

# COTTON REVIEW

## DOMESTIC COTTON CROP SCENARIO

According to the report released by Pakistan Cotton Ginner's Association as on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 the arrivals of seed cotton into ginning factories witnessed decline of 34.02% to 5.371 million bales as compared to 8.139 million bales recorded in the corresponding period last year. The arrivals in Punjab decline by 30.6 percent to 3.258 million bales as compared to 4.694 million bales in the last year.

Similarly, the arrivals in Sindh also remained decreased by 38.7% to 2.112 million bales as compared to 3.446 million bales in the same period last year. This decline in production has been occurred due to poor quality of seeds, record breaking rains in Sindh and pest attack both in Punjab and Sindh. Detail of seed cotton arrivals in to ginneries is given in table No.4. The assessment of cotton production is given in table as below:

**Table: 1 COTTON CROP ASSESSMENT FOR 2020-21 SEASON** (Bales = 170 Kg)

Province	Expected Production (million bales)	
	First Cotton Crop Assessment (02.10.2020)	Second Cotton Crop Assessment (14.12.2020)
Punjab	5.30	4.900
Sindh	3.000	2.500
Khyber PakhtunKhwa	0.0065	0.0065
Balochistan	0.291	0.291
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>8.597</b>	<b>7.70</b>

Source: Cotton Crop Assessment Committee Meeting.

**Table:2 PROPOSED TARGETS OF COTTON CROP DURING 2020-21**

Province	Targets 2020-21	
	Area (Million Hectares)	Production (Million Bales)
<b>Punjab</b>	1.60	6.0
<b>Sindh</b>	0.64	4.6
<b>KPK</b>	0.01	0.0065
<b>Balochistan</b>	0.06	0.291
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.31</b>	<b>10.89</b>

Source: Federal Committee on Agriculture.

**Table:3 SOWING POSITION OF COTTON CROP 2020-21 SEASON** (Million Hectares)

Province	Proposed Target 2020-21	Area Sown		% Change over	
		2020-21	2019-20	Target	Last Year
Punjab	1.60	1.546	1.889	96.6%	-18.16
Sindh	0.64	0.615	0.599	96.1%	+2.7
KPK	0.01	0.000216	0.000213	2.2%	+1.41
Balochistan	0.06	0.057	0.038	95.0%	+50.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.31</b>	<b>2.218</b>	<b>2.526</b>	<b>96.02%</b>	<b>-12.19</b>

Source: First estimates, Provincial Agriculture Crop Reporting Service, Departments.

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**Table-4: SEED COTTON ARRIVALS AS ON 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY, 2021**

(Bales)

Heads	2020-21 (Season)			2019-20 (Season)		
	Punjab	Sindh	Total	Punjab	Sindh	Total
Arrivals	3,258,437	2,112,116	5,370,553	4,693,653	3,445,838	8,139,491
Sales to Exporters	4400	65,800	70,200	0	54,630	54,630
Sales to Textile Mills	2,767,465	1,837,274	4,604,739	3,970,054	3,017,493	6,987,547
Sales to T.C.P	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unsold Stock	377,392	190,084	567,476	592,327	330,107	992,434
Un-ginned Stock	109,180	18,958	128,138	131,272	43,608	174,880

Source: Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association.

**Table-5: SEED COTTON PRICES (MONTHLY AVERAGES) 2020-21 , 2019-20& 2018-19**

(Rs. per 40 Kg)

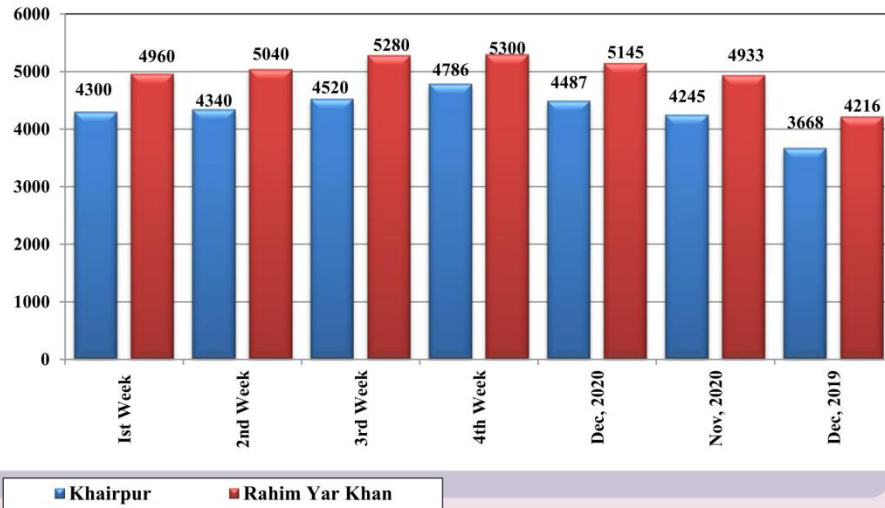
Months	Hyd	M.P. Khas	Ghotki	Khair Pur	Sukr	R.Y. Khan	Bahawal Pur	Vehari	Mian Channu	Sahiwal	Lodhran	D.G. Khan	Multan	Burewala
July,2020	3900	3740	-	-	-	4148	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4189
August,2020	3824	3731	-	-	-	4169	-	3947	3915	4110	-	-	-	3972
September,2020	3815	3550	-	4165	4171	4417	4515	4159	4038	3986	-	-	4100	4129
October,2020	4347	-	-	4729	4648	5184	5072	4798	4706	4485	-	-	4867	4728
November,2020	3728	-	-	4245	4320	4933	4685	4225	4378	4717	-	-	4575	4299
December,2020	3600	-	-	4487	4300	5145	4849	4405	4100	4395	-	-	4350	4508
Average 2020-21	<b>3869</b>	<b>3674</b>	-	<b>4407</b>	<b>4360</b>	<b>4666</b>	<b>4780</b>	<b>4307</b>	<b>4227</b>	<b>4339</b>	-	-	<b>4473</b>	<b>4304</b>
July,2019	-	3912	-	-	-	-	-	4204	3985	4049	-	-	-	4134
August,2019	3436	3431	-	-	-	3919	3797	3875	3787	3825	-	-	3816	3857
September,2019	3657	3645	3811	3996	3957	4047	3762	3898	3798	3657	3798	3823	3879	3865
October,2019	3763	3129	4221	4178	4114	4440	4183	4145	4020	3851	4048	4285	4242	4131
November,2019	3730	2500	4292	4078	4083	4388	4198	4244	4080	3788	4055	4653	4336	4120
December,2019	3480	-	4087	3668	3908	4216	4133	3860	3622	3270	3600	-	4000	3871
January,2020	-	-	4265	3580	3910	4477	4472	4013	3558	-	-	-	4000	4064
February,2020	-	-	-	-	3814	4129	4480	4253	3442	-	-	-	-	4163
March,2020	-	-	-	-	3713	4000	4284	-	-	-	-	-	-	4017
Average 2019-20	<b>3613</b>	<b>3323</b>	<b>4135</b>	<b>3900</b>	<b>3928</b>	<b>4202</b>	<b>4164</b>	<b>4062</b>	<b>3787</b>	<b>3740</b>	<b>3875</b>	<b>4254</b>	<b>4046</b>	<b>4025</b>
June,2018	3975	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July,2018	4232	-	-	-	-	4240	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
August,2018	3852	3869	-	-	3991	-	3899	3734	-	-	-	-	-	3893
September,2018	3764	3810	-	3695	3716	3921	3665	3687	3606	3671	-	-	3602	3705
October,2018	3805	3667	-	3783	3839	4046	3898	3886	3790	3759	-	-	3906	3915
November,2018	3782	3544	-	3850	3999	4173	4048	3948	3841	3780	-	-	4016	3874
December,2018	3554	3459	-	3748	3963	4095	3908	3833	3703	3850	-	-	3971	3828
January,2019	-	-	-	3715	3659	4020	3949	3640	3457	-	-	-	3800	3783
February,2019	-	-	-	-	-	4035	3725	3556	3254	-	-	-	-	3761
March,2019	-	-	-	-	-	3914	-	3635	-	-	-	-	-	3783
April,2019	-	-	-	-	-	3876	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average 2018-19	<b>3855</b>	<b>3670</b>	-	<b>3758</b>	<b>3835</b>	<b>4031</b>	<b>3866</b>	<b>3761</b>	<b>3626</b>	<b>3765</b>	-	-	<b>3859</b>	<b>3818</b>

Source: Market Report

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**Figure-I: SEED COTTON PRICES DURING DECEMBER, 2020**

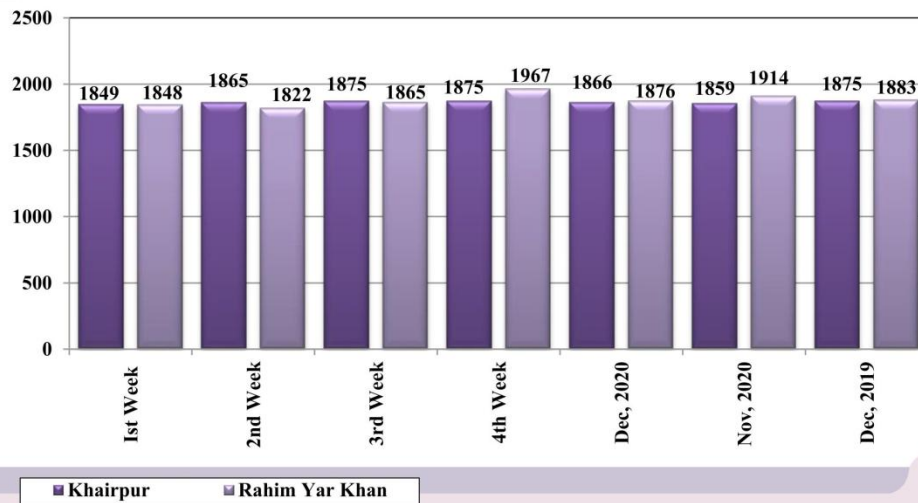
(Rs per 40 kg)



Source: Market Report

**Figure-II: COTTON SEED PRICES DURING DECEMBER, 2020**

(Rs per 40 kg)

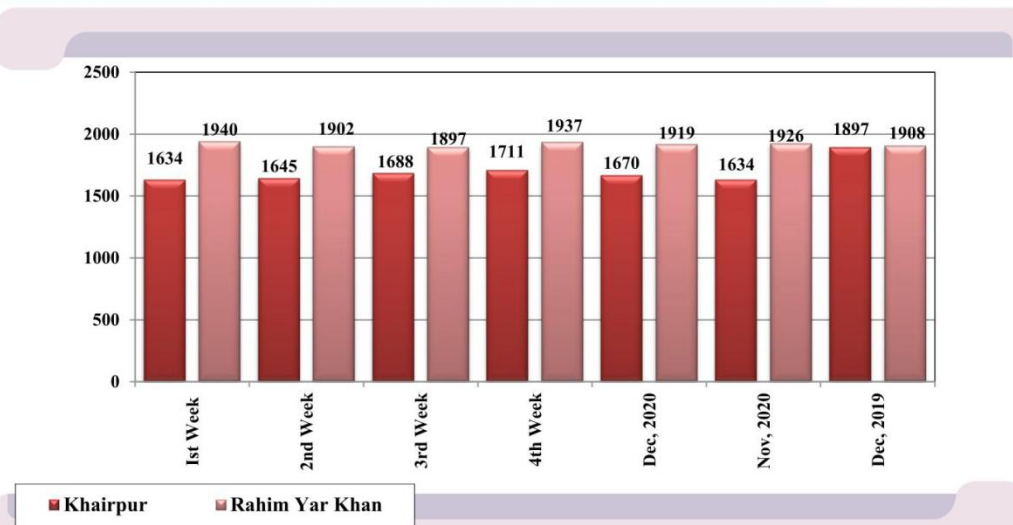


Source: Market Report

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**Figure-III: COTTON SEED CAKE PRICES DURING DECEMBER, 2020**

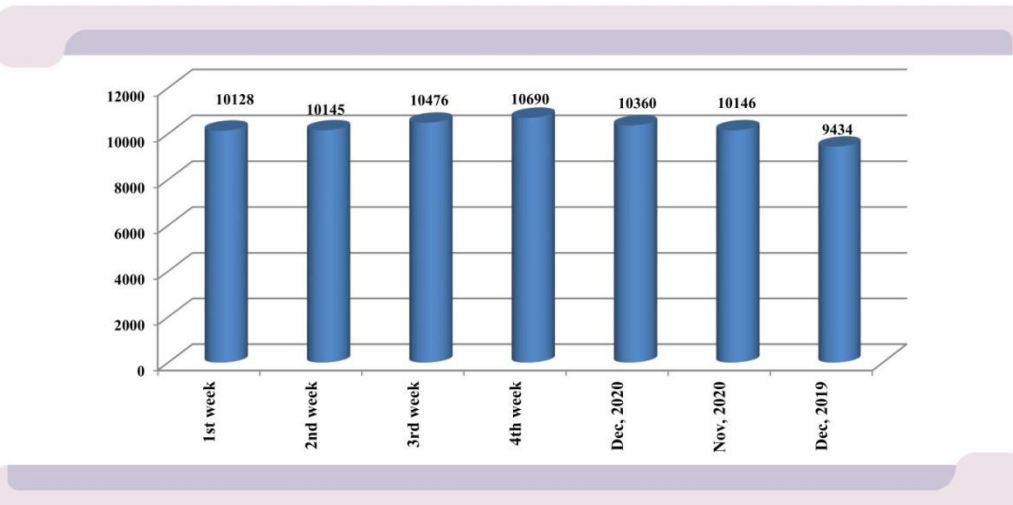
(Rs per 40 kg)



Source: Market Report.

**Figure-IV: KCA SPOT RATE (EX-GIN) AT KARACHI DURING DECEMBER, 2020**

(Rs per 40 Kg)



Source: The Karachi Cotton Association

The graph above shows that the prices of raw cotton during the month of December, 2020 depicted increasing trend and were recorded at Rs.10,360 per 40 kg as compared to Rs. 10,146 in November, 2020. Whereas, the prices in December, 2019 were recorded at Rs.9,434 per 40 kg. Month-wise details are given in table below:

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**Table-6: MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICES OF RAW COTTON DURING 2020-21, 2019-20 & 2018-19**

(Rs. per 40 kg)

Month	2019-20	2018-19
	Ex-Gin Rate	Ex-Gin Rate
August,2019	8483	9171
September,2019	8933	8735
October,2019	9542	8986
November,2019	9808	9410
December,2019	9434	9403
January,2020	9637	9338
February,2020	9705	9221
March,2020	9547	9241
April,2020	9431	9420
May,2020	9244	9371
June,2020	8804	9346
July,2020	8967	8927
<b>Average 2019-20</b>	<b>9295</b>	<b>9214</b>
August,2020	8962	8483
September,2020	9368	8933
October,2020	10346	9542
November,2020	10146	9808
December,2020	10360	9434
<b>Average 2020-21</b>	<b>9836</b>	<b>9240</b>

Source: Karachi Cotton Association.

**Table 7: COTTON BALANCE SHEET DURING 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 AND 2018-19**

(Bale= 170kg)

Sr. No.	Position	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19*	
		'000' Bales	'000'M/Tons	'000' Bales	'000' M/Tons	'000' Bales	'000'M/Tons	'000' Bales	'000'M/Tons
1.	Carryover	550	93	0	0	439	75	949	162
2.	Production	9917	1686	10670	1814	11945	2031	9,860	1676
3.	Imports	2453	417	2976	506	3521	599	2439	415
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12920</b>	<b>2196</b>	<b>13646</b>	<b>2320</b>	<b>15905</b>	<b>2705</b>	<b>13248</b>	<b>2253</b>
4.	Mill Consumption	12633	2147	13060	2220	14749	2508	12085	2055
5.	Exports	287	49	147	25	207	35	75	13
6.	End Season Stocks	0	0	439	75	949	162	1088	185
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12920</b>	<b>2196</b>	<b>13646</b>	<b>2320</b>	<b>15905</b>	<b>2705</b>	<b>13248</b>	<b>2253</b>

Source: i) Textile Commissioners Organization (Mill Consumption for 2017-18(August to June) and for 2018- 2019 (August to April,2019).

ii)Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. (Imports &Exports).

iii) Provincial Crop Reporting Service Department and D.G Agriculture (Extension) Department.(Production)

\*Provisional.

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### COTTON YARN PRICES:

The Cotton Yarn prices of 21's and 30's count witnessed increasing trend during the month of December, 2020. The prices were recorded at Rs.1,984 and Rs.2,201 per bundle of 4.5 kg respectively as compared to Rs.1,925 and Rs.2,171 per bundle in previous month. However, the same counts in the corresponding month of last year were recorded much lower at Rs. 1,656 and Rs.1,832 per bundle respectively. Details are given as below:

**Table-8: DOMESTIC COTTON YARN PRICES DURING DECEMBER, 2020**

(Rs. per bundle of 4.54 kg)

Count/ Week	W E E K				December 2020	November 2020	December 2019
	I	II	III	IV			
10/1	1600	1600	1700	1800	1675	1615	1468
16/1	1775	1770	1809	1918	1818	1802	1599
21/1	1939	1939	1996	2061	1984	1925	1656
22/1	1935	1935	2058	2112	2010	1966	1675
26/1	2090	2090	2132	2202	2129	2057	1737
28/1	2050	2050	2125	2250	2119	2050	1800
30/1	2162	2162	2206	2275	2201	2171	1832
32/1	2150	2150	2200	2250	2188	2180	1850
40/1	2650	2650	2675	2700	2669	2650	2250
52/1	2850	2850	2875	2900	2869	2850	2550
60/1	2900	2900	2950	3000	2938	2925	2650
70/1	2950	2950	3025	3100	3006	2975	2700
20/2	2038	2038	2089	2120	2071	2064	1780

Source: Pakistan Yarn Merchants Association, Karachi.

**Table-9: EXPORTS OF TEXTILE GROUP COMMODITIES DURING NOVEMBER, 2020**

(Value = Rs. In Millions)

Commodities	Unit	November 2020		October 2020		November 2019		%Change over October 2020		July- November 2020		July- November 2019		% Change Over July-Nov, 2019	
		Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val
		Raw Cotton	M.T	0	0	206	41	1,544	321	-100.00	-100.00	446	86	10,694	2,247
Cotton Yarn	M.T	31,702	11,817	26,120	9,744	42,008	15,305	21.37	21.27	137,300	49,991	198,357	76,276	-30.78	-34.46
Bed Wear	M.T	39,313	37,991	40,676	40,386	39,235	30,377	3.35	-5.93	189,172	186,985	205,503	159,008	-7.95	17.59
Towels	M.T	18,803	12,649	18,796	12,804	21,345	10,158	0.04	-1.21	85,348	59,561	82,231	49,802	3.79	19.60
Cotton Cloth	Th.S	114,051	23,610	134,158	27,321	214,025	26,152	-14.99	-13.58	789,263	127,141	1,156,854	132,850	-31.78	-4.30
Synthetic Fiber	Th.S	6,832	4,588	8,324	4,821	33,204	4,251	-17.92	-4.83	90,098	22,018	203,001	21,305	-55.62	3.35
Knitwear	Th.D	16,931	52,146	17,600	52,392	10,197	41,455	-3.80	-0.47	67,546	248,050	51,034	207,215	32.35	19.71
Readymade Garments	Th.D	2,980	41,217	2,933	39,988	5,234	38,887	1.60	3.07	14,440	198,167	26,083	181,274	-44.64	9.32

Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Karachi.

The table above indicates that raw cotton was not exported in the month of November, 2020 but its related produce witnessed fluctuation. However, the raw cotton exports during October, 2020 were recorded at 206 metric tons amounting to Rs. 41 million. Whereas the exports in November, 2019 were recorded at 1,544 metric tons amounting to Rs. 321 million.

**Table-10: IMPORTS OF TEXTILE GROUP COMMODITIES DURING NOVEMBER, 2020.**

(Value = Rs. In Millions)

Commodities	Unit	November 2020		October 2020		November 2019		% Change over October, 2020		July Nov,2020		July Nov,2019		% Change over July-Nov,2019	
		Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val
Raw Cotton	M.T	50,791	13,548	51,856	13,633	8,990	2,551	-2.05	-0.62	234,007	61,870	34,951	9,921	569.53	523.63
Synthetic Fiber	M.T	34,085	6,410	46,350	8,566	29,137	6,329	-26.46	-25.17	205,225	38,672	116,459	29,161	76.22	32.62
Synthetic & Artificial Silk Yarn	M.T	41,505	9,863	33,459	8,606	27,513	8,758	24.05	14.61	170,331	41,893	104,273	34,452	63.35	21.60
Worn Clothing	M.T	85,828	5,607	34,173	2,433	36,332	2,576	151.16	130.46	203,553	14,134	158,704	11,078	28.26	27.59
Other Textile Items	-	-	15,647	-	11,594	-	9,269	-	34.96	-	52,150	-	39,914	-	30.66

Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Karachi

The table above shows that the imports of raw cotton during November, 2020 witnessed decreasing trend and recorded at 50,791 metric tons amounting to Rs.13,548 million as compared to 51,856 metric tons valuing Rs. 13,633 million in October,2020. Whereas the imports in November,2019 recorded at 8,990 metric tons amounting to Rs. 2,551 million, showing a decrease of 2.05 percent in quantity and 0.62 percent in value over October,2020.

## ECONOMICS OF COTTON AND COMPETING CROPS

Cotton a Kharif crop, competes with rice, sugarcane and other crops for land, water and other farm resources in the area where the cultivation of all other crops is technically feasible. Mainly cotton faces indirect competition from sugarcane, the annual crop which keeps the land throughout the year. The economics of cotton and competing crops has been analyzed on the basis of inputs-outputs costs paid and received growers during 2019-20 year. The summary of various indicators for Punjab and Sindh are presented in table as under:

**Table-11: ECONOMICS OF SEED COTTON AND COMPETING CROPS AT PRICES REALIZED BY THE GROWERS 2016-17 CROP**

S. No.	Previous/ Crops/ Crop Combination	Output Input ratio	Gross Revenue Per		
			Rupee of Purchased inputs cost	Day of Crop Duration	Acre inch of irrigation water used
		Rupees			
1		2	3	4	5
<b>PUNJAB</b>					
1.	Seed Cotton	1.30	3.96	247	3781
2.	Basmati Paddy	1.03	2.12	360	1117
3.	IRRI Paddy	0.84	1.87	295	856
4.	Cotton + Wheat	1.21	3.93	309	3814
5.	Cotton + Sunflower	1.21	3.71	313	2984
6.	Sugarcane	1.16	4.90	260	2133
<b>SINDH</b>					
1.	Seed Cotton	1.30	3.85	379	5051
2.	IRRI Paddy	0.93	2.58	268	862
3.	Cotton + Wheat	1.20	3.72	323	4525
4.	Cotton + Sunflower	1.18	3.38	294	3084
5.	Sugarcane	1.16	4.23	256	1761

Source: API's Cotton Policy Analysis Report 2019-20 Crop.

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**Table-12: EXPORT PARITY PRICE OF SEED COTTON ON THE BASIS OF ACTUAL AVERAGE EXPORT PRICE OF PAKISTANI COTTON**

Sr. No.	Item	October, 2020
01.	Actual average export price per 40 Kgs	7,961 (Rupees) or 55.20 (US Cents per Lb)
02.	Marketing expenses (export & purchase incidentals, insurance & financial expenses) per 40 kgs	450
03.	Ex-gin price of lint per 40 kgs (item 1-item 2)	7511
04.	Value of 80 Kgs of cotton seed (b)	4112
05.	Ginning charges for 120 Kgs of seed cotton	600
06.	Value of 120 Kgs of seed cotton ( c ) (item 3+4 -item 5)	11,023
07.	Seed cotton price per 40 Kgs (item 6/3)	3,674

**Notes:**

- a) One US\$ = 163.54 Pak rupees.
- b) Average price of cotton seed for October, 2020 in Rahim Yar Khan market was Rs. 2056 per 40 Kg.
- c) 120 Kg of seed cotton = 80 kg of cotton seed + 40 Kg of lint.

**Sources:**

1. PBS for export prices.
2. KCA, Karachi for marketing expenses.
3. Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association, Karachi for ginning charges.
4. Directorate of Agriculture (E&M), Punjab, Lahore.
5. API's Seed Cotton Policy Analysis Report for 2019-20 Crop.

**Table-13: IMPORT PARITY PRICE OF SEED COTTON ON THE BASIS OF ACTUAL AVERAGE CIF (KARACHI) PRICE OF IMPORTED COTTON**

Sr. No.	Item	November, 2020
01.	Actual average cif (Karachi) Price, per 40 kgs	Rs.10,670 (Rupees) or 75.71 (US Cent per Lb)
02.	Handling charges at port and transport cost from port to textile mill at Karachi @ 5% of cif price	514
03.	Ex-gin price of cotton lint (item 1+ item 2)	11,184
04.	Value of 80 Kgs of cotton seed (a)	3828
05.	Ginning charges for 120 Kgs of seed cotton including ginning	600
06.	Value of 120 Kgs of seed cotton (item 3 + item 4 – item 5) losses	14,412
07.	Seed cotton price (item 6/3)	4,804

**Note:**

- a) One US\$ = 159.81 Pak rupees.
- b) Average price of cotton seed for November, 2020 in Rahim Yar Khan market was Rs. 1914 per 40 Kg.
- c) 120 kg of seed cotton = 80 kg of cotton seed + 40 kg of lint.

**Sources:**

1. PBS, for cif (Karachi price).
2. KCA, for incidental charges.
3. Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association, Karachi for ginning charges.
4. Directorate of Agriculture (E&M), Punjab, Lahore.
5. API's Seed Cotton Policy Analysis Report for 2019-20 Crop.



## REGIONAL COTTON SITUATION



## 1. CHINA

Cotton area in China has depicted continued reduction by 2.7% to 3.2 million hectares in 2020-21 season as compared to 3.3 million hectares in 2019-20. Where as production is expected to grow by 0.86% to 5.85 million tons in 2020-21 as compared to 5.80 million tons in last year. Similarly, consumption is expected to rise by 10.3% to 8.00 million tons in 2020-21. Imports by China are projected at 2.0 million tons, indicating an increase of 28.7% over previous season. Stock level in China is estimated to decline by 2.2% to 8.738 million tons in 2020-21 as compared to 8.938 million tons in 2019-20.

Table-14: CHINA SUPPLY AND DEMAND POSITION

(Million Metric Tons)

Heads	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 Proj.	2019-20 Proj.	2020-21 Proj.
Beginning Stock	12.65	10.35	9.03	8.88	8.94
Production	4.90	5.89	6.04	5.80	5.85
Consumption	8.28	8.50	8.25	7.25	8.00
Import	1.10	1.32	2.10	1.55	2.00
Ending Stock	10.35	9.03	8.88	8.94	8.74

Source: Cotton this month December 01, 2020.

## 2. INDIA

Cotton area in India is estimated to decline by 5.0% to 12.6 million hectares in 2020-21 season as compared to 13.3 million hectares in 2019-20. Whereas, production in India is projected to rise by 2.1% to 6.20 million tons in 2020-21 as compared to 6.07 million tons in previous year. Similarly, mill consumption is expected to grow by 15.3% to 5.13 million tons but will still allow for exports to increase in 2020-21. India's increased production in 2020-21 season should decrease imports and provide additional opportunities for exports. However, Indian exports are projected at 1.2 million tons for the season based on a production of 6.2 million tons for the 2020-21 season and excess stock from the previous season.

## 3. INTERNATIONAL COTTON SITUATION 2020-21



World cotton area estimates has been slumped by 7.9% to 31.509 million hectares in 2020-21 season as compared to 34.212 million hectares in 2019-20. Global cotton production estimates also has been reduced to 24.7 million tons with consumption currently remaining at 24.3 million tons in 2020-21. Global trade is projected at 9.4 million tons for 2020-21. World ending stocks are currently estimated to increase by 2.0% to 21.655 million tons in 2020-21 season.

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**Table-15: WORLD COTTON BALANCE SHEET**

(Million Metric Tons)

Heads	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 Projected	2020-21 Projected	% Change in 2020-21 over 2019-20
Beginning stock	20.38	18.63	18.65	18.51	21.24	+14.75
Production	23.14	26.71	25.94	26.05	24.68	-5.26
Consumption	24.78	26.44	25.85	22.54	24.26	+7.63
Exports	8.31	9.26	9.27	9.05	9.40	+3.87
Imports	8.13	9.00	9.05	8.27	9.40	+13.66
Ending Stock	18.63	18.65	18.51	21.24	21.65	+1.93

Source: Cotton This Month December 01, 2020.

**Table-16: COTTON PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION IN MAJOR COTTON GROWING COUNTRIES DURING LAST 5 YEARS**

(Million Tons)

Countries	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 Projected	2020-21 Projected
<b>Production</b>					
India	5.87	6.35	5.61	6.07	6.20
China	4.90	5.89	6.04	5.80	5.85
USA	3.74	4.56	4.00	4.34	3.72
Pakistan	1.81	2.03	1.68	1.56	1.20
Brazil	1.53	2.01	2.78	3.00	2.74
Uzbekistan	0.79	0.80	0.64	0.64	0.64
Others	4.66	5.31	5.20	4.88	4.63
World Total	23.14	26.71	25.94	26.05	24.68
<b>Consumption</b>					
China	8.28	8.50	8.25	7.25	8.00
India	5.15	5.42	5.40	4.45	5.13
Pakistan	2.22	2.51	2.06*	2.08*	1.98
Europe & Turkey	1.61	1.80	1.70	1.60	1.64
Vietnam	1.17	1.51	1.51	1.45	1.48
Bangladesh	1.41	1.66	1.58	1.37	1.41
USA	0.71	0.70	0.63	0.43	0.55
Brazil	0.69	0.68	0.73	0.61	0.61
Others	3.62	3.82	3.83	3.28	3.46
World Total	24.78	26.44	25.85	22.54	24.26

Source: i) Cotton This Month December 01, 2020

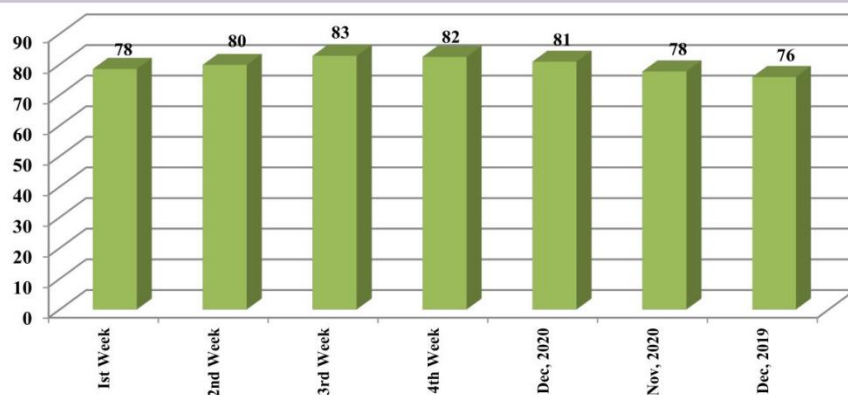
ii) Provincial Agriculture Crop Reporting Departments of Pakistan for Production and Textile Commissioner's Organization for Consumption.

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**Figure-V: COTLOOK 'A' INDEX DURING DECEMBER, 2020**

(US Cents per Pound)



Source: Cotton Outlook

The graph above shows that 'A' index prices during December, 2020 posted gains to 81.00 cents per pound as compared to 78.00 cents per pound in November, 2020. While, the prices in December, 2019 were recorded at 76.00 cents per pound. Month-wise details are given as below:

**Table-17: MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICES OF "A" INDEX DURING 2020-21, 2019-20 & 2018-19**

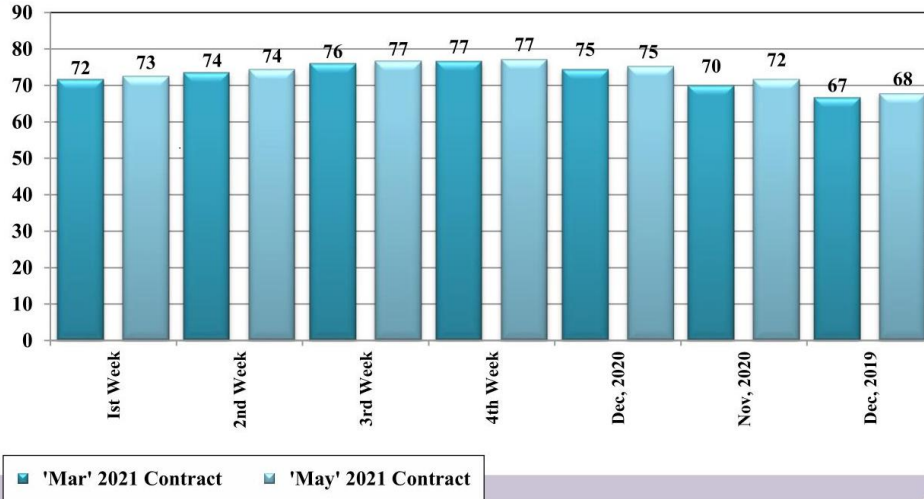
(US Cents Per Pound)

Month/Season	2019-20	2018-19
August,2019	70.89	94.73
September,2019	71.26	90.54
October,2019	73.62	86.72
November,2019	74.89	86.58
December,2019	75.83	85.75
January,2020	79.08	82.19
February,2020	76.57	81.18
March,2020	68.21	83.64
April,2020	63.43	87.28
May,2020	65.72	80.49
June,2020	67.77	77.58
July,2020	68.73	75.66
<b>Average 2019-20</b>	<b>71.33</b>	<b>84.36</b>
August,2020	69.95	70.89
September,2020	70.81	71.26
October,2020	74.55	73.62
November,2020	77.64	74.89
December,2020	80.86	75.83
<b>Average 2020-21</b>	<b>74.76</b>	<b>73.30</b>

Source: Cotton Outlook.

Figure-VI: NEW YORK COTTON FUTURES VALUES DURING DECEMBER, 2020

(US Cents Per Pound)



Source: Cotton Outlook

The graph above shows that the nearby March, 2021 contract during December, 2020 gained ground to 75.00 cents per pound as compared to 70.00 cents in previous month. However, the prices of same contract in the corresponding month of last year recorded lower at 67.00 cents per pound.

