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PRESIDENT'S DESK

At the "Farmers' Training Programme & Distribution of Pheromone Traps & Lures" held in Dondaicha, Dhule on 28/07/2026, CAI President Shri Vinay N. Kotak announced two key initiatives for cotton farmers.

First, CAI will continue its free distribution of Pheromone Traps and Lures for the 9th consecutive year to help farmers manage pest attacks.

Second, under the guidance of Chief Advisor Dr. C. D. Mayee, former Agriculture Commissioner, Government of India, CAI has launched the CAI Mobile Cotton Krishi School. Agricultural scientists will now visit farming regions to provide practical training and modern cultivation techniques directly to farmers.

Shri Kotak noted that Maharashtra has the largest cotton area in India but comparatively low productivity, and there is significant scope to improve through scientific farming. By adopting modern practices, we aim to support the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of doubling farmers' income.

He emphasized that farmers are the backbone of the entire cotton value chain. Better yields and higher-quality cotton will benefit farmers and strengthen all stakeholders — ginners, traders, brokers, spinning mills, and the textile industry.

This marks CAI's first organized farmer training initiative. We plan to expand it across Maharashtra. CAI reaffirms its commitment to support every stakeholder and to help farmers become more productive, profitable and self-reliant.

CAI Increases India's Cotton Pressing Estimate for the 2025-26 Season to 339.00 Lakh Bales +/-3%

Cotton Association of India (CAI) has released its latest estimate of India's total cotton pressing for the 2025-26 season, which commenced on 1st October 2025. The CAI Crop Committee met on Monday, 10th August 2026, and was attended by 16 members representing various cotton-growing regions of the country.

Based on inputs received from members of eleven cotton-growing state associations and other trade sources, the CAI Crop Committee estimated the state-wise cotton pressing for the 2025-26 season and prepared the cotton balance sheets up to 31st July 2026 and for the entire crop year ending 30th September 2026. The state-wise cotton pressing figures and balance sheets are enclosed.

The following are the salient features of the CAI Crop Report: -

1. Cotton Pressing

As per the latest report submitted by upcountry associations and trade sources at the CAI Crop Committee meeting, CAI's total cotton pressing estimate for the country for the 2025-26 season has been increased by 2.00 lakh bales to 339.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 355.74 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) $\pm 3\%$, from 337.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 353.64 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) estimated earlier.

The changes made in the state-wise cotton pressing estimates compared to those estimated previously are given below: -

(in lakh bales of 170 kgs. each)

State	Increase (+) / Decrease (-)
Upper Rajasthan	-0.25
Lower Rajasthan	+0.25

Maharashtra	+0.50
Madhya Pradesh	+0.50
Karnataka	+0.50
Tamil Nadu	+0.50
TOTAL	+2.00

The Committee members will closely monitor the cotton pressing estimates in the subsequent months. Any addition or reduction required will be reflected in the CAI reports of the subsequent months.

2. Consumption

CAI has maintained India's total cotton consumption during the 2025-26 season, i.e. up to 30th September 2026, at 348.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 365.19 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each), at the same level as estimated earlier.

Total cotton consumption estimated by CAI during the ongoing 2025-26 crop year is higher by 29.00 lakh bales than the 319.00 lakh bales estimated during the previous year.

Up to 31st July 2026, cotton consumption is estimated at 290.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 304.32 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each).

3. Imports

CAI has increased its estimate of cotton imports into India during the 2025-26 season by 2.00 lakh bales to 62.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 65.06 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each), from 60.00 lakh bales estimated earlier.

The cotton imports estimated by CAI for the ongoing 2025-26 season are higher by 21.00 lakh bales than the 41.00 lakh bales estimated for the previous year.

Up to 31st July 2026, about 54.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 56.67 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) are estimated to have arrived at Indian ports.

4. Exports

CAI has maintained its cotton exports estimate for the 2025-26 season at 15.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 15.74 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each), at the same level as estimated earlier.

The cotton exports estimated by CAI for the ongoing 2025-26 season are lower by 3.00 lakh bales than the 18.00 lakh bales estimated for the previous year.

Up to 31st July 2026, about 12.25 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 12.85 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) are estimated to have been shipped by the country.

5. Total Cotton Supply

Total cotton supply till the end of the 2025-26 season, i.e. up to 30th September 2026, is estimated at 456.59 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 479.14 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each), as against 392.59 lakh bales estimated for the previous year.

The total cotton supply estimated for the ongoing 2025-26 crop year consists of opening stock of 55.59 lakh bales,

cotton pressing of 339.00 lakh bales and imports of 62.00 lakh bales.

6. Available Surplus

Total available surplus, i.e. total supply of 456.59 lakh bales less total domestic demand of 348.00 lakh bales, works out to 108.59 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 113.95 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) at the end of the 2025-26 season, as against 73.59 lakh bales during the previous year.

7. Closing Stock as at 30th September 2026

The closing stock at the end of the 2025-26 season on 30th September 2026 is increased by 4.00 lakh bales to 93.59 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 98.21 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each), from 89.59 lakh bales estimated earlier.

The closing stock of 93.59 lakh bales is higher by 38.00 lakh bales than the closing stock of 55.59 lakh bales as at 30th September 2025.

The closing stock as on 31st July 2026 is estimated at 140.24 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 147.17 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each). This consists of 87.00 lakh bales with textile mills and 53.24 lakh bales with CCI, Maharashtra Federation, MNCs, ginners, traders, etc., including cotton sold but not delivered.

CAI's Cotton Pressing Estimate for the Seasons 2025-26 and 2024-25

(in lakh bales of 170 kg.)

State	Pressing Estimate*				Pressed Cotton Bales as on 31st July 2026	
	2025-26		2024-25		2025-26	
	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	1.57	1.50	1.57	1.50	1.57	1.50
Haryana	7.35	7.00	8.45	8.05	7.19	6.85
Upper Rajasthan	12.33	11.75	10.86	10.35	11.86	11.30
Lower Rajasthan	9.18	8.75	10.13	9.65	9.02	8.60
Total North Zone	30.43	29.00	31.01	29.55	29.65	28.25
Gujarat	73.46	70.00	80.80	77.00	71.77	68.39
Maharashtra	124.35	118.50	95.49	91.00	123.84	118.01
Madhya Pradesh	18.89	18.00	19.94	19.00	18.36	17.50
Total Central Zone	216.70	206.50	196.23	187.00	213.97	203.90
Telangana	45.12	43.00	51.16	48.75	45.12	43.00
Andhra Pradesh	22.04	21.00	13.90	13.25	20.99	20.00
Karnataka	29.91	28.50	25.19	24.00	29.07	27.70
Tamil Nadu	5.77	5.50	4.20	4.00	4.77	4.55
Total South Zone	102.84	98.00	94.44	90.00	99.95	95.25
Orissa	3.67	3.50	4.04	3.85	3.67	3.50
Others	2.10	2.00	2.10	2.00	2.10	2.00
Grand Total	355.74	339.00	327.83	312.40	349.34	332.90

* Including loose

Note-The CAI's above estimates are +/- 3%

The Balance Sheet drawn by the Association for 2025-26 and 2024-25 is reproduced below: -

(in lakh bales of 170 kg.)

Details	2025-26 (P)	2024-25 (P)
Opening Stock	55.59	39.19
Cotton Pressing	339.00	312.40
Imports	62.00	41.00
Total Supply	456.59	392.59
Non-MSME Consumption	231.00	215.00
MSME Consumption	101.00	89.00
Non-Textile Consumption	16.00	15.00
Total Domestic Demand	348.00	319.00
Available Surplus	108.59	73.59
Exports	15.00	18.00
Closing Stock	93.59	55.59

Note-The CAI's above estimates are +/- 3%

Balance Sheet of 10 months i.e. from 1.10.2025 to 31.07.2026 for the season 2025-26

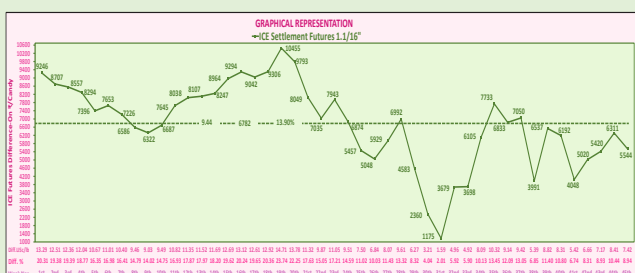
Details	In lakh b/s of 170 kg.	In '000 Tons
Opening Stock as on 01.10.2025	55.59	945.03
Pressings upto .31.07.2026	332.90	5659.30
Imports upto 31.07.2026	54.00	918.00
Total available	442.49	7522.33
Consumption	290.00	4930.00
Export Shipments upto 31.07.2026	12.25	208.25
Stock with Mills	87.00	1479.00
Stock with CCI, Maha Fedn., MNCs, Ginners, Traders & Exporters	53.24	905.08
Total	442.49	7522.33

Note-The CAI's above estimates are +/- 3%

Basis Comparison of ICS 105 with ICE Futures – 10th August 2026

SEASON 2025-2026							
Comparison M/M(P) ICS-105, Grade Fine, Staple 29mm, Mic. 3.7-4.9, Trash 3%, Str./GPT 28 with ICE Futures							
Date	CAI (₹ /Candy)	Conversion Rate (US\$ = ₹)	CAI (USc/lb.)	ICE Settlement Futures 1.1/16" Front Mth. Dec'26 (USc/lb.)	Difference-ON/OFF ICE Futures		
					USc/lb.	₹ /Candy	%
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Cotton Year Week No-45 th							
3 rd Aug 2026	67300	95.34	90.04	82.57	7.47	5584	9.05
4 th Aug 2026	67300	95.38	90.00	82.46	7.54	5638	9.14
5 th Aug 2026	67600	95.13	90.64	83.02	7.62	5683	9.18
6 th Aug 2026	67900	95.23	90.95	83.16	7.79	5816	9.37
7 th Aug 2026	68000	95.21	91.10	84.40	6.70	5001	7.94
Weekly Avg.	67620	95.26	90.55	83.12	7.42	5544	8.94
Total Avg. frm 1 st Wk to 45 th Wk (Weekly Basis)	57821	92.21	79.85	70.41	9.44	6782	13.90

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

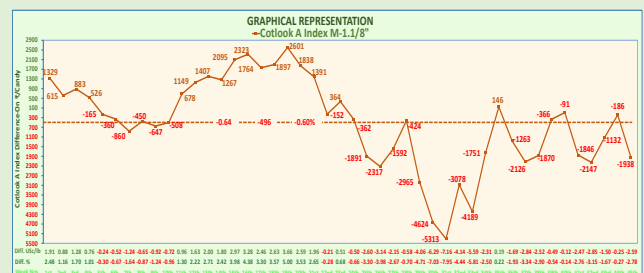


Basis Comparison of ICS 105 with Cotlook A Index – 10th August 2026

SEASON 2025-2026							
Comparison M/M(P) ICS-105, Grade Fine, Staple 29mm, Mic. 3.7-4.9, Trash 3%, Str./GPT 28 with Cotlook A Index							
Date	CAI (₹ /Candy)	Conversion Rate (US\$ = ₹)	*CAI (USc/lb.)	Cotlook A Index M-1.1/8" C & F FE Ports	Difference-ON/OFF Cotlook A Index		
					USc/lb.	₹/Candy	%
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Cotton Year Week No-45 th							
3 rd Aug 2026	67300	95.34	90.24	92.80	-2.56	-1914	-2.76
4 th Aug 2026	67300	95.38	90.20	93.70	-3.50	-2617	-3.74
5 th Aug 2026	67600	95.13	90.84	93.00	-2.16	-1611	-2.32
6 th Aug 2026	67900	95.23	91.15	93.50	-2.35	-1755	-2.51
7 th Aug 2026	68000	95.21	91.30	93.70	-2.40	-1791	-2.56
Weekly Avg.	67620	95.26	90.75	93.34	-2.59	-1938	-2.78
Total Avg. frm 1 st Wk to 45 th Wk (Weekly Basis)	57821	92.21	80.05	80.69	-0.64	-496	-0.60

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

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



Indian Cotton Value Differences

Value Differences of Indian cotton arrived at the meeting of Value Difference Committee of Cotton Association of India held on 29th July 2026

(Figures in Rs./ Candy)

Sr. No.	Parameters	Grade				Staple				Micronaire	
		Premium		Discounts		Premium		Discounts			
		Grade	Premium Amount	Grade	Discount Amount	Staple	Premium Amount	Staple	Discount Amount	Micronaire	Discount
1	P/H/R ICS-101 (Staple length: Below 22mm) Micronaire : 5.0 – 7.0 (Grade : Fine) Trash – 4% Strength/GPT - 15 Rd-NA	Superfine	+1200 (+1.60)	Fully Good	-500 (-0.67)						
		Extra S. Fine	N.Av.	Good	-1000 (-1.33)						
2	GUJ ICS-102 (Staple length: 22mm) Micronaire 4.0 - 6.0 (Grade : Fine) Trash – 15% Strength/GPT 20 Rd-NA	Superfine	+500 (+0.67)	Fully Good	-500 (-0.67)	23	+1000 (+1.33)	21	-800 (-1.07)		
		Extra S. Fine	+800 (+1.07)	Good	-800 (-1.07)						
3	M/M(P) ICS-104 (Staple length 23mm) Micronaire 4.5 - 7.0 (Grade : Fine) Trash – 4% Strength/GPT 22 Rd-NA	Superfine	+800 (+1.07)	Fully Good	-800 (-1.07)	24	+1000 (+1.33)	22	-1000 (-1.33)		
		Extra S. Fine	+1200 (+1.60)	Good	-1200 (-1.60)						
4	P/H/R (U) ICS-105 (Staple length 27mm) Micronaire 3.5 - 4.9 (Grade : Fine) Trash – 4% Strength/GPT 26 Rd-70	Superfine	N.Av.	Fully Good	-600 (-0.80)			26	N.Av.	(A) 3.0 - 3.2	N.Av.
		Extra S. Fine	N.Av.	Good	-1000 (-1.33)					(B) 3.3 -3.4	-700 (-0.93)
										(C) 4.91-5.50	Rs.150 Per Candy Per Point
5	M/M(P) /SA/TL/GUJ ICS-105 (Staple length 27mm) Micronaire 3.0 - 3.4 (Grade: Fine) Trash – 4% Strength/GPT 25 Rd-67	Superfine	N.Av.	Fully Good	-500 (-0.67)	28	+1500 (+2.00)			2.7 - 2.9	-500 (-0.67)
		Extra S. Fine	N.Av.	Good	-900 (-1.20)						
6	M/M(P)/SA/TL ICS-105 (Staple length 27mm) Micronaire 3.5 - 4.9 (Grade:Fine) Trash – 3.5% Strength/GPT 26 Rd-74	Superfine	N.Av.	Fully Good	-600 (-0.80)					(A) 3.0 - 3.2	-800 (-1.07)
		Extra S. Fine	N.Av.	Good	-900 (-1.20)					(B) 3.3 -3.4	-500 (-0.67)
										(C) 4.91-5.50	Rs. 150 Per Candy Per Point
7	P/H/R (U) ICS-105 (Staple length 28mm) Micronaire 3.5 - 4.9 (Grade:Fine) Trash – 4% Strength/GPT 27 Rd-70	Superfine	N.Av.	Fully Good	-600 (-0.80)	29	N.Av.			(A) 3.0 - 3.2	N.Av.
		Extra S. Fine	N.Av.	Good	-900 (-1.20)					(B) 3.3 -3.4	-700 (-0.93)
										(C) 4.91-5.50	Rs. 150 Per Candy Per Point
8	M/M(P) ICS-105 (Staple length 28mm) Micronaire 3.7 – 4.9 (Grade:Fine) Trash – 3.5% Strength/GPT 27 Rd- 74	Superfine	+700 (+0.93)	Fully Good	-700 (-0.93)					(A) 3.0 - 3.2	-1000 (-1.33)
		Extra S. Fine	+1100 (+1.47)	Good	-1100 (-1.47)					(B) 3.3 -3.4	-800 (-1.07)
										(C) 3.5 – 3.6	-400 (-0.53)
										(D) 4.91-5.50	Rs.150 Per Candy Per Point

Sr. No.	Parameters	Grade				Staple				Micronaire	
		Premium		Discounts		Premium		Discounts			
		Grade	Premium Amount	Grade	Discount Amount	Staple	Premium Amount	Staple	Discount Amount	Micronaire	Discount
9	SA/TL/K ICS-105 (Staple length 28mm) Micronaire 3.7 – 4.9 (Grade:Fine) Trash – 3.5% Strength/GPT 27 Rd- 74	Superfine	+700 (+0.93)	Fully Good	-700 (-0.93)					(A) 3.0 - 3.2	-1000 (-1.33)
		Extra S. Fine	+1100 (+1.47)	Good	-1100 (-1.47)					(B) 3.3 -3.4	-800 (-1.07)
										(C) 3.5 – 3.6	-400 (-0.53)
										(D) 4.91-5.50	Rs.150 Per Candy Per Point
10	GUJ ICS-105 (Staple length 28mm) Micronaire 3.7 – 4.9 (Grade:Fine) Trash – 3.5% Strength/GPT 27 Rd- 74	Superfine	+700 (+0.93)	Fully Good	-700 (-0.93)			27	-2500 (-3.33)	(A) 3.0 - 3.2	-1000 (-1.33)
		Extra S. Fine	+1100 (+1.47)	Good	-1100 (-1.47)					(B) 3.3 -3.4	-800 (-1.07)
										(C) 3.5 – 3.6	-400 (-0.53)
										(D) 4.91-5.50	Rs.150 Per Candy Per Point
11	R (L) ICS-105 (Staple length 28mm) Micronaire 3.7 – 4.9 (Grade:Fine) Trash – 3.5% Strength/GPT 27 Rd- 74	Superfine	+800 (+1.07)	Fully Good	-700 (-0.93)					(A) 3.0 - 3.2	-1000 (-1.33)
		Extra S. Fine	N.Av.	Good	-1100 (-1.47)					(B) 3.3 -3.4	-800 (-1.07)
										(C) 3.5 – 3.6	-400 (-0.53)
										(D) 4.91-5.50	Rs.150 Per Candy Per Point
12	R (L) ICS-105 (Staple length 29mm) Micronaire 3.7 – 4.9 (Grade:Fine) Trash – 3.5% Strength/GPT 28 Rd- 74	Superfine	+900 (+1.20)	Fully Good	-700 (-0.93)					(A) 3.0 - 3.2	-1000 (-1.33)
		Extra S. Fine	N.Av.	Good	-1100 (-1.47)					(B) 3.3 -3.4	-800 (-1.07)
										(C) 3.5 – 3.6	-400 (-0.53)
										(D) 4.91-5.50	Rs.150 Per Candy Per Point
13	M/M(P) ICS-105 (Staple length 29mm) Micronaire 3.7 – 4.9 (Grade:Fine) Trash – 3% Strength/GPT 28 Rd- 75	Superfine	+600 (+0.80)	Fully Good	-700 (-0.93)					(A) 3.0 - 3.2	-1000 (-1.33)
		Extra S. Fine	+1000 (+1.33)	Good	-1000 (-1.33)					(B) 3.3 -3.4	-800 (-1.07)
										(C) 3.5 – 3.6	-400 (-0.53)
										(D) 4.91-5.50	Rs.150 Per Candy Per Point
14	SA/TL/K ICS-105 (Staple length 29mm) Micronaire 3.7 – 4.9 (Grade:Fine) Trash – 3% Strength/GPT 28 Rd- 75	Superfine	+600 (+0.80)	Fully Good	-700 (-0.93)					(A) 3.0 - 3.2	-1000 (-1.33)
		Extra S. Fine	+1000 (+1.33)	Good	-1000 (-1.33)					(B) 3.3 -3.4	-800 (-1.07)
										(C) 3.5 – 3.6	-400 (-0.53)
										(D) 4.91-5.50	Rs.150 Per Candy Per Point

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		Premium		Discounts		Premium		Discounts			
		Grade	Premium Amount	Grade	Discount Amount	Staple	Premium Amount	Staple	Discount Amount	Micronaire	Discount
15	GUJ ICS-105 (Staple length 29mm) Micronaire 3.7 – 4.9 (Grade:Fine) Trash – 3% Strength/GPT 28 Rd- 75	Superfine	+600 (+0.80)	Fully Good	-700 (-0.93)	30	N.Av.			(A) 3.0 - 3.2	-1000 (-1.33)
		Extra S. Fine	+1000 (+1.33)	Good	-1000 (-1.33)					(B) 3.3 -3.4	-800 (-1.07)
										(C) 3.5 – 3.6	-400 (-0.53)
										(D) 4.91-5.50	Rs.150 Per Candy Per Point
16	M/M(P) ICS-105 (Staple length 30mm) Micronaire 3.7 – 4.9 (Grade:Fine) Trash – 3% Strength/GPT 29 Rd- 75	Superfine	+600 (+0.80)	Fully Good	-700 (-0.93)					(A) 3.0 - 3.2	-1000 (-1.33)
		Extra S. Fine	+1000 (+1.33)	Good	-1100 (-1.47)					(B) 3.3 -3.4	-800 (-1.07)
										(C) 3.5 – 3.6	-400 (-0.53)
										(D) 4.91-5.50	Rs.150 Per Candy Per Point
17	SA/TL/K/O ICS-105 (Staple length 30mm) Micronaire 3.7 – 4.9 (Grade:Fine) Trash – 3% Strength/GPT 29 Rd- 75	Superfine	+600 (+0.80)	Fully Good	-700 (-0.93)					(A) 3.0 - 3.2	-1000 (-1.33)
		Extra S. Fine	+1000 (+1.33)	Good	-1100 (-1.47)					(B) 3.3 -3.4	-800 (-1.07)
										(C) 3.5 – 3.6	-400 (-0.53)
										(D) 4.91-5.50	Rs.150 Per Candy Per Point
18	M/M(P) ICS-105 (Staple length 31mm) Micronaire 3.7 – 4.9 (Grade : Fine) Trash – 3% Strength/GPT 30 Rd- 75	Superfine	N.Ap.	Fully Good	N.Ap.					(A) 3.0 - 3.2	N.Ap.
		Extra S. Fine	N.Ap.	Good	N.Ap.					(B) 3.3 -3.4	N.Ap.
										(C) 3.5 – 3.6	N.Ap.
										(D) 4.91-5.50	N.Ap.
19	SA/TL/K/TN/O ICS-105 (Staple length 31mm) Micronaire 3.7 – 4.9 (Grade : Fine) Trash – 3% Strength/GPT 30 Rd- 75	Superfine	N.Ap.	Fully Good	N.Ap.					(A) 3.0 - 3.2	N.Ap.
		Extra S. Fine	N.Ap.	Good	N.Ap.					(B) 3.3 -3.4	N.Ap.
										(C) 3.5 – 3.6	N.Ap.
										(D) 4.91-5.50	N.Ap.
20	SA/TL/K/TN/O ICS-106 (Staple length 32mm) Micronaire 3.5 - 4.9 (Grade : Fine) Trash – 3% Strength/GPT 31 Rd- 75	Superfine	N.Ap.	Fully Good	N.Ap.					(A) 3.0 - 3.2	N.Ap.
		Extra S. Fine	N.Ap.	Good	N.Ap.					(B) 3.3 -3.4	N.Ap.
										(C) 3.5 – 3.6	N.Ap.
										(D) 4.91-5.50	N.Ap.
21	M/M(P) ICS-107 (Staple length 34mm) Micronaire 2.8 - 3.7 (Grade : Fine) Trash – 4% Strength/GPT 33 Rd- 70-72	Superfine	+1000 (+1.33)	Fully Good	-1000 (-1.33)	35	+2100 (+2.80)	33	-5000 (-6.67)	2.5 - 2.7	-800 (-1.07)
		Extra S. Fine	+1500 (+2.00)	Good	-1500 (-2.00)	36	+4100 (+5.47)				
22	K/TN ICS-107 (Staple length 34mm) Micronaire 2.8 - 3.7 (Grade : Fine) Trash – 3.5% Strength/GPT 34 Rd- 70-72	Superfine	+1500 (+2.00)	Fully Good	-1000 (-1.33)	35	+2000 (+2.67)	33	-6000 (-8.00)	2.5 - 2.7	-800 (-1.07)
		Extra S. Fine	+2000 (+2.67)	Good	-1500 (-2.00)	36	+5000 (+6.67)				

Sr. No.	Parameters	Grade				Staple				Micronaire	
		Premium		Discounts		Premium		Discounts			
		Grade	Premium Amount	Grade	Discount Amount	Staple	Premium Amount	Staple	Discount Amount	Micronaire	Discount
23	M/M(P) ICS-107 (Staple length 35mm) Micronaire 2.8 - 3.7 (Grade : Fine) Trash – 4% Strength/GPT 35 Rd- 70-72	Superfine	+1500 (+2.00)	Fully Good	-1500 (-2.00)	36	+2000 (+2.67)	34	-2700 (-3.60)	2.5 - 2.7	-800 (-1.07)
		Extra S. Fine	+2000 (+2.67)	Good	-2000 (-2.67)						
24	K/TN ICS-107 (Staple length 35mm) Micronaire 2.8 - 3.7 (Grade : Fine) Trash – 3.5% Strength/GPT 35 Rd- 70-72	Superfine	+2000 (+2.67)	Fully Good	-1500 (-2.00)	36	+2000 (+2.67)	34	-2000 (-2.67)	2.5 - 2.7	-800 (-1.07)
		Extra S. Fine	+2500 (+3.33)	Good	-2000 (-2.67)						

Conversion factor -749.82 based on the RBI closing exchange rate of 1 US \$ = Rs.95.64 prevailing on 29th July 2026.
Figures in bracket denotes value difference in Cents per Lb.

Note :

- (1) These Value Differences are applicable to domestic trade.
- (2) The above differences are merely indicative in nature. Cotton Association of India gives no warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of information contained herein and accepts no legal responsibility howsoever arising in relation to such information.
- (3) Premium and Discount mentioned in Indian Rupees above will remain constant for one month whereas the same mentioned in Cents per Lb. will vary as per the exchange rate fixed by the Reserve Bank of India.
- (4) N.Av. - Not Available.
- (5) N.Ap. - Not Applicable.
- (6) The Trash Percentage for the following growths have been amended w.e.f. 22nd July 2026:
 - GUJ ICS-105 (28mm): Gravimetric Trash % revised from 3% to 3.5%.
 - M/M(P) ICS-105 (29mm): Gravimetric Trash % revised from 3.5% to 3%.

The next meeting of CAI Value Difference Committee will be held on Wednesday, the 26th August 2026 at 16.00 Hrs.

PRESS RELEASE

CAI Launches Farmers' Training Initiative and Distributes Pheromone Traps to Cotton Farmers At Dondaicha

Dondaicha (Dhule), 28th July 2026: The Cotton Association of India (CAI) today organised a Farmers' Training Programme and distributed pheromone traps and lures free of cost to cotton farmers at Dondaicha, Maharashtra, under its Cotton Productivity Improvement and Farmers' Training Initiative. About 1000 cotton farmers including a large number of women farmers participated in the programme. Few of the progressive women farmers were felicitated for their extra efforts put in cotton farming.

CAI President Shri Vinay N. Kotak reaffirmed the Association's commitment to improving cotton productivity and quality through scientific farming practices and farmer education. He noted that CAI has been distributing pheromone traps for the past eight years to help farmers protect their cotton crops and will continue this initiative in the years ahead.

He also announced the launch of the CAI Farmers Mobile Krishi School, under the guidance of Dr. C.D. Mayee, former Agriculture Commissioner, Government of India. Under this initiative, agricultural scientists will visit cotton-growing regions to provide hands-on training and scientific guidance to farmers. He stressed upon the production of clean and contamination-free kapas in order to get better price.

Highlighting Maharashtra's importance in India's cotton economy, Shri Vinay N. Kotak said that although the State has the largest cotton cultivation, its productivity remains below potential. He expressed confidence that the adoption of modern farming practices would improve productivity, enhance cotton quality, and support the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of doubling farmers' income.

He stated that farmers are the backbone of India's cotton and textile sector and acknowledged the contribution of all stakeholders in the cotton value chain. He reiterated that the 105-year-old Cotton Association of India remains committed to serving farmers and the cotton industry.

Shri Kotak thanked Shri Dhyaneswar Bhamre for his efforts in organising the programme and appreciated the presence of Chief Guest Shri Ravindra Mangave Ji, Dr. C.D. Mayee, Dr. B.D. Jade, scientists, agricultural experts, CAI office-bearers, viz. Shri Rintu K. Pandya, Hon. Treasurer, Shri Sudhirkumar Mantri, Hon. Additional Treasurer, Director, Shri Manish P. Daga and members. Chief Guest, Shri Ravindra Mangave Ji also gave an encouraging speech. The eminent faculty for training programme included Dr. C.D. Mayee, Dr. B.D. Jade and Shri Manish P. Daga.

He urged farmers to adopt scientific practices and apply the training in their fields, while also sharing knowledge with fellow farmers. He expressed confidence that the initiative, launched from Dondaicha, will be expanded across Maharashtra to improve productivity, cotton quality, and farmer prosperity.

Mumbai
Date: 29th July 2026

(Vinay N. Kotak)
President




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UPCOUNTRY SPOT RATES								(Rs./Qtl)					
Standard Descriptions with Basic Grade & Staple in Millimeters based on Upper Half Mean Length As per CAI By-laws								Spot Rate (Upcountry) 2025-26 Crop August 2026					
Sr. No.	Growth	Grade Standard	Grade	Staple	Micronaire	Gravimetric Trash	Strength /GPT	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
1	P/H/R	ICS-101	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	4%	15	14904 (53000)	14904 (53000)	14904 (53000)	15044 (53500)	15044 (53500)	
2	GUJ	ICS-102	Fine	22mm	4.0 – 6.0	15%	20	13076 (46500)	13132 (46700)	13132 (46700)	13188 (46900)	13216 (47000)	H
3	M/M (P)	ICS-104	Fine	23mm	4.5 – 7.0	4%	22	15185 (54000)	15185 (54000)	15185 (54000)	15185 (54000)	15185 (54000)	
4	P/H/R(U)	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	4%	26	17266 (61400)	17266 (61400)	17294 (61500)	17378 (61800)	17462 (62100)	
5	M/M(P)/ SA/TL/GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.0 – 3.4	4%	25	15607 (55500)	15607 (55500)	15663 (55700)	15747 (56000)	15747 (56000)	
6	M/M(P)/ SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	3.5%	26	17322 (61600)	17322 (61600)	17378 (61800)	17434 (62000)	17434 (62000)	O
7	P/H/R(U)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	4%	27	17940 (63800)	17997 (64000)	18025 (64100)	18109 (64400)	18109 (64400)	
8	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.9	3.5%	27	18615 (66200)	18615 (66200)	18728 (66600)	18868 (67100)	18868 (67100)	
9	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.9	3.5%	27	18559 (66000)	18531 (65900)	18587 (66100)	18672 (66400)	18672 (66400)	L
10	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.9	3.5%	27	18559 (66000)	18559 (66000)	18615 (66200)	18700 (66500)	18756 (66700)	
11	R(L)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.9	4%	27	17884 (63600)	17997 (64000)	18137 (64500)	18222 (64800)	18278 (65000)	
12	R(L)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.9	3.5%	28	18700 (66500)	18700 (66500)	18756 (66700)	18840 (67000)	18897 (67200)	
13	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.9	3%	28	18925 (67300)	18925 (67300)	19009 (67600)	19093 (67900)	19122 (68000)	I
14	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.9	3%	28	18728 (66600)	18728 (66600)	18784 (66800)	18868 (67100)	18868 (67100)	
15	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.9	3%	28	18840 (67000)	18840 (67000)	18897 (67200)	18981 (67500)	19037 (67700)	
16	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.7 – 4.9	3%	29	19206 (68300)	19206 (68300)	19262 (68500)	19346 (68800)	19403 (69000)	D
17	SA/TL/K/O	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.7 – 4.9	3%	29	19093 (67900)	19122 (68000)	19178 (68200)	19206 (68300)	19234 (68400)	
18	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 – 4.9	3%	30	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	19459 (69200)	19543 (69500)	
19	SA/TL/K/ TN/O	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 – 4.9	3%	30	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	A
20	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.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	
21	M/M(P)	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	2.8 - 3.7	4%	33	24746 (88000)	24746 (88000)	24746 (88000)	24802 (88200)	25027 (89000)	
22	K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	2.8 - 3.7	3.5%	34	24886 (88500)	25027 (89000)	25027 (89000)	25027 (89000)	25308 (90000)	Y
23	M/M(P)	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	4%	35	25308 (90000)	25308 (90000)	25308 (90000)	25308 (90000)	25533 (90800)	
24	K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	3.5%	35	25589 (91000)	25589 (91000)	25589 (91000)	25645 (91200)	25870 (92000)	

Note:

- a) P/H/R(U) ICS-202(SG) is lower by Rs.1000/- pc than Sr. No.4.
b) Figures in bracket indicate prices in Rs./Candy