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Technical Analysis

Price Outlook for Gujarat-ICS-10, 29mm and ICE Cotton Futures for the period 07/10/2025 to 05/11/2025

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Domestic Markets

- The decline in Shankar-6 prices to ₹54,300 reflects short-term pressure from new crop arrivals and limited buying by mills amid liquidity constraints. Reports from Maharashtra and Gujarat indicate increased kapas inflow, though variable quality and higher moisture have capped ginners' active participation.
- The CCI's intervention in southern markets remains a key support factor expected to stabilize prices once procurement expands. Meanwhile,

domestic fabric producers report steady offtake after the GST reduction, supporting base demand.

• Cotton yarn prices remained unchanged in the Mumbai and Tirupur markets of South India, with demand ranging from slow to average. Spinning mills preferred to maintain their selling rates despite a decline in cotton prices, aiming to protect their margins. Mills anticipated stronger export demand as cheaper cotton improves their competitiveness. Spinning mills are holding prices to protect their margins. They expect that lower cotton prices will

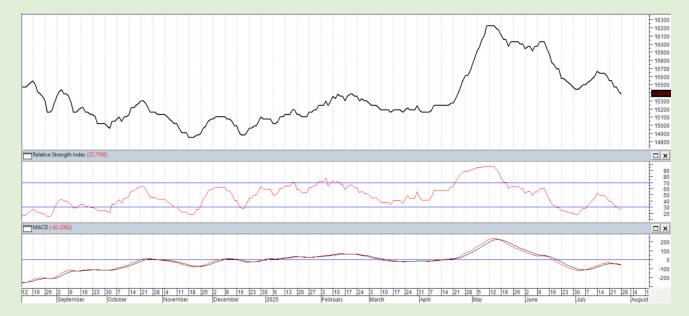
enhance their competitiveness in international markets. With Diwali demand now over, power and auto looms have reduced fabric production.

International Markets

- ICE cotton futures were largely down on Thursday, weighed down by a stronger dollar. The U.S. dollar rose 0.5% against a basket of currencies, hitting a two-month high, making cotton more expensive for overseas buyers. Cotton has been moving almost perfectly inverse to the dollar for the last few weeks and I expect that will continue. None of these markets can go up very much as long as the dollar is rallying.
- Trade continues to watch with tad wariness the ongoing tussle between US and China. As we have discussed earlier China, US's largest soy importer has not bought any in the new season which started in Aug. As the trade tariff and political tussle continues among them, the so called 'soy war' has assumed importance. Meanwhile in the latest development, China has imposed restrictions on the exports of rare earths, a critical component in industrial applications and of which the country is the largest producer and exporter. This posturing before the Trump-Xi meeting later this year, is likely to closely followed by US agri market players including cotton.
- Despite no CFTC reports with the US Government continuing its turmoil that is showing no signs of a near-term deal, we can turn to open interest to determine market players. The typical government reports export sales and shipments, On-Call sales and purchases, jobs, employment, and others are not available. Again, the markets will likely become nervous unless the shutdown last more than a very few weeks. The most important report, the CFTC On-Call report, will be missed.
- Macro sentiment remains heavy as structural pressures persist. US indices are looking to open mixed, as they continue to weigh the level at which a prolonged US government shutdown could weigh on the US Economy. Gold broke \$4,000.00 per 100 troy ounces, as we have seen central governments and other Institutional Investors flood to the safe haven with uncertainty across the world. The government shutdown continues to delay BACA progress, pushing the cotton agenda further down the policy queue and reinforcing a risk-averse tone across commodities. Speculative buying remains limited.

Shankar 6 GUJ ICS PRICE TREND

Any pullbacks are seen short lived now. More decline to 14,000 looks likely in the coming weeks with some near-term support at 14,700-800 levels. Only a move above 15,800 could revive bullish hopes once again.



Shankar- 6 Candy spot:

As cautioned earlier, fall below 55,000 could 55,000 gives way for more declines in the coming months. Presently, charts are looking more bearish and further downside to 51,000 on the cards as the arrival season begins and imports continue to dominate.



Dec 25 Cotton futures

As mentioned in the earlier update the overall macro picture and tariff uncertainty that it has on demand is likely to weigh on futures and push prices lower to 64c or even lower in the coming weeks. Price moved in line with our expectations. Crucial long-term support lies at 60-61c. Failure to hold here could also see lower levels like 56/57c where the long-term support kicks in.



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 low priced ICE futures against domestic prices by buying plain vanilla Call options by paying a premium that could mitigate any upside price risk that can be caused by weather risk or any other event. Also, once price reach a unsustainable level higher, then the high-priced inventories in a falling market could help offset some losses using Put options.

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.

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CONCLUSION:

As cautioned earlier, prices look unsustainable at 56.000 levels and prices could come under pressure again. Prices have been moving perfectly in line with our expectations. Strong resistance is presently noticed in the 55,000 zone. More uncertainties are increasing as the tariff situation remains unsolved.

Important support in ICE is at \$60-61c range followed by \$57c on the downside. Prices could find a lot of buying interest below 60c. We expect prices to break be capped in the 65-67c range. The international price still indicates that a bearish H&S pattern is in play where more downside to 57cc could be on the cards. For Shankar 6 Guj ICS supports are seen at 51,000 per candy and for ICE Mar cotton futures at \$60c now. The domestic technical picture looks bearish, but any major downside from here could be limited.

Therefore, we can expect international prices to consolidate in the near-term with chances of further declines looking likely. But broader picture is still weak and a rangebound trade is expected with a bearish bias going forward. In addition to that energy prices are looking weak and that could further weigh on the cotton complex as MMF prices could soften and make cotton more in competitive.

The Trump Xi meeting at the end of the month could be a game changer. However, any policy change in terms of interest rate cuts or change in tariffs could see a sharp rebound. Therefore, though we remain overall bearish, extreme caution should be exercised on getting excessively bearish.

(The views expressed in this column are of the author and not that of Cotton Association of India)

2024/25 Ending Stocks are Expected to be the Lowest since 2011/12

With world cotton lint demand and supply metrics for 2025/26 remaining comparable to last month — production at 25.43 million tonnes and consumption at 25.4 million tonnes — the biggest development is in ending stocks, expected to be the lowest since 2011/12.

The 3.8% decrease in stocks, to 15.37 million tonnes, is mostly being driven by China, whose 2024/25 ending stocks declined 9% to 7.89 million tonnes. The use of stocks is the primary reason China's imports fell 65% to 1.1 million tonnes. For 2025/26, China has announced that it will issue 200,000 tonnes of sliding tariff rate cotton import quotas to textile enterprises to meet their cotton needs, same as last year.

While the stocks outside China increased by 2% in the 2024/25 season, a major increase is reported by the USA, which ended the 2024/25 season with 9% higher ending stocks compared to the previous season at 817,000 tonnes. Apart from the USA, both



Brazil and the West Africa region are also currently reporting higher ending stocks in the 2024/25 season.

ICAC Data Rectification Process

The ICAC Secretariat is undertaking data rectification work, during which we will perform data adjustments for all our reported regions and countries. ICAC is the primary source for all of our statistical data. This month, Decade-long changes to cotton market variables have been made for Peru, Colombia, and Tanzania. Trade data adjustments have also been made to Mexico, El Salvador, and Guatemala.

ICAC's Statistical Data Portal

For the most current statistics, please refer to the ICAC's Statistics Portal. It is updated with new data constantly, and that new information is immediately reflected in the Portal, making it a valuable resource all month long.

ICAC's Price Projections

The Secretariat's current price forecast for the 2025/26 season, based on current supply and demand estimates, ranges from 63 to 97 cents per pound, with a midpoint of 77.6 cents per pound. ICAC's price projections are made by Ms Lorena Ruiz, ICAC Economist.

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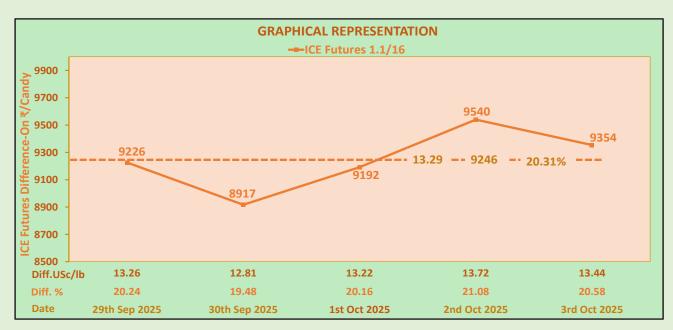
Basis Comparison of ICS 105 with ICE Futures - 4th October 2025

SEASON 2025-2026 Comparison M/M(P) ICS-105, Grade Fine, Staple 29mm, Mic. 3.7-4.9, Trash 3.5%, Str./GPT 28 with ICE Futures												
CAI Price for October Compared with ICE December Settlement Futures												
Date	CAI (₹ /Candy)	Conversion Rate (US\$ = ₹)	CAI (USc/lb.)	ICE Settlement Futures 1.1/16"	Difference-ON/OFF ICE Futures							
Date				Front Mth. Dec.'25 (USc/lb.)	USc/Ib. ₹/Candy		%					
А	В	F	O	н								
Cotton Year Week No-1 st												
29 th Sep 2025	29 th Sep 2025 54800 88.75 78.76 65.50											
30 th Sep 2025	54700	88.79	78.58	65.77	12.81	8917	19.48					
1 st Oct 2025	54800	88.69	78.81	65.59	13.22	9192	20.16					
2 nd Oct 2025	54800	88.69	78.81	65.09	13.72	9540	21.08					
3 rd Oct 2025	3 rd Oct 2025 54800 88.77 78.74 65.30 13.44 9354 20											
Weekly Avg. 54780 88.74 78.74 65.45 13.29 9246 20												
Total Avg.	54780	88.74	78.74	65.45	13.29	9246	20.31					

Note:- Weeks taken as per Cotton Year (October To September).

Values in **BLUE** Indicates Previous Close Considered due to HOLIDAY's Resp.

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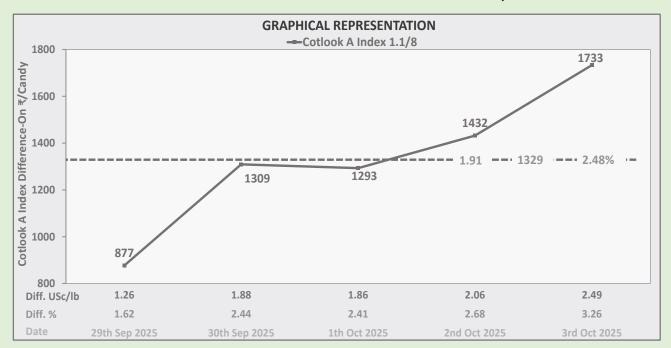
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Date	CAI	Conversion Rate	*CAI	Cotlook A Index M-1.1/8"	Difference-ON/OFF Cotlook A Index							
Date	(₹ /Candy)	(US\$ = ₹)	(USc/lb.)	C & F FE Ports	USc/Ib. ₹/Candy		%					
А	В	С	D	E	F	G	н					
Cotton Year Week No-1 st												
29 th Sep 2025	54800	88.75	78.96	77.70	1.26	877 1309	1.62					
30 th Sep 2025	54700	88.79	78.78	76.90	1.88		2.44					
1 th Oct 2025	54800	88.69	79.01	77.15	1.86	1293	2.41					
2 nd Oct 2025	54800	88.69	79.01	76.95	2.06	1432	2.68					
3 rd Oct 2025	54800	88.77	78.94	76.45	2.49	1733	3.26					
Weekly Avg. 54780 88.74 78.94 77.03 1.91 1329 2.48												
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Total Avg.	54780	88.74	78.94	77.03	1.91	1329	2.48					

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^{*}Converted to C & F FE Ports by adding 20c/lb. to CAI spot rates.

					UPCOUL	NTRY SP	OI KAI	E2				(K	s./Qt
Sta	Standard Descriptions with Basic Grade & Staple in Millimeters based							Spot Rate (Upcountry) 2024-25 Cro					
	on Upp	er Half M	ean Le	ngth As	per CAI E	By-laws			Sept	ember -	Octobe	er 2025	
. No	o. Growth	Grade Standard	Grade	Staple	Micronaire	Gravimetric Trash	Strength /GPT	29th	30th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	P/H/R	ICS-101	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	4%	15	13385 (47600)	13385 (47600)	-		-	
2	GUJ	ICS-102	Fine	22mm	4.0 - 6.0	13%	20	10967 (39000)	10967 (39000)	10995 (39100)		10967 (39000)	1090
3	M/M (P)	ICS-104	Fine	23mm	4.5 - 7.0	4%	22	13076 (46500)	13076 (46500)	13076 (46500)	Н	13076 (46500)	130
4	P/H/R (U)	ICS-202 (SG)	Fine	27mm	3.5 - 4.9	4.5%	26	14257 (50700)	14229 (50600)	-		-	(
5	P/H/R(U)	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 - 4.9	4%	26	14426 (51300)	14397 (51200)	-		-	
6	M/M(P)/ SA/TL/GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.0 - 3.4	4%	25	12232 (43500)	12232 (43500)	12232 (43500)	0	12232 (43500)	122 (4350
7	M/M(P)/ SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 - 4.9	3.5%	26	14397 (51200)	14397 (51200)	14426 (51300)		14426 (51300)	144 (5130
8	P/H/R(U)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	4%	27	14679 (52200)	14650 (52100)	(31300)		(31300)	(3130
9	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 - 4.9	3.5%	27	15044 (53500)	15016 (53400)	15044 (53500)		15044 (53500)	150 (5350
10	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 - 4.9	3.5%	27	14763	14763	14763	L	14763	147
1	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 - 4.9	3%	27	(52500) 15072 (52600)	(52500) 15044 (52500)	(52500) 15072 (52600)		(52500) 15072 (52600)	150
12	R(L)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 - 4.9	3.5%	27	(53600) 14904 (53000)	(53500) 14904 (53000)	(53600)		(53600)	(5360
13	R(L)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 - 4.9	3.5%	28	(53000) 15044 (53500)	(53000) 15044 (53500)	-	I	-	
14	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 - 4.9	3.5%	28	(53500) 15410 (54800)	(53500) 15382 (54700)	15410	1	15410	154
15	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 - 4.9	3%	28	(54800) 15072 (52600)	(54700) 15072	(54800) 15072 (52600)		(54800) 15072 (53600)	(5480 150
16	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 - 4.9	3%	28	15410	(53600) 15382 (54700)	15410		(53600) 15410 (54800)	154
17	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.7 - 4.9	3%	29	(54800) 15578 (55400)	(54700) 15578 (55400)	(54800) 15607 (55500)	D	(54800) 15607 (55500)	(5480 156 (5550
18	SA/TL/K/O	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.7 - 4.9	3%	29	15466 (55000)	15466 (55000)	15382 (54700)		15382 (54700)	153 (5470
19	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 - 4.9	3%	30	15803 (56200)	15803 (56200)	15803 (56200)		15803 (56200)	158
20	SA/TL/K/ TN/O	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 - 4.9	3%	30	15719 (55900)	15719 (55900)	15719 (55900)	A	15719 (55900)	157 (5590
21	SA/TL/K / TN/O	ICS-106	Fine	32mm	3.5 - 4.9	3%	31	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	71	N.A. (N.A.)	N. (N.
22	M/M(P)	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	2.8 - 3.7	4%	33	21090 (75000)	20809 (74000)	20809 (74000)		20809 (74000)	208
23	K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	2.8 - 3.7	3.5%	34	21399 (76100)	21090 (75000)	20949 (74500)		20949 (74500)	209
24	M/M(P)	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	4%	35	21568 (76700)	21259 (75600)	21259 (75600)	Y	21371 (76000)	214
25	K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	3.5%	35	22102 (78600)	21821 (77600)	21680		21680 (77100)	216 (7710

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

					UPCOLL	NTRY SP	OT RAT	ES				(R	ls./Qtl)
UPCOUNTRY SPOT RAT Standard Descriptions with Basic Grade & Staple in Millimeters based							Spot Rate (Upcountry) 2025-26 Crop						
on Upper Half Mean Length As per CAI By-laws							September - October 2025						
Sr. No	o. Growth	Grade Standard	Grade	Staple	Micronaire	Gravimetric Trash	Strength /GPT	29th	30th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	P/H/R	ICS-101	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	4%	15	-	-	13469 (47900)		13441 (47800)	13441 (47800)
2	GUJ	ICS-102	Fine	22mm	4.0 - 6.0	13%	20	-	-	-		-	- -
3	M/M (P)	ICS-104	Fine	23mm	4.5 - 7.0	4%	22	-	-	-	Н	-	-
4	P/H/R (U)	ICS-202 (SG)	Fine	27mm	3.5 - 4.9	4.5%	26	-	-	14229 (50600)		14172 (50400)	14172 (50400)
5	P/H/R(U)	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 - 4.9	4%	26	-	-	14397 (51200)		14341 (51000)	14313 (50900)
6	M/M(P)/ SA/TL/GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.0 - 3.4	4%	25	-	-	-	0	-	-
7	M/M(P)/ SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 - 4.9	3.5%	26	-	-	-		-	-
8	P/H/R(U)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	4%	27	-	-	14538 (51700)		14538 (51700)	14538 (51700)
9	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 - 4.9	3.5%	27	-	-	14622		14538 (51700)	N.A. (N.A.)
10	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 - 4.9	3.5%	27	-	-	14594	L	14538 (51700)	N.A. (N.A.)
11	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 - 4.9	3%	27	-	-	14904		14904 (53000)	N.A. (N.A.)
12	R(L)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 - 4.9	3.5%	27		-	1.47/0		14763 (52500)	14650 (52100)
13	R(L)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 - 4.9	3.5%	28	-	-	14904	I	14904	14791 (52600)
14	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 - 4.9	3.5%	28	-	-	-		(53000)	-
15	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 - 4.9	3%	28	-	-	14904		14847	14847
16	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 - 4.9	3%	28	-	-	(53000) 15241 (54200)	D	15241	(52800) 15241 (54200)
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18	SA/TL/K/O	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.7 - 4.9	3%	29	-	-	15016 (53400)		14960	14960
19	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 - 4.9	3%	30	-	-	(00400)		(03200)	(53200)
20	SA/TL/K/ TN/O	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 - 4.9	3%	30	-	-	-	A	-	-
21		ICS-106	Fine	32mm	3.5 - 4.9	3%	31	-	-	-		-	-
22	M/M(P)	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	2.8 - 3.7	4%	33	-	-	-		-	-
23	K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	2.8 - 3.7	3.5%	34	-	-	-	Y	-	<u> </u>
24	M/M(P)	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	4%	35	-	-	-	1	-	-
25	K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	3.5%	35	-	-	-		-	-
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