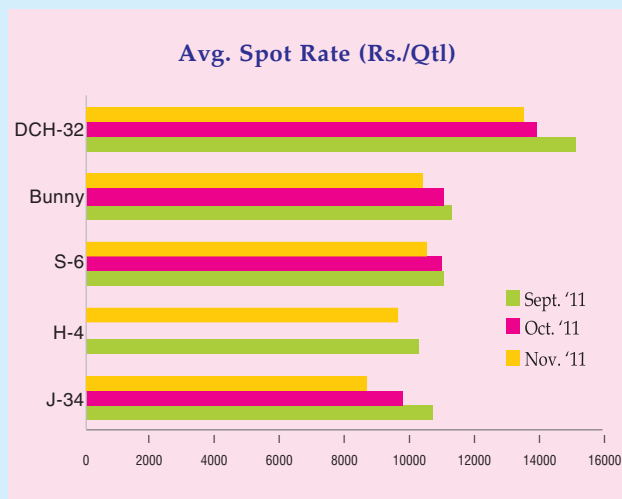
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Downtrend in Cotton Prices Continues in November

After a spurt in September, domestic cotton prices had displayed a downtrend in October, the first month of the current season. This trend continued in November also, with prices of all varieties moving down. The monthly average prices of some representative varieties are given below:

Avg. Spot Rate (Rs./Quintal)			
Variety	Sept. 2011	Oct. 2011	Nov. 2011
J-34	10,731	9,774	8,687
H-4	10,329	N.A.	9,679
S-6	11,097	11,020	10,558
Bunny	11,346	11,048	10,461
DCH-32	15,145	13,945	13,567



The fall in the average price during November compared to October has ranged from Rs. 378 to

Rs. 1087 per quintal, the highest being in the case of J-34 and the lowest in the case of DCH-32. The drop in November has been more substantial when compared to September averages and ranged from a low of Rs. 539 (S-6) to a high of Rs. 2044 (J-34) per quintal.

The primary reason for the decline was the fall in demand from mills as well as exporters. Mills have been passing through a lean phase after the festive season. Demand for textile goods has waned and consequently the demand for yarn. Spinners who had stocked cotton at high prices earlier had to incur losses since yarn prices remained sluggish. They were therefore in no position to purchase large quantities of the raw material to build up inventory at this stage. They were also expecting a steep fall to come in cotton prices in the face of a bumper crop in the offing.

The exporters of raw cotton had also been finding it difficult to find buyers in international markets which have turned bearish because global cotton production is projected to surpass mill use in 2011-12. The world textile industry is also not in the pink of health and the activities have slowed down.

89th Annual General Meeting of CAI

The 89th Annual General Meeting of the Cotton Association of India will be held on Friday, the 30th December 2011 at 3.00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Association, 2nd Floor, Cotton Exchange Building, Cotton Green, Mumbai 400 033.

Desi Cotton With Bt Gene Developed

Researchers in the country have developed a desi cotton variety with a Bt gene. This was reportedly revealed recently by President, Indian Society for Cotton Improvement (ISCI). This new Desi Cotton with Bt gene is said to be awaiting the approval of the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC).

Cotton varieties with bollworm resistant Bt gene was first released commercially in India in 2002-03 season when it was grown over an area of about 40,000 hectares. From that small beginning, Bt cottons now cover about 99 lakh hectares or about 90 per cent of the total cotton area. The main reason for such phenomenal spread is the higher net returns that farmers realise by growing Bt cottons which have high yield potential and compared to non-Bt cottons, the production cost per kg is lower.

All the Bt cottons currently grown belong to the American cotton group or their hybrids. All of them belong to the long staple category. With their advent and enormous popularity, they have ousted desi cottons from several of their traditional tracts with the result that the area and production of short and medium staple desi cotton have gone down considerably and the production may fall short of the requirements of the textile industry.

Desi cottons are required by the industry for the manufacture of several items like canvas and denim cloth besides for medical purposes such as bandage cloth, it is stated. The President of ISCI is quoted to have stated that at one point, short staple desi cotton constituted 33 per cent of the total production. However, at present, 63 per cent of

the production is of long staple, 23 per cent of the medium staple while extralong staple and short staple cottons comprise of only one per cent each. The data available with the Cotton Corporation of India go to show that short staple cotton production in 2010-11 was only four lakh bales as against nine lakh bales in 2002-03 when the commercial cultivation of Bt cottons commenced.

The cultivation of desi cotton has now shrunk to small pockets of arid climate with very low rainfall, in States like Gujarat, where it is very difficult to grow any other crop for want of soil moisture. Desi cottons are drought tolerant but since the yield and prices are low, net returns to the farmer is very small. However, there is apprehension that further fall in desi cotton production may lead to a situation when it is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the mills which may be compelled to import short staple cotton besides extralong staple cotton to which imports are now confined.

There is, therefore, need to reverse the falling trend in desi cotton production and maintain it at a level which is adequate to meet the requirements of the industry. It is this need that primarily motivated scientists to develop desi cotton possessing Bt gene and capable of better yields without any incidence of pests and diseases. It is hoped that the GEAC will soon accord approval to the new desi cotton variety possessing Bt gene developed by scientists and help in reversing the downtrend and maintain short staple cotton production at the optimum level.

(Source: Business Line 19.11.2011)

World Cotton Research Conference Recommends Creation of International Cotton Researchers Association

The fifth World Cotton Research Conference (WCRC-5), organised by the Indian Society for Cotton Improvement (ISCI) and the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), was held in Mumbai in November. The Conference came to an end on November 11, 2011 after five days of paper presentations, followed by two days of technical tour to cotton areas near Nagpur.

Some details of the Conference are now available. It is reported that a total of 654 researchers attended WCRC-5. They were associated with all facets of cotton technology

from breeding and agronomy to fibre quality and ginning. A total of 322 scientific papers are said to have been presented.

After detailed discussions, the scientists passed a resolution supporting the creation of a global network of cotton stakeholder organisations. The network is to operate through nodes associated with cotton organisations and institutes to support globally accessible, stakeholder-supported specialist training and collaborative research.

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		UPCOUNTRY SPOT RATES												(Rs. \ Quintal)	
		2010-11 Crop						2011-12 Crop							
Nov.		V-797	Jayadhar	Y-1	NHH-44	LRA-5166*	H-4/ MECH-1	BD(RG) A. Commila	BD SG	J-34	H-4/ MECH-1	Shankar-6	Bunny/ Brahma	MCU-5/ Surabhi	DCH-32
2011		ICS-102	ICS-103	ICS-104	ICS-105	ICS-105	ICS-105	ICS-101	ICS-201	ICS-202	ICS-105	ICS-105	ICS-105	ICS-106	ICS-107
		22 mm	23 mm	24 mm	25 mm	27 mm	28 mm	22 mm	22 mm	25 mm	28 mm	29 mm	31 mm	33 mm	35 mm
		4.5-5.9	4.0-5.5	4.0-5.5	3.5-4.9	3.5-4.9	3.5-4.9	5.0-7.0	5.0-7.0	3.5-4.9	3.5-4.9	3.5-4.9	3.5-4.9	3.3-4.5	2.8-3.6
		19	19	20	22	24	25	15	15	23	25	26	27	28	31
1	6889	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	10208	10376	10489	9139	-	11107	11079	11389	13779
2	6889	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	10123	10517	10629	9083	-	11023	11023	11248	13779
3	6889	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	10123	10517	10629	8970	-	11023	10967	11248	13779
4	6889	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	10123	10517	10629	8970	-	11023	10967	11248	13779
5	6805	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	10095	10376	10489	8802	-	10967	10911	11164	13779
7	6664	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9842	10179	10292	8577	-	10826	10686	11023	13498
8	6664	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9786	9842	10123	8380	-	10545	10545	10967	13498
9	6749	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9842	9842	10123	8464	-	10545	10545	10967	13638
10	6889	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9983	9842	10123	8520	-	10686	10686	10967	13638
11	7030	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	10123	9954	10292	8773	-	10826	10686	11107	13919
12	6946	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9983	9954	10208	8661	-	10770	10573	10967	13779
14	6861	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9842	9842	10095	8577	-	10629	10432	10826	13638
15	6861	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9842	9926	10179	8661	-	10629	10432	10826	13638
16	6861	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9954	9926	10179	8717	-	10742	10545	10882	13638
17	6974	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	10095	10067	10320	8858	-	10854	10686	11023	13723
18	6974	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	10011	10067	10320	8858	-	10714	10601	11023	13723
19	6974	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9842	10067	10320	8577	-	10545	10432	10939	13666
21	6974	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9758	10067	10320	8577	9898	10461	10264	10686	13498
22	6974	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9758	10067	10320	8577	9983	10461	10264	10629	13498
23	6974	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9617	10067	10320	8661	9842	10348	10123	10489	13498
24	6749	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9505	10067	10320	8661	9729	10123	10039	10404	13413
25	6693	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9505	10067	10236	8661	9729	10123	10039	10404	13413
26	6552	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9364	9926	10123	8548	9589	9983	9898	10264	13329
28	6468	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9280	9786	9983	8464	9448	9842	9842	10264	13188
29	6468	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9280	9645	9842	8548	9448	9842	9842	10264	13076
30	6468	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9280	9505	9701	8577	9448	9870	9870	10264	12935
H	7030	-	-	-	-	-	10208	10517	10629	9139	9983	11107	11079	11389	13919
L	6468	-	-	-	-	-	9280	9505	9701	8380	9448	9842	9842	10264	12935
A	6813	-	-	-	-	-	9814	10039	10254	8687	9679	10558	10461	10826	13567

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

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Areas of particular importance to be addressed in the network are to include biosecurity in relation to diseases, biotic and abiotic stress tolerance, and conservation and accessibility of genetic resources.

Simultaneously, the scientists are stated to have endorsed the creation of an International Cotton Researchers Association to work with ICAC Secretariat, to plan and promote the creation of the global cotton researchers' network and to manage the agendas of future World Cotton Research Conferences. The International Cotton Researchers Association is to be a voluntary association open to cotton researchers of all disciplines and countries willing to contribute to the global unity among cotton researchers. The ICAC Secretariat is to serve as Secretariat to the International Cotton Researchers Association.

(Source: Cotton Outlook 18.11.2011)

As per report of Cotton Corporation of India, the pace of new crop arrivals had been less as compared to last year due to delayed sowings, prolonged rains as also subsequent Festival days. At present, the pace of arrivals has been less due to anticipation of better prices by the cotton farmers as also due to sowing of wheat in Punjab. The per day arrivals are now in the range of around 1,00,000 to 1,10,000 as against 1,80,000 to 1,90,000 lakh bales during the corresponding period last year. However, the same are expected to pick up momentum from the second fortnight of December 2011. As on 4th December 2011, the progressive arrivals are 52.24 lakh bales as against 69.46 lakh bales in previous year.

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 CROP
December 2011

Sr. No.	Grade Standard	Staple	Micronaire	Strength/GPT	Trade Name	3 rd	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
03.	ICS-102	22mm	4.5-5.9	19	V-797	6552 (23300)	6552 (23300)	6552 (23300)	6552 (23300)	6552 (23300)	6552 (23300)
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	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
08.	ICS-105	27mm	3.5-4.9	24	LRA-5166	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
09*.	ICS-105	28mm	3.5-4.9	25	H-4/ MECH-1	9280 (33000)	8998 (32000)	8998 (32000)	9139 (32500)	9280 (33000)	9280 (33000)
2011-12 CROP											
01.	ICS-101	Below 22mm	5.0-7.0	15	Bengal Desi (RG)	9505 (33800)	9476 (33700)	9561 (34000)	9561 (34000)	9476 (33700)	9476 (33700)
02.	ICS-201	Below 22mm	5.0-7.0	15	Bengal Desi (SG)	9701 (34500)	9701 (34500)	9786 (34800)	9786 (34800)	9729 (34600)	9729 (34600)
06.	ICS-202	25mm	3.5-4.9	23	J-34	8633 (30700)	8633 (30700)	8717 (31000)	8773 (31200)	8717 (31000)	8717 (31000)
09.	ICS-105	28mm	3.5-4.9	25	H-4/ MECH-1	9561 (34000)	9420 (33500)	9476 (33700)	9589 (34100)	9589 (34100)	9589 (34100)
10.	ICS-105	29mm	3.5-4.9	26	Shankar-6	9898 (35200)	9842 (35000)	9898 (35200)	9926 (35300)	9926 (35300)	9926 (35300)
11.	ICS-105	31mm	3.5-4.9	27	Bunny/ Brahma	9898 (35200)	9898 (35200)	9898 (35200)	9983 (35500)	9983 (35500)	9983 (35500)
12.	ICS-106	33mm	3.3-4.5	28	MCU-5/ Surabhi	10264 (36500)	10264 (36500)	10264 (36500)	10264 (36500)	10264 (36500)	10545 (37500)
13.	ICS-107	35mm	2.8-3.6	31	DCH-32	12092 (43000)	12092 (43000)	12092 (43000)	12092 (43000)	12373 (44000)	12654 (45000)

Note: Figures in bracket indicate prices in Rs./candy * -Nominal