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90% of Cotton Area Under Bt

The evolution of Bt created additional value worth Rs 40,000 cr until 2008. Bt cotton has surpassed 90 per cent of cotton acreage this kharif season with farmers continuing to gain from the high-yielding seed since its commercialisation in 2002.

Over the last eight years, farmers have got better output through Bt cotton seeds compared to the conventional seeds. Although, the final figure is yet to be assessed, the Bt area has crossed 90 per cent of the total cotton acreage this year. India is one of the fastest adopter of Bt cotton, especially after the introduction of Bollgard II, an insect-resistant genetically modified (GM) seed that reduces pesticide use by up to 80 per cent, two years ago. However, 100 per cent use of Bt may not be possible as a section of farmers continue with conventional seeds.

India's cotton sowing area has increased substantially over the last three years to 110 lakh ha this kharif season, from 103 lakh ha and 98 lakh ha in 2009 and 2008, respectively. This growth is attributed to a significant rise in the minimum support price (MSP) and higher yield in the area under Bt seed.

The total cotton output this year is estimated at 329 lakh bales (1 bale = 170 kgs) as against 295 lakh bales in the previous year, according to data by the Ministry of Textiles.

With mill consumption estimated at 275 lakh bales and export cap at 55 lakh bales, total mill cotton demand in the country is expected to fall to 330 lakh bales this cotton year (October '10 - September '11) as against the availability of 374.5 lakh bales. Last season, the total demand was

estimated at 333 lakh bales against supply of 373.5 lakh bales.

According to sources at the ministry of textile, the evolution of Bt in the cotton sector has created additional value in the country worth Rs 40,000 crore until 2008. (Additional value from cotton sector includes income from exports, saving foreign currency through lower imports, technology tax to the government and cheap raw material available for local users, including ginners and textile manufacturers).

Year-on-year, farmers have continued to adopt Bt cotton, which has resulted in higher yields and significant higher incomes, a spokes person from Mahyco Monsanto Biotech (India) has said.

Processors like ginners earned Rs 720 crore. Farmers became rich with an additional income of Rs 20,000 crore due to higher yield with Bt technology. Farm labourers recorded a growth of Rs 1,300 crore and technology providers earned a gross fee of Rs 280 crore. Hybrid seed companies shared less than one per cent of the total additional income with a sale of 238 packets worth Rs 110 crore.

Adoption of cotton technology in over 90 per cent of the cotton acreages this year, clearly demonstrates the benefits farmers are experiencing from Bt Cotton. Their increasing vote in favour of Bt cotton technology is an example of how innovation and technology have helped them increase farming efficiency, get better yields and better income. It is testimony to the fact that there is a growing need to create an environment where farmers have access to more such beneficial technologies.

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Apparel Exports Up in Q3 on Capping Cotton Yarn Export

The Government's initiative to cap export of cotton yarn to bring down its domestic prices has resulted in a marginal increase in the export of apparels to USD 2,438 million in Q3 FY 11 as compared to USD 2,398 million in the year-ago period.

The Indian apparel sector, which has been reeling under pressure in the recent past primarily due to rising cotton yarn prices, witnessed a positive beginning in December 2010. This is a result of the recent intervention by the Government to cap exports of cotton yarn, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) Chairman Premal Udani said in a release here.

To curb increasing prices of yarn in the domestic market, the Government has capped cotton yarn export for FY 11 to 720-million-kilogram for the current fiscal.

According to AEPC statistics, export for

December rose by 40 per cent, touching the USD 1-billion mark, from USD 7.10 million posted in the previous month (November 2010).

An important reason for this increase has been the growth posted in AEPC's largest exporting partner country, the US, it is said.

Apparel export to the US registered a growth of 10 per cent during the period January- November 2010 at USD 2,903 million as against USD 2,636.90 million in the corresponding period of 2009, the release said.

We are optimistic about reaching an export figure of USD 11 billion for the current financial year. For the next fiscal, AEPC forecasts about 10 per cent growth, subject to raw material stability, the release said.

(Source: Tecoya Trend - 24.02.2011)

CAI VALUE DIFFERENCES

As on 24th February 2011

(Figures in Rs/Candy)

Parameters	Grade			Micronaire Off Allowance
	On Allowance		Off Allowance	
	Extra Super Fine	Super Fine	Fully Good	
ICS-101 (Staple length: Below 22 mm Micronaire : 5.0-7.0 Grade: Fine) (Trade Name : Bengal Deshi RG)	+200	+200	-100	Nil
ICS-201 (Staple length: Below 22 mm Micronaire : 5.0-7.0 Grade: Fine) (Trade Name : Bengal Deshi SG)	+200	+200	-100	Nil
ICS-102 (Staple length: 22 mm Micronaire : 4.5-5.9 Grade: Fine) (Trade Name : V-797)	N.A.	+1000	-500	N.A.
ICS-103 (Staple length: 23mm Micronaire : 4.0-5.5 Grade: Fine) (Trade Name : Jayadhar)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
ICS-104 (Staple length: 24mm Micronaire : 4.0-5.5 Grade: Fine) (Trade Name : Y-1)	+900	+700	-500	N.A.
ICS-202 (Staple length: 25mm Micronaire : 3.5-4.9 Grade: Fine) (Trade Name : J-34)	+600	+400	-200	N.A.
ICS-105 (Staple length: 25mm-31mm) (Micronaire : 3.5-4.9 Grade: Fine) (Trade Names : NHH-44, LRA-5166, H-4/MECH-1/Shankar-6/Bunny/ Brahma)	+800	+500	-500	-500 (Low Mic)
ICS-106 (Staple length: 33 mm Micronaire : 3.3-4.5 Grade: Fine) (Trade Name : MCU-5/Surabhi)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
ICS-107 (Staple length: 35 mm Micronaire : 2.8-3.6 Grade: Fine) (Trade Name : DCH-32)	+1600	+800	-800	-800 (Low Mic)

World Cotton Prices						
Monthly average Cotlook A Index (FE) from 2005-06 onwards						
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Cotlook Index in US Cents per lb.						
August	53.23	59.88	66.62	78.04	64.14	90.35
September	53.94	58.82	68.12	77.09	63.99	104.73
October	57.74	57.03	68.93	62.30	66.82	126.55
November	55.87	57.39	69.68	54.96	71.78	155.47
December	56.09	59.43	69.52	55.47	76.78	168.22
January	58.36	59.06	73.21	57.71	77.39	178.93
February	59.66	57.86	75.05	55.21	80.05	
March	57.59	58.42	80.18	51.50	85.80	
April	56.23	57.13	75.44	56.78	88.08	
May	54.35	55.57	74.12	61.95	90.07	
June	55.14	60.61	77.04	61.39	93.04	
July	55.42	67.84	77.29	64.80	--	

Source: Cotton Outlook

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) 2009-10 CROP						
					February 2011						
					19 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	
04.	ICS-103	23mm	Jayadhar	4.0-5	19	M	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	
2010-11 CROP											
01.	ICS-101	Below 22mm	Bengal Deshi (RG)	5.0-7.0	15	A	14060 (50000)	13863 (49300)	13723 (48800)	13498 (48000)	13357 (47500)
02.	ICS-201	Below 22mm	Bengal Deshi (SG)	5.0-7.0	15	R	14201 (50500)	14116 (50200)	13976 (49700)	13751 (48900)	13610 (48400)
03.	ICS-102	22mm	V-797	4.5-5.9	19	K	13357 (47500)	13076 (46500)	12935 (46000)	12092 (43000)	11529 (41000)
05.	ICS-104	24mm	Y-1	4.0-5.5	20	E	14904 (53000)	14904 (53000)	14904 (53000)	14622 (52000)	14482 (51500)
06.	ICS-202	25mm	J-34	3.5-4.9	23	T	16310 (58000)	16197 (57600)	16056 (57100)	15832 (56300)	15550 (55300)
07.	ICS-105	25mm	NHH-44	3.5-4.9	22		N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
08.	ICS-105	27mm	LRA-5166	3.5-4.9	24	C	16028 (57000)	15466 (55000)	15185 (54000)	14763 (52500)	14482 (51500)
09.	ICS-105	28mm	H-4/ MECH-1	3.5-4.9	25	L	16310 (58000)	15747 (56000)	15466 (55000)	15185 (54000)	14763 (52500)
10.	ICS-105	29mm	S-6	3.5-4.9	26	O	16450 (58500)	16113 (57300)	15747 (56000)	15466 (55000)	15269 (54300)
11.	ICS-105	31mm	Bunny/ Brahma	3.5-4.9	27	S	16872 (60000)	16591 (59000)	16310 (58000)	16028 (57000)	15747 (56000)
12.	ICS-106	33mm	MCU-5/ Surabhi	3.3-4.5	28	E	17434 (62000)	17153 (61000)	16872 (60000)	16591 (59000)	16310 (58000)
13.	ICS-107	35mm	DCH-32	2.8-3.6	31	D	23199 (82500)	23199 (82500)	23199 (82500)	22777 (81000)	22777 (81000)

Note: Figures in bracket indicate prices in Rs./candy)