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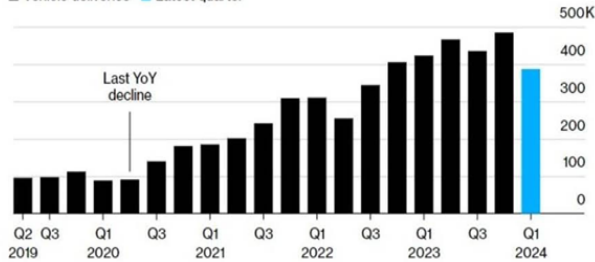
The Month That Was - Snippets for April 2024

Tesla Lets Down Wall Street by Most Ever in Brutal Blow for EVs

Tesla Deliveries Fell From a Year Ago

Carmaker reports first year-over-year drop since 2020

■ Vehicle deliveries ■ Latest quarter



Source: Company statements

The electric-car maker led by Elon Musk delivered just 386,810 vehicles in the first three months of the year, missing Bloomberg's average

Tesla's Biggest Miss Yet

Deliveries fell 14% short of analysts' average estimate



Source: Company statement, Bloomberg data

estimate by the biggest margin ever in data going back seven years. Tesla shares plunged as much as 6.7% in intraday trading, extending what's been the biggest rout in the S&P 500 Index.

*Analysts slashed projections in recent days, but not by enough.

*Shares drop as much as 6.7%, extending biggest rout in S&P 500.

Supermarket Goods Cost More

A Wall Street Journal analysis found that a commonly purchased basket of supermarket goods has increased in price by 36.5% over the past 4 years (+8.1% per year). This is much higher than the US Government CPI figures which show food price inflation of 25.2% over the last 4 years (+5.8%/year).


Meanwhile, average hourly earnings in the US have increased 21% over the past 4 years (+4.9% per year).



Source : Wall Street Journal

Worst Performing Stocks in the S&P 500

Worst Performing Stocks in the S&P 500 (2024 YTD)				
Rank	Symbol	Name	Industry	2024 Total Return
500	TSLA	Tesla Inc	Auto Manufacturers	-29.3%
499	BA	Boeing Co	Aerospace & Defense	-26.0%
498	CHTR	Charter Communications Inc	Telecom Services	-25.3%
497	MKTX	MarketAxess Holdings Inc	Capital Markets	-24.9%
496	HUM	Humana Inc	Healthcare Plans	-24.1%
495	LULU	Lululemon Athletica Inc	Apparel Retail	-23.6%
494	WBD	Warner Bros. Discovery Inc	Entertainment	-23.3%
493	PODD	Insulet Corp	Medical Devices	-21.0%
492	PARA	Paramount Global	Entertainment	-20.1%
491	VFC	VF Corp	Apparel Manufacturing	-17.9%
490	BIIB	Biogen Inc	Drug Manufacturers - General	-16.7%
489	WBA	Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc	Pharmaceutical Retailers	-16.0%
488	ADBE	Adobe Inc	Software - Infrastructure	-15.4%
487	ETSY	Etsy Inc	Internet Retail	-15.2%
486	SBAC	SBA Communications Corp	REIT - Specialty	-14.2%
485	ZTS	Zoetis Inc	Drug Manufacturers	-14.1%
484	NKE	Nike Inc	Footwear & Accessories	-13.1%
483	NEM	Newmont Corp	Gold	-12.8%
482	XEL	Xcel Energy Inc	Utilities - Regulated Electric	-12.3%
481	ADM	Archer-Daniels Midland Co	Farm Products	-12.2%


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Data Source: YCharts as of 3/31/24

Soaring Global Coffee Prices Due to Drought, Distribution and Data Worries

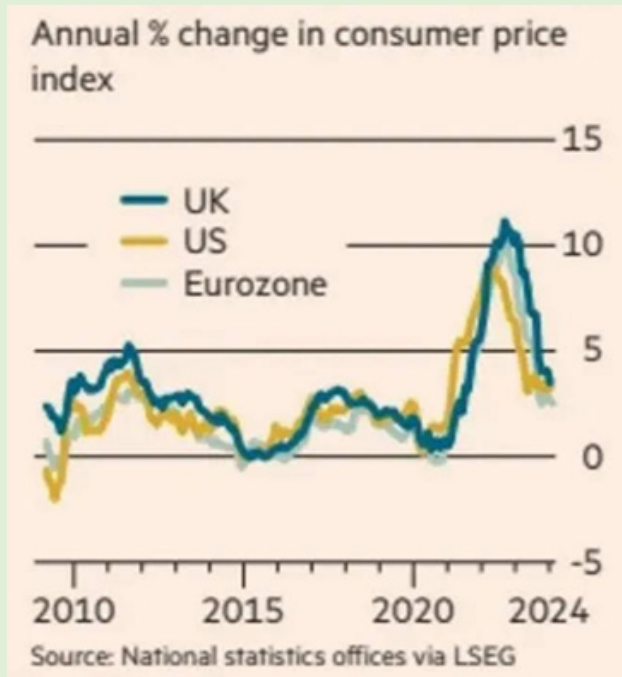


Coffee prices are surging due to hot, dry weather affecting major coffee-producing regions in Southeast Asia, causing concerns about potential shortages. Both robusta and arabica bean prices have increased significantly since the start of the year.

Robusta futures in London reached an all-time high of \$3,948 per tonne, while arabica futures in New York rose to \$2.34 per pound, the highest since September 2022. This has affected companies like Lavazza, which reported falling profitability due to rising coffee prices.

Vietnam, the world’s leading robusta producer, is experiencing a prolonged heatwave that is damaging coffee crops, leading to supply constraints and concerns about global shortages. This situation has prompted roasters, especially in Europe, to stockpile beans.

Inflation Decreasing Faster in Eurozone

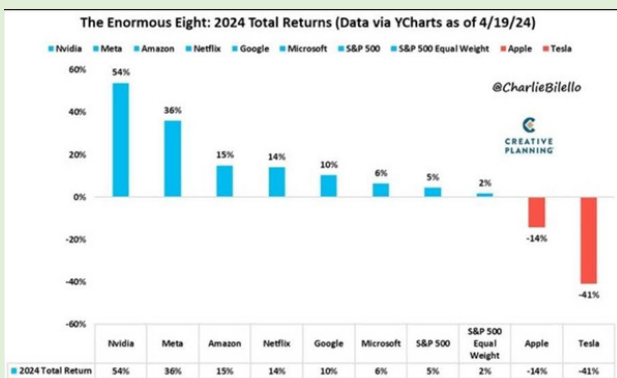
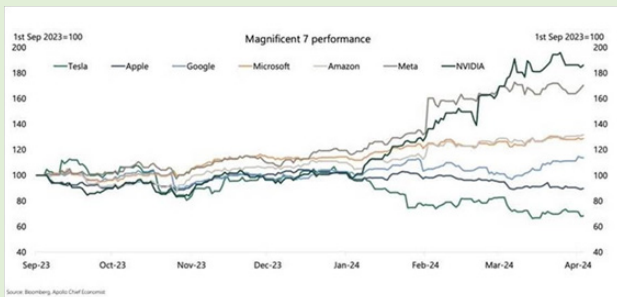


Inflation is decreasing faster than expected in Europe but surpassing expectations in the US, leading investors to anticipate potential interest rate cuts by the European Central Bank (ECB) before the Federal Reserve.

Eurozone inflation dropped to 2.4% in the year to March, nearing the ECB’s 2% target, while US inflation measured by the headline personal consumption expenditures metric rose to 2.5% in February.

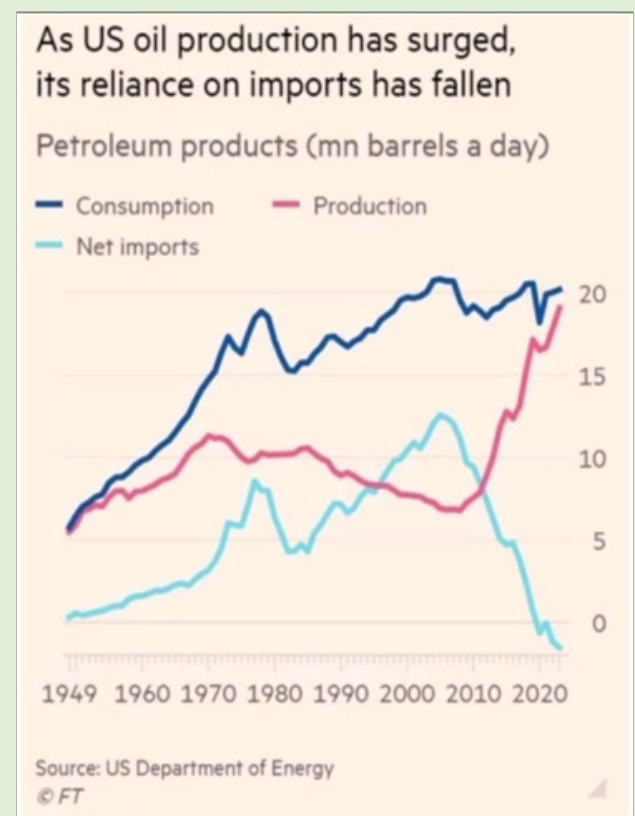
Investors predict the ECB could ease policy more aggressively than the Fed due to stronger disinflation momentum in Europe. The Fed signalled a cautious approach to rate cuts due to persistent US inflation, with Chair Jay Powell emphasising the need for sustainable movement toward the 2% target. Market expectations include nearly 90 basis points of cuts by the ECB and almost 70 basis points of cuts by the Fed and the Bank of England, reflecting differing inflation trajectories and economic conditions.

From Magnificent Seven to Enormous Eight

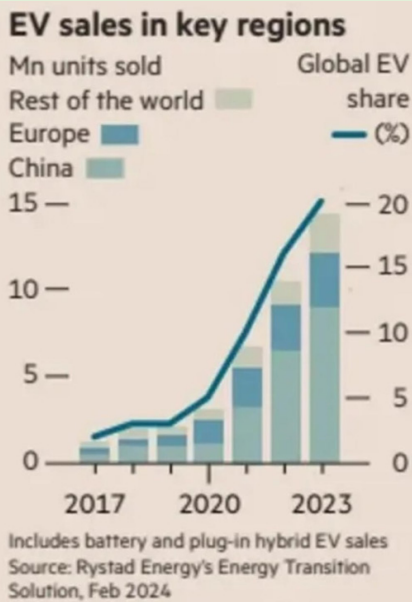


In 2023 it was all about the Magnificent Seven. Then it was the Fabulous Four. But now the story is actually a lot more complicated and it’s all about the Enormous Eight.

US Oil Production, Consumption and Imports



In-Car Software Offers Chance To Gain An Edge Against China EVs



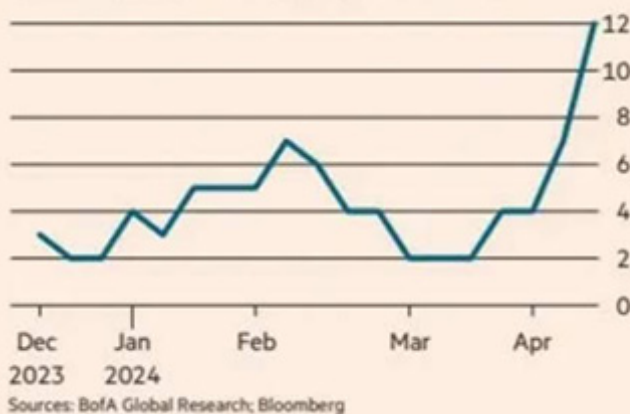
In China's competitive electric car market, in-car software has emerged as a crucial differentiator, especially among younger consumers. Smart features such as seamless smartphone connectivity and AI-enabled systems are driving demand for EVs priced between \$30,000 to \$60,000.

Foreign carmakers, unable to compete solely on price, are focusing on incorporating localised smart functions into their EVs to stay competitive. Toyota, for example, has partnered with Tencent to offer technology-enhanced cars, emphasizing AI, cloud computing, and big data for EVs.

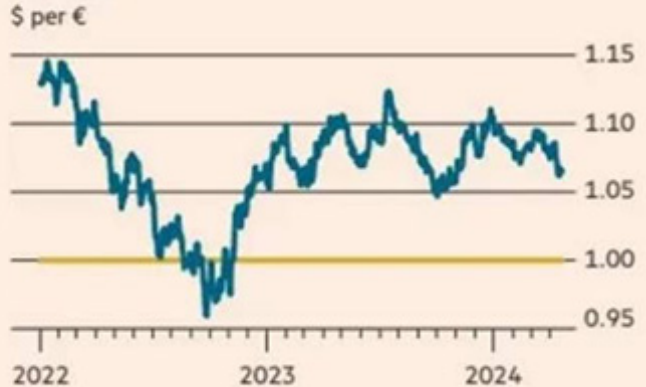
Despite the late entry of some foreign automakers, there's still an opportunity to capitalize on the trend toward intelligent vehicles in China's rapidly growing EV market. With China expected to remain the world's largest EV market, it's increasingly urgent for automakers to adapt and integrate smart features to meet shifting consumer preferences.

Traders Bet That Euro Could Fall Back to Parity with The Dollar

Traders raise their bets on a weaker euro
Option-implied probability of € per \$=1.00 (%)



The euro last sank to parity against the dollar in 2022
\$ per €



Euro expected to fall to parity with the dollar: Traders are increasingly betting on the euro declining to \$1 or below against the dollar, with options pricing indicating a more than 10% chance of this scenario within the next six months. The euro has already slipped 3.5% against the dollar since January, requiring a further drop of almost 6.5% for parity.

Diverging monetary policies between the US and eurozone: High inflation and resilient

growth in the US have led traders to reduce their expectations of interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve, while the European Central Bank is anticipated to start easing in June. This divergence is driving expectations of a weaker euro relative to the dollar. Potential impact of geopolitical tensions and ECB policy: Fears of a widening conflict in the Middle East and concerns about energy prices could further pressure the euro.

Compiled by Shri. Kunal Thakkar

CAI Retains its March Cotton Pressing Estimate for 2023-24 Cotton Season at 309.70 Lakh Bales

Cotton Association of India (CAI) has released its March estimate of the cotton pressing numbers for 2023-24 season, which began on 1st October 2023. CAI has retained its cotton pressing estimate for 2023-24 season at 309.70 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 324.99 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each). Based on input received from the members of 11 cotton growing state associations and other trade sources, the Committee maintained pressing figures for 2023-24 season at the same level as estimated by it previously. The State-wise break-up of the Cotton pressing numbers as well as Balance Sheet for the season with the corresponding data for the previous crop year are given below.

The total cotton supply till end of March 2024 is estimated at 297.03 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 311.70 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) which consists of the arrivals of 263.13 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 276.12 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each), imports of 5.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 5.25 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) and the opening stock estimated by the CAI at 28.90 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 30.33 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) at the beginning of the season.

Further, the CAI has estimated cotton consumption upto the end of March 2024 at 165.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 173.15 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) while the export shipments upto 31st March 2024 are estimated by the CAI at 18.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 18.89 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each). Stock at the end of March 2024 is estimated at 114.03 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 119.66 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) including 47.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 49.32 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) with textile mills which is about 51 days consumption and the remaining 67.03 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 70.34 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) with CCI, Maharashtra Federation and others (MNCs, traders, ginners, etc.) including cotton sold but not delivered.

The CAI has retained its total cotton supply till end of the cotton season 2023-24 (i.e. upto 30th

September 2024) at the same level as estimated previously i.e. at 359.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 376.73 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each). The total cotton supply consists of the opening stock of 28.90 lakh bales (equivalent to 30.33 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) at the beginning of 2023-24 season on 1st October 2023, cotton pressing numbers estimated for the season at 309.70 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 324.99 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) and imports for the season estimated at 20.40 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 21.41 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each). The cotton imports estimated by the CAI for the season are higher by 7.90 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each compared to last year.

The domestic consumption estimated by the CAI is the same as estimated previously i.e. 317 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 332.65 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each). The exports for the season 2023-24 estimated by the CAI are the same as estimated previously i.e. 22 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 23.09 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) as against 15.50 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 16.27 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) estimated for 2022-23 season.

The CAI will review and finalise its estimated cotton balance sheet for ongoing crop year 2023-24 including cotton production, consumption, exports, imports numbers at the ensuing all India meeting of its National Crop Committee with Stakeholders which is scheduled to be held on Monday, the 10th June 2024 in Ludhiana (Punjab). This meeting is very important and entire cotton value chain including spinning mills, MNCs, ginners, traders, importers, exporters, brokers, Presidents / Secretaries of upcountry associations representing all 11 cotton growing states will attend this meeting.

Salient Features of the CAI Crop Committee Meeting held on 24th April 2024

The Crop Committee of the Cotton Association of India (CAI) held its meeting on Wednesday, the 24th April 2024 virtually,

which was attended by 20 members representing various cotton growing regions of the country. Based on the input given by the representatives of each state association, the CAI Crop Committee has estimated total cotton pressing numbers for 2023-24 season and has also drawn cotton balance sheet for 2023-24 season.

The following are the salient features of the CAI crop report: -

1. Consumption

The CAI has maintained cotton consumption for 2023-24 season at 317 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 332.65 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) i.e. same as estimated previously.

Upto 31st March 2024, the consumption is estimated at 165.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 173.15 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each).

2. Cotton Pressing

As per the crop report submitted by upcountry associations and trade sources at the meeting of the CAI Crop Committee, the Committee has retained its cotton pressing estimate at 309.70 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 324.99 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each).

The Committee members will have a close watch on the pressing numbers of cotton in the subsequent months and if any addition or reduction is required to be made in the pressing numbers, the same will be made in the CAI report.

3. Imports

The cotton imports into India during 2023-24 season are also maintained at 20.40 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 21.41 lakh running

CAI's Cotton Pressing Estimate for the Seasons 2023-24 and 2022-23

(in lakh bales of 170 kg.)

State	Indian Cotton pressing Estimate*				Pressed Cotton Bales as on 31st March 2024	
	2023-24		2022-23		2023-24	
	In running b/s of 162 Kgs. each	In lakh b/s of 170 Kgs. each	In running b/s of 162 Kgs. each	In lakh b/s of 170 Kgs. each	In running b/s of 162 Kgs. each	In lakh b/s of 170 Kgs. each
Punjab	3.67	3.50	2.89	2.75	3.59	3.42
Haryana	14.17	13.50	11.54	11.00	12.12	11.55
Upper Rajasthan	15.74	15.00	18.89	18.00	15.20	14.48
Lower Rajasthan	14.69	14.00	11.81	11.25	13.44	12.81
Total North Zone	48.27	46.00	45.12	43.00	44.35	42.26
Gujarat	91.30	87.00	99.07	94.41	71.38	68.02
Maharashtra	83.95	80.00	84.70	80.71	72.13	68.74
Madhya Pradesh	18.89	18.00	20.46	19.50	17.05	16.25
Total Central Zone	194.14	185.00	204.23	194.62	160.57	153.01
Telangana	35.68	34.00	32.01	30.50	35.22	33.56
Andhra Pradesh	13.12	12.50	17.21	16.40	10.76	10.25
Karnataka	20.99	20.00	23.61	22.50	19.10	18.20
Tamil Nadu	6.82	6.50	5.72	5.45	0.94	0.90
Total South Zone	76.60	73.00	78.55	74.85	66.02	62.91
Orissa	3.88	3.70	3.60	3.43	3.46	3.30
Others	2.10	2.00	3.15	3.00	1.73	1.65
Total	324.99	309.70	334.65	318.90	276.12	263.13

* Including loose

bales of 162 kgs. each) as against 12.50 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 13.12 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) estimated for last season. The cotton imports estimated for the ongoing crop year 2023-24 are higher by 7.90 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each compared to last year.

Upto 31st March 2024, about 5.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 5.25 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) are estimated to have arrived the Indian Ports.

4. Exports

The Committee has retained its cotton exports estimate at 22 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 23.09 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each). The cotton exports for 2023-24 crop year are estimated to be higher at 6.50 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each as against 15.50 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 16.27 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) estimated for the last season.

The Balance Sheet drawn by the Association for 2023-24 and 2022-23 is reproduced below: -

(in lakh bales of 170 kg.)

Details	2023-24 (P)	2022-23 (P)
Opening Stock	28.90	24.00
Cotton Pressing	309.70	318.90
Imports	20.40	12.50
Total Supply	359.00	355.40
Non-MSME Consumption	201.00	280.00
MSME Consumption	100.00	15.00
Non-Textile Consumption	16.00	16.00
Total Domestic Demand	317.00	311.00
Available Surplus	42.00	44.40
Exports	22.00	15.50
Closing Stock	20.00	28.90

5. Closing Stock as at 30th September 2024

The closing stock as on 30th September 2024 is estimated at 20 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 20.99 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) as against 28.90 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 30.33 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) in last year.

Balance Sheet of 6 months i.e. from 1.10.2023 to 31.03.2024 for the season 2023-24

Details	In lakh b/s of 170 kg.	In '000 Tons
Opening Stock as on 01.10.2023	28.90	491.30
Pressings upto 31.03.2024	263.13	4473.21
Imports upto 31.03.2024	5.00	85.00
Total available	297.03	5049.51
Consumption	165.00	2805.00
Export Shipments upto 31.03.2024	18.00	306.00
Stock with Mills	47.00	799.00
Stock with CCI, Maha Fedn., MNCs, Ginners, Traders & Exporters	67.03	1139.51
Total	297.03	5049.51

Break-Up of the Stock of 67.03 Lakh Bales with other than Mills is as under:-

(in lakh b/s of 170 kgs. each)

CCI	27.50
MNCs	16.50
Ginners	22.60
MCX	0.43
TOTAL	67.03

UPCOUNTRY SPOT RATES								(Rs./Qtl)					
Standard Descriptions with Basic Grade & Staple in Millimetres based on Upper Half Mean Length [By law 66 (A) (a) (4)]								Spot Rate (Upcountry) 2023-24 Crop April 2024					
Sr. No.	Growth	Grade Standard	Grade	Staple	Micronaire	Gravimetric Trash	Strength /GPT	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th
1	P/H/R	ICS-101	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	4%	15	12485 (44400)	13020 (46300)	12963 (46100)	12963 (46100)	12963 (46100)	12963 (46100)
2	P/H/R (SG)	ICS-201	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	4.5%	15	12654 (45000)	13188 (46900)	13132 (46700)	13132 (46700)	13132 (46700)	13132 (46700)
3	GUJ	ICS-102	Fine	22mm	4.0 – 6.0	13%	20	10404 (37000)	10545 (37500)	10545 (37500)	10517 (37400)	10489 (37300)	10489 (37300)
4	KAR	ICS-103	Fine	22mm	4.5 – 6.0	6%	21	12598 (44800)	12682 (45100)	12682 (45100)	12654 (45000)	12654 (45000)	12654 (45000)
5	M/M (P)	ICS-104	Fine	23mm	4.5 – 7.0	4%	22	15241 (54200)	15325 (54500)	15325 (54500)	15297 (54400)	15297 (54400)	15016 (53400)
6	P/H/R (U) (SG)	ICS-202	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	4.5%	26	15325 (54500)	15325 (54500)	15269 (54300)	15269 (54300)	15269 (54300)	15269 (54300)
7	M/M(P)/SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	26mm	3.0 – 3.4	4%	25	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)
8	P/H/R(U)	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	4%	26	15466 (55000)	15466 (55000)	15410 (54800)	15410 (54800)	15410 (54800)	15410 (54800)
9	M/M(P)/SA/TL/G	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.0 – 3.4	4%	25	14144 (50300)	14172 (50400)	14172 (50400)	14172 (50400)	14172 (50400)	14172 (50400)
10	M/M(P)/SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	3.5%	26	14988 (53300)	15016 (53400)	15016 (53400)	15016 (53400)	15297 (54400)	15466 (55000)
11	P/H/R(U)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	4%	27	15663 (55700)	15663 (55700)	15607 (55500)	15607 (55500)	15607 (55500)	15607 (55500)
12	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	27	16056 (57100)	16085 (57200)	16085 (57200)	16085 (57200)	15944 (56700)	15944 (56700)
13	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	27	16113 (57300)	16141 (57400)	16141 (57400)	16141 (57400)	16000 (56900)	16000 (56900)
14	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	27	16056 (57100)	16085 (57200)	16085 (57200)	16056 (57100)	16028 (57000)	16028 (57000)
15	R(L)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	28	16281 (57900)	16281 (57900)	16281 (57900)	16281 (57900)	16253 (57800)	16253 (57800)
16	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	28	16338 (58100)	16366 (58200)	16366 (58200)	16366 (58200)	16366 (58200)	16366 (58200)
17	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	28	16366 (58200)	16394 (58300)	16394 (58300)	16394 (58300)	16394 (58300)	16394 (58300)
18	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	28	16338 (58100)	16366 (58200)	16366 (58200)	16338 (58100)	16310 (58000)	16310 (58000)
19	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	29	16703 (59400)	16731 (59500)	16731 (59500)	16731 (59500)	16647 (59200)	16647 (59200)
20	SA/TL/K/O	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	29	16759 (59600)	16788 (59700)	16788 (59700)	16788 (59700)	16703 (59400)	16703 (59400)
21	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	30	17013 (60500)	17041 (60600)	17041 (60600)	17041 (60600)	16984 (60400)	16984 (60400)
22	SA/TL/K / TN/O	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	30	17041 (60600)	17069 (60700)	17069 (60700)	17069 (60700)	17013 (60500)	17013 (60500)
23	SA/TL/K/TN/O	ICS-106	Fine	32mm	3.5 – 4.2	3%	31	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)
24	M/M(P)	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	2.8 - 3.7	4%	33	22215 (79000)	22355 (79500)	22355 (79500)	22355 (79500)	22355 (79500)	22355 (79500)
25	K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	2.8 - 3.7	3.5%	34	23058 (82000)	23199 (82500)	23199 (82500)	23199 (82500)	23199 (82500)	23199 (82500)
26	M/M(P)	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	4%	35	22777 (81000)	22918 (81500)	22918 (81500)	22918 (81500)	22918 (81500)	22918 (81500)
27	K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	3.5%	35	23480 (83500)	23621 (84000)	23621 (84000)	23621 (84000)	23621 (84000)	23621 (84000)

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