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## Technical Analysis

### Price Outlook for Gujarat-ICS-105, 29mm and ICE Cotton Futures for the Period 4th June 2024 to 2nd July 2024

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### Domestic Markets

- The domestic prices inched lower or weak demand. Continued drops in ICE cotton prices dragged down the natural fibre's prices in the Indian market. The recent fall in ICE cotton discouraged mills from buying cotton in the domestic market. As per CAI data, daily arrivals on June 3 were at 33,300 bales and cumulative arrivals were at 294.32 lakh bales.

- Domestic cotton yarn prices remained stable amid slow buying. Buyers are expected to return to the market after the poll results. The market saw limited buying of cotton yarn, but this may improve in the coming weeks as higher manufacturing activities are expected with schools reopening, to boost sentiment mildly.

- As per IMD, rains have been mildly lacking due to dry weather prevailing presently

in parts of the country. Scattered to widespread rainfall likely over Islands, Northeast, and Peninsular India. Isolated to scattered rainfall likely over Western Himalayan Region. Mainly dry weather likely to prevail over the rest of the country. But forecast going forward seems to be a normal to mildly excessive rains.

## International Markets

- ICE cotton futures edged higher on Tuesday due to investor short covering and improved demand, but remained at 19-month lows. Cotton futures fell for a fourth consecutive session to their lowest level in 19 months on Monday. There have been good growing conditions developing in Texas, so the planting conditions should be good, which has been pressurising cotton prices.

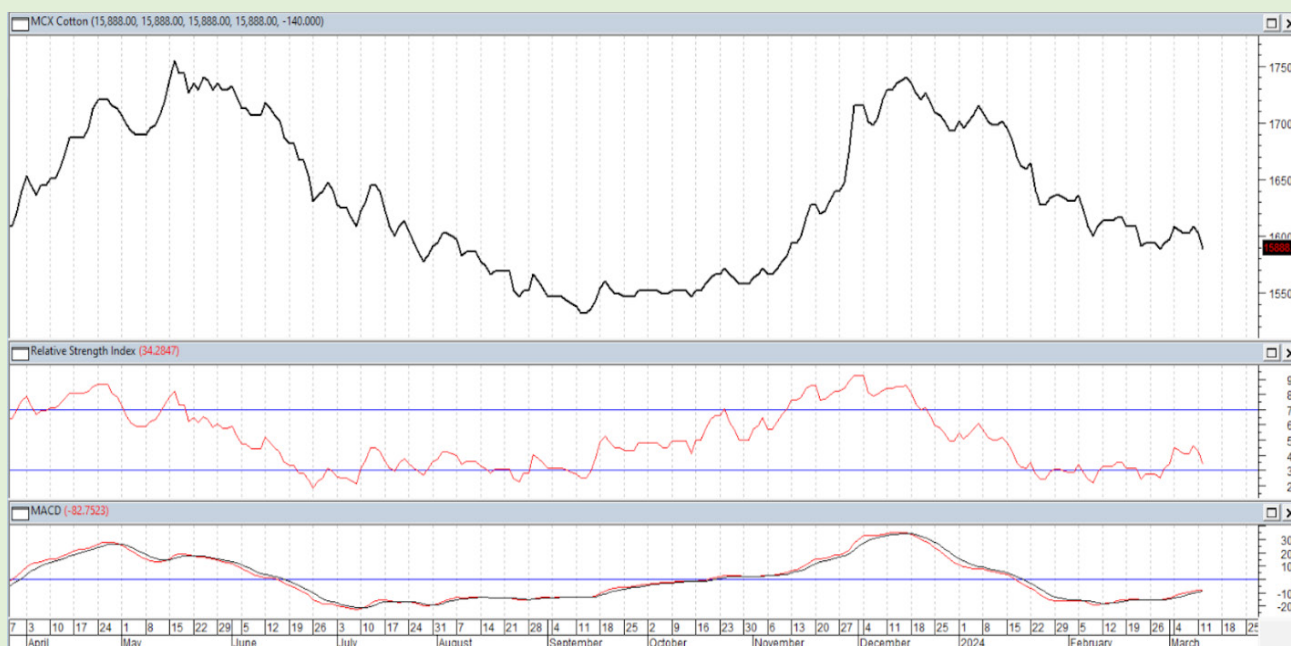
- The market will keep a close eye on Mother Nature now. The U.S. crop still projects to be 16.3 million bales – not that big, but adequate. The Indian subcontinent is in the throngs of significant production perils. The USDA, in a weekly crop progress report on Monday, said 61% of the cotton crop was in good-to-excellent condition.

- On-call purchases – generally thought of as grower selling and more specifically, futures positions that will require the selling of futures contracts at some time in the future (a bearish market tendency) – have switched somewhat massively in favour of on-call purchases. That is not good for the bull. More importantly, that is not good for the grower.

- A lot of the selling pressure is coming in from the speculative trading side, repositioning, even exiting contracts before the July 1 notice day starts to approach in a couple weeks. The CFTC's Commitment of Traders data did show short covering in the week that ended on May 28, with specs trimming 10,607 contracts from their net short position. They took it to 12,765 contracts as of May 28. However, subsequently shorts have been re initiated post the favourable weather condition reports.

## Shankar 6 Guj ICS Price Trend

As expected, strong resistance was seen around 17,000-17,500 levels now. Indicators are showing extreme oversold conditions warning a possible pullback higher in the coming sessions. However, any upticks could be short-lived and further falls are expected in the coming weeks. Only an unexpected rise above 16,500 levels could cause some doubts on this bearish view.



**MCX Cotton Candy July:** As mentioned in the previous update, price continues to struggle and indicates further weakness ahead at 56,000 levels. Fall below 56,000 will increase the chances for extending the move down to 55,400. This chance for a fall to 55,400 will continue to prevail while staying below



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57,000. It needs to rise above 57,350 to cause doubts about this fall. Next resistance will be at 57,700 and 57,950.

## ICE Jul 24 Cotton Futures

As mentioned in the earlier update, most likely prices are going to inch lower to 70c or more precisely towards 65c where strong buying could kick in again. Prices came close to 70c and bounced. Daily chart's structure shows two target levels at (i) 72.85 and (ii) 71.10/70.95. Shorter-term charts suggest that upticks could be capped in the 75.10/76.10 area for a fall towards 69.80/69.30 area. Any unexpected rise above 77c would turn the short-term outlook neutral and an extension to 79-80c is possible before the bigger decline to 65c or lower is seen.

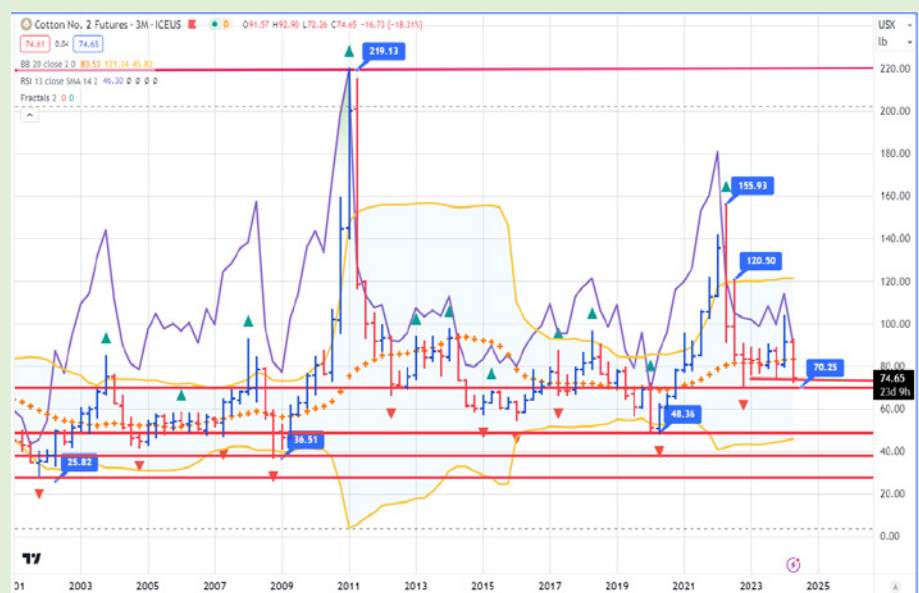
As mentioned before, using ICE futures and Options for mitigating prices risk especially when prices are at elevated levels helps cushion the fall and manage high priced inventory of cotton and yarn is ideal for the industry, but to take that leap of faith is a humungous task for this industry where raw material price moves make 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. A good opportunity to protect the inventory value of purchases, is now to Buy PUT options (Out of the money) around peaks at 88-90c in ICE futures. This will help in mitigating any expectations of further declines. However, if the market does rise, it is only the premium for PUT's that has to be borne which is very meagre.

A container of yarn roughly uses 150 bales of raw material cotton. That much of raw material price risk is what one is exposed to till the yarn is sold. The OPTION Is ICE futures, USA helps in inventory management. MCX Candy contracts recently launched should be a good testing ground for mills and exporters desirous of hedging their price risk in ICE futures and options.

## Conclusion:

Prices could pull back towards 57,500-58,000 levels again. Demand picture remains unclear, but domestic prices are well supported by poor arrivals. Strong resistance is presently noticed in the 59,000-60,000 zone per candy levels and may find it tough to cross that in the near-term. Any bright spots appearing on the back of cut in interest rates and weather concerns are not likely to last long amid / inflationary pressures and growth worries.



Important support in ICE is at \$70c range followed by \$67c on the downside. Prices could find a lot of buying interest again at the lower end. We expect prices to test 70c with a chance of even extending to 65-67c briefly before rising higher. The international price indicates that a bearish H&S pattern has materialised. Also, the on-call sales in December month continues to fuel expectations of a sharp fall post July that could see mills holding high priced and unhedged inventories.

For Shankar 6 Guj ICS supports are seen at 55-56,000 per candy and for ICE Jul cotton futures at \$67-70c now. The domestic technical picture looks neutral, but any upticks could find strong selling interest. Therefore, we can expect prices to trend lower with chances of pullbacks and retracements higher from time to time that could seem like a bottom, but unfortunately the bottom could be very far away.

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## USDINR Monthly Report: June 2024

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With major events like election results and global bond inclusion of Indian bonds, USDINR is expected to trade within the wide range of 82.50-83.75 for June 2024. Expected inflows, probability of improvement in India's credit rating due to expected fall in fiscal deficit after RBI announced a record high dividend and easing oil prices despite Middle east tensions is expected to support Rupee. But, strength in US dollar and hike in US bond yields due to delay in Fed's rate cut is expected to limit downside in USDINR. Key support lies at 83.0 below which doors will be open for 82.80 82.50. While sustenance above crucial resistance of 83.55 will lead upside move towards 83.75+ levels.

NDA winning with heavy majority then Rupee is expected to appreciate towards 82.60/50 with a good rally expected in equities too.

### Key Triggers

**FOMC Policy:** Fed is expected to keep rates unchanged in its June 2024 meeting. Rate cut is likely to be delayed for November. Delay in Fed's pivot is expected to strengthen the US dollar.

**Global Bond Index Inclusion:** From 28th June the investors will start the inclusion in JPM Global

Bond index by investing to the tune of \$ 25-30 bn in a period of 1 year. RBI would surely like to absorb these inflows and may keep Rupee in a range of 82 to 84.

**Brent Oil:** Oil is expected to trade between the range of \$77- 87/bl as market is constantly recalibrating expectations for the Federal Reserve's monetary policy trajectory but also taking cues from Middle east geopolitical worries. Focus is on the upcoming OPEC+ group meeting due on 2nd June, where an extension to output cuts of 2.2 million barrels per day is the likely outcome.

**Current Account Deficit:** India's CAD is expected to see an upward pressure in FY25 to beyond 1.0% from an estimated 0.8% in FY24, if oil and gold prices don't cool soon enough. India's trade deficit widened to 4-month high of \$19.1 bn in April due to a rise in gold import bill.

**FII Flows:** Result in favour of stable government will attract the FPIs back to domestic market followed with the JP Morgan bond inclusion in the global indices will bring more inflows of about \$ 25-30 bn into the debt market. India's robust Foreign Reserve will help RBI in future to manage the liquidity in the currency market as they time to time intervene in the market through buying or selling dollars.

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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 May - June 2024					
Sr. No.	Growth	Grade Standard	Grade	Staple	Micronaire	Gravimetric Trash	Strength /GPT	27th	28th	29th	30th	31th	1st
1	P/H/R	ICS-101	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	4%	15	12485 (44400)	12485 (44400)	12485 (44400)	12485 (44400)	12485 (44400)	12485 (44400)
2	P/H/R (SG)	ICS-201	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	4.5%	15	12654 (45000)	12654 (45000)	12654 (45000)	12654 (45000)	12654 (45000)	12654 (45000)
3	GUJ	ICS-102	Fine	22mm	4.0 – 6.0	13%	20	10939 (38900)	10882 (38700)	10939 (38900)	10939 (38900)	10826 (38500)	10826 (38500)
4	KAR	ICS-103	Fine	22mm	4.5 – 6.0	6%	21	12570 (44700)	12513 (44500)	12513 (44500)	12513 (44500)	12429 (44200)	12429 (44200)
5	M/M (P)	ICS-104	Fine	23mm	4.5 – 7.0	4%	22	14566 (51800)	14566 (51800)	14622 (52000)	14622 (52000)	14538 (51700)	14538 (51700)
6	P/H/R (U) (SG)	ICS-202	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	4.5%	26	15129 (53800)	15129 (53800)	15213 (54100)	15157 (53900)	14960 (53200)	14904 (53000)
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	15269 (54300)	15269 (54300)	15353 (54600)	15297 (54400)	15100 (53700)	15044 (53500)
9	M/M(P)/SA/TL/G	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.0 – 3.4	4%	25	14538 (51700)	14538 (51700)	14594 (51900)	14566 (51800)	14566 (51800)	14510 (51600)
10	M/M(P)/SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	3.5%	26	15353 (54600)	15353 (54600)	15410 (54800)	15382 (54700)	15297 (54400)	15241 (54200)
11	P/H/R(U)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	4%	27	15550 (55300)	15550 (55300)	15607 (55500)	15550 (55300)	15353 (54600)	15297 (54400)
12	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	27	15691 (55800)	15691 (55800)	15747 (56000)	15691 (55800)	15550 (55300)	15494 (55100)
13	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	27	15747 (56000)	15747 (56000)	15803 (56200)	15747 (56000)	15607 (55500)	15550 (55300)
14	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	27	15747 (56000)	15747 (56000)	15803 (56200)	15747 (56000)	15607 (55500)	15550 (55300)
15	R(L)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	28	16113 (57300)	16113 (57300)	16169 (57500)	16113 (57300)	15972 (56800)	15916 (56600)
16	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	28	16028 (57000)	16028 (57000)	16085 (57200)	16028 (57000)	15888 (56500)	15832 (56300)
17	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	28	16113 (57300)	16113 (57300)	16169 (57500)	16113 (57300)	15972 (56800)	15916 (56600)
18	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	28	16028 (57000)	16028 (57000)	16085 (57200)	16028 (57000)	15888 (56500)	15832 (56300)
19	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	29	16422 (58400)	16422 (58400)	16422 (58400)	16366 (58200)	16225 (57700)	16169 (57500)
20	SA/TL/K/O	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	29	16450 (58500)	16450 (58500)	16450 (58500)	16394 (58300)	16253 (57800)	16197 (57600)
21	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	30	16759 (59600)	16759 (59600)	16759 (59600)	16759 (59600)	16619 (59100)	16563 (58900)
22	SA/TL/K / TN/O	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	30	16788 (59700)	16788 (59700)	16788 (59700)	16788 (59700)	16647 (59200)	16591 (59000)
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	22355 (79500)	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)	23058 (82000)	23058 (82000)	23058 (82000)	23058 (82000)	23058 (82000)
26	M/M(P)	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	4%	35	22918 (81500)	22918 (81500)	22918 (81500)	22918 (81500)	22918 (81500)	22918 (81500)
27	K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	3.5%	35	23621 (84000)	23621 (84000)	23621 (84000)	23621 (84000)	23621 (84000)	23621 (84000)

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