

COTTON REVIEW

DOMESTIC COTTON CROP SCENARIO

The second meeting of Cotton Crop Assessment Committee (CCAC) was held on 7th October, 2021 under the chairmanship of Federal Secretary for National Food Security & Research, Islamabad. According to estimates released by Cotton Crop Assessment Committee Meeting, the cotton production during the current season will be at 9.374 million bales against the target of 10.5 million bales. The Punjab is estimated to produce 5.44 million bales, Sindh is estimated 3.5 million bales, whereas KPK and Baluchistan will produce 0.004 million and 0.43 million bales, respectively. It has been reported that the weather and prices factor favored the cotton production. The government announcement of intervention price enhanced the growers' confidence in investment on crop management resulted in higher arrivals of cotton in ginneries. Province-wise first & Second assessment of cotton production is given as below:

Table : 1 COTTON CROP ASSESSMENT FOR 2021-22 SEASON (Bale=170kg)

EXPECTED PRODUCTION (Million Bales)		
Province	First Cotton Crop Assessment (01-09.2021)	Second Cotton Crop Assessment (07.10.2021)
Punjab	4.53	5.44
Sindh	3.50	3.50
Khyber PakhtunKhwa	0.00417	0.004
Balochistan	0.43	0.43
Pakistan	8.46	9.374

Source: Cotton Crop Assessment Committee Meeting.

Table: 2 PROPOSED TARGETS OF COTTON CROP DURING 2021-22

Province	Targets 2021-22		
	Area (Million Hectares)	Production (Million Bales)	Yield (kg/hectares)
Punjab	1.61	6.07	641
Sindh	0.64	4.0	1062
KPK	0.0022	0.00417	323
Balochistan	0.07	0.43	1044
Total	2.3222	10.50417	769

Source: Federal Committee on Agriculture.

Table: 3 SOWING POSITION OF COTTON CROP IN PUNJAB AND SINDH (2021-22 SEASON)

Province	Proposed Target 2021-22	Area Sown		% age against target	% change over last year
		2021-22	2020-21		
		(Million hectares)			
Punjab (First estimate)	1.61	1.279	1.546	79.4%	-17.3
Sindh (Final)	0.64	0.575	0.475	89.8%	+21.05
Baluchistan	0.07	0.064	0.057	91.4%	+12.3
KPK	0.0022	0.00012	0.00011	5.45%	+9.1
Total	2.32	1.918	2.078	82.7%	-7.7

Source: Provincial Agriculture Extension & Crop Reporting Service, Departments.

Table: 4 SEED COTTON ARRIVALS AS ON 1st OCTOBER, 2021. (Bales)

Heads	2021-2022 (Season)			2020-21 (Season)		
	Punjab	Sindh	Total	Punjab	Sindh	Total
Arrivals	1,495,878	2,350,585	3,846,463	736,760	1,170,758	1,907,518
Sales to Exporters	3,000	600	3,600	800	15,800	16,600
Sales to Textile Mills	1,296,761	2,006,739	3,303,500	535,204	924,364	1,459,568
Unsold Stock	76,588	39,641	116,229	82,513	45,947	128,460
Un-ginned Stock	119,529	303,605	423,134	118,243	184,647	302,890

Source: Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association.

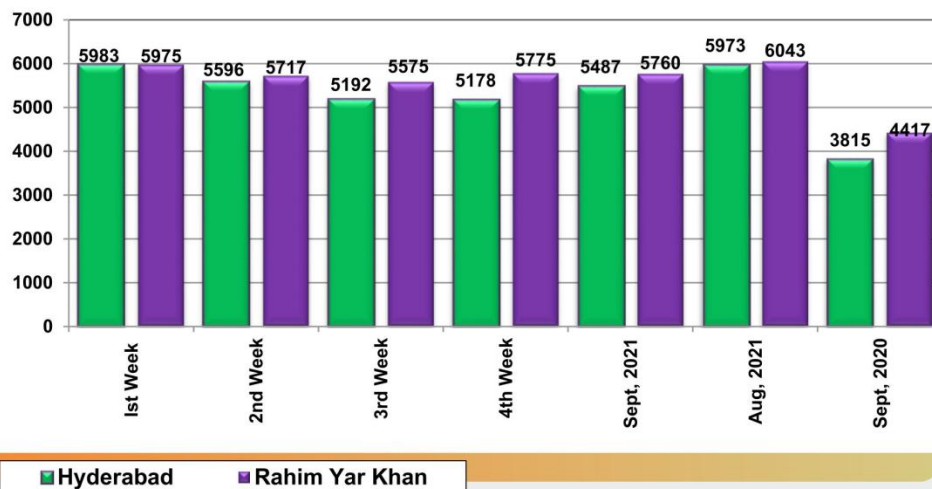
Table-5: SEED COTTON PRICES (MONTHLY AVERAGES) 2021-22, 2020-21, & 2019-20 (Rs. Per 40 Kg)

Months	Hyd	M.P. Khas	Ghotki	Khair Pur	Sukr	R.Y. Khan	Bahawal Pur	Vehari	Mian Channu	Sahiwal	Lodhran	D.G. Khan	Multan	Bure wala
July,2021	5715	-	-	-	-	5995	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6007
August,2021	5973	5927	-	-	-	6043	5877	5907	5762	6017	-	5533	-	5936
September, 2021.	5487	5469	-	5760	5750	5760	5713	5620	5587	5632	-	5644	-	5570
Average 2021-22	5725	5698	-	5760	5750	5933	5795	5764	5674	5825	-	5589	-	5838
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
January,2021	-	-	-	5060	4750	5591	5430	4668	4143	4575	-	-	4815	5105
February,2021	-	-	-	-	4700	5560	5580	4840	-	-	-	-	-	5230
March,2021	-	-	-	-	-	6000	5760	-	-	-	-	-	-	5500
Average 2020-21	3869	3674	-	4537	4482	5016	5127	4435	4213	4378	-	-	4541	4629
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	3613	3323	4135	3900	3928	4202	4164	4062	3787	3740	3875	4254	4046	4025

Source: Market Report.

Figure-I: SEED COTTON PRICES DURING SEPTEMBER, 2021

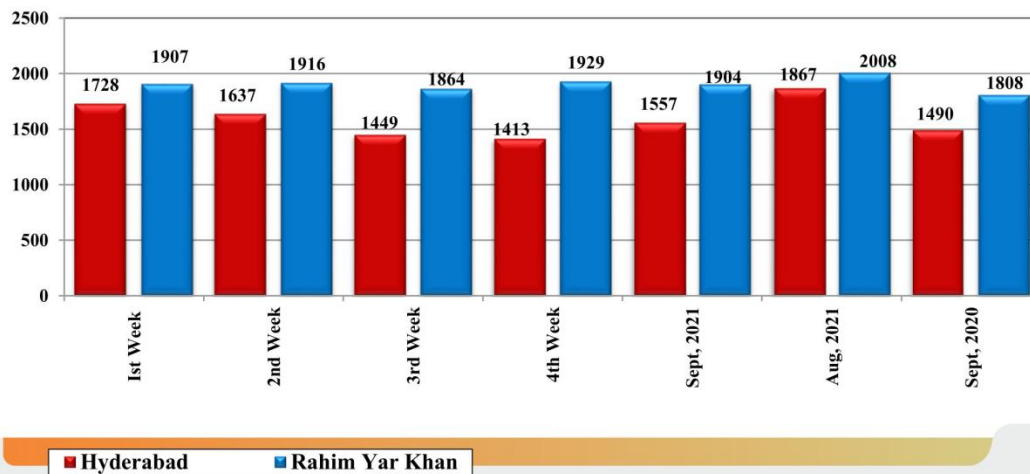
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Source: Market Report

Figure-II: COTTON SEED PRICES DURING SEPTEMBER, 2021

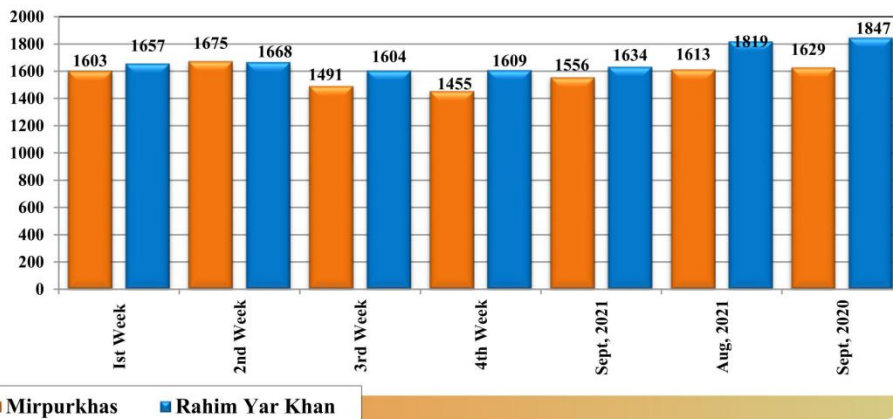
(Rs per 40 kg)



Source: Market Report

Figure-III: COTTON SEED CAKE PRICES DURING SEPTEMBER, 2021

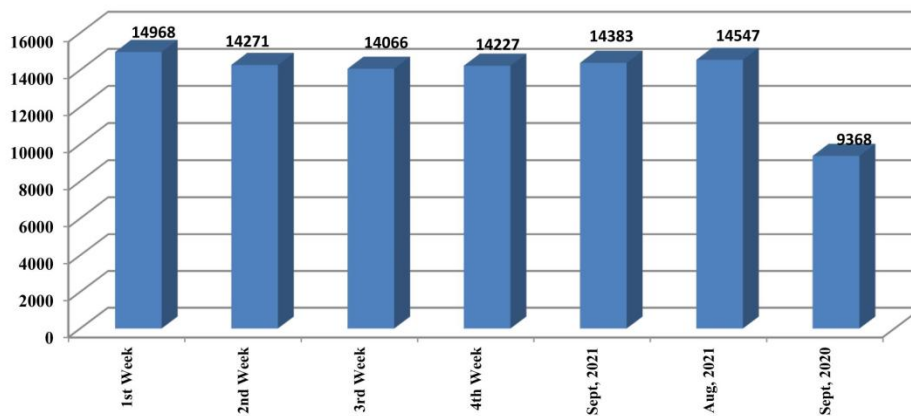
(Rs per 40 kg)



Source: Market Report.

Figure-IV: KCA SPOT RATE (EX-GIN) AT KARACHI DURING SEPTEMBER, 2021

(Rs per 40 Kg)



Source: The Karachi Cotton Association

The graph above shows that the prices of raw cotton during the month of September, 2021 decreased to Rs.14, 383 per 40 kg as compared to Rs. 14,547 in August, 2021. Whereas, the prices in September, 2020 were recorded much lower at Rs.9,368 per 40 kg. Month-wise details are given in table below:

Table-6: MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICES OF RAW COTTON DURING 2021-22, 2020-21, &2019-20 (Rs. Per 40 kg)

Month	2020-21 Ex-Gin Rate	2019-20 Ex-Gin Rate
August,2020	8962	8483
September,2020	9368	8933
October,2020	10346	9542
November,2020	10146	9808
December,2020	10360	9434
January,2021	11364	9637
February,2021	11908	9705
March,2021	12980	9547
April,2021	11847	9431
May,2021	12314	9244
June, 2021	13289	8804
July,2021	13848	8967
Average 2020-21	11394	9295
August,2021	14547	8962
September,2021	14383	9368
Average 2021-22	14465	9165

Source: Karachi Cotton Association.

Table:7 COTTON BALANCE SHEET DURING 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 AND 2019-20 (Bale= 170kg)

Sr. No.	Position	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19*		2019-20*	
		'000' Bales	'000'M/Tons	'000' Bales	'000' M/Tons	'000' Bales	'000'M/Tons	'000' Bales	'000'M/Tons
1.	Carryover	0	0	439	75	949	162	1088	185
2.	Production	10670	1814	11945	2031	9,860	1676	9178	1560
3.	Imports	2976	506	3521	599	2439	415	2777	472
	Total	13646	2320	15905	2705	13248	2253	13043	2217
4.	Mill Consumption	13060	2220	14749	2508	12085	2055	11019	1873
5.	Exports	147	25	207	35	75	13	75	13
6.	End Season Stocks	439	75	949	162	1088	185	1949	331
	Total	13646	2320	15905	2705	13248	2253	13043	2217

Source: i) Textile Commissioners Organization (Mill Consumption Aug, 2017-June 2018), for 2018-19 (Aug,2018 to April,2019) and for 2019-20 (Aug,2019- April,2020).

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

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

Note: For exports and imports data covers (July-June.)

*Provisional.

COTTON YARN PRICES:

The Cotton Yarn prices of 21's and 30's count witnessed rising tendency during the month of September, 2021. The prices of 21's and 30's count were recorded at Rs.2,516 and Rs.2,808 per bundle of 4.5 kg respectively as compared to Rs.2,480 and Rs.2,755 per bundle in previous month. However, the prices of same counts in the corresponding month were registered much lower at Rs.1681 and Rs 1868 per bundle, respectively. Details are given as below:

Table-8: DOMESTIC COTTON YARN PRICES DURING SEPTEMBER, 2021

(Rs. per bundle of 4.54 kg)

Count/ Week	W E E K				September 2021	August 2021	September 2020
	I	II	III	IV			
10/1	2350	2350	2300	2333	2333	2217	1420
16/1	2480	2470	2420	2455	2456	2375	1595
21/1	2551	2551	2469	2494	2516	2480	1681
22/1	2550	2550	2500	2525	2531	2467	1690
26/1	2710	2710	2620	2653	2673	2636	1774
28/1	2800	2800	2700	2717	2754	2766	1780
30/1	2833	2833	2775	2792	2808	2755	1868
32/1	2800	2800	2750	2783	2783	2767	1880
40/1	3500	3500	3400	3467	3467	3433	2250
52/1	3900	3900	3700	3767	3817	3833	2500
60/1	4200	4200	4200	4200	4200	3933	2600
70/1	4300	4300	4300	4300	4300	4033	2650
20/2	2674	2678	2674	2703	2682	2599	1770

Source: Pakistan Yarn Merchants Association, Karachi.

Table-9: EXPORTS OF TEXTILE GROUP COMMODITIES DURING AUGUST, 2021

(Value = Rs. In Millions)

Commodities	Unit	August 2021		July 2021		August 2020		%Change over July 2021		July- August,2021		July- August,2020		% Change Over July-Aug, 2020	
		Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val
Raw Cotton	M.T	0	0	0	0	206	39	0.00	0.00	0	0	206	39	-100.00	-100.00
Cotton Yarn	M.T	32,880	16987	29,277	14,344	25,472	9,159	12.31	18.43	62,157	31,331	53,943	19,252	15.23	62.74
Bed Wear	M.T	40,179	43,448	47,603	42,030	30,249	30,353	-15.60	3.37	87,782	85,478	71,35	70,909	23.06	20.55
Towels	M.T	16,920	13,586	18,509	12,420	12,794	9,271	-8.58	9.39	35,429	26,006	30,919	22,249	14.59	16.89
Cotton Cloth	Th.SQ	43,727	30,880	41,504	28,639	189,630	24,375	5.36	7.83	85,231	59,519	362,795	49,286	-76.51	20.76
Synthetic Fiber	Th.SQ	7,842	6,046	8,189	5,165	25,999	3,895	-4.24	17.05	16,031	11,211	64,454	8,629	75.13	29.92
Knitwear	Th.Do	10,215	59,761	10,519	62,677	7,767	41,699	-2.89	-4.65	87,782	85,478	18,152	94,346	14.22	29.78
Readymade Garments	Th.Do	3,533	46,565	3,615	48,064	2,450	34,041	-2.36	-3.12	7,148	94,629	5,877	79,773	21.63	18.62

Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Karachi.

The table above shows that raw cotton was not exported but its related produce witnessed decreasing tendency except cotton yarn and cotton cloth during the month of August, 2021. However, the raw cotton exports in corresponding month last year were recorded at 206 metric tons amounting to Rs. 39 Million.

Table-10: IMPORTS OF TEXTILE GROUP COMMODITIES DURING AUGUST, 2021.

(Value = Rs. In Millions)

Commodities	Unit	August 2021		July 2021		August 2020		% Change over July 2021		July- August,2021		July-August,2020		% Change over July-Aug,2020	
		Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val	Qty	Val
Raw Cotton	M.T	53,238	17,885	49,170	15,666	41,974	11,310	8.27	14.16	102,408	33,551	74,799	20,000	36.91	67.76
Synthetic Fiber	M.T	37,781	11,488	53,337	14,738	41,869	7,843	-29.17	-22.05	91,118	26,226	77,701	14,210	17.27	84.56
Synthetic & Artificial Silk Yarn	M.T	32,556	11,114	45,503	13,811	29,438	7,528	-28.45	-19.53	78,059	24,925	52,406	13,205	48.95	88.75
Worn Clothing	M.T	94,820	6,517	91,479	6,216	23,373	1,657	3.65	4.84	186,299	12,733	48,644	3,523	282.98	261.42
Other Textile items	-	-	14,173	-	13,588	-	8,281	-	4.31	27,761	-	14,591	-	-	90.26

Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Karachi.

The table above indicates that the imports of raw cotton during August, 2021 posted gains and recorded at 53238 metric tons amounting to Rs.17885 million as compared to 49170 metric tons valuing Rs.15666 million in July,2021. Whereas the imports in August, 2020 placed much lower at 41974 metric tons amounting to Rs. 11310 million, showing a rise of 8.3 percent in quantity and 14.1 percent in value over July, 2021.

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 2018-19 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
PUNJAB					
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
SINDH					
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.

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

Sr. No.	Item	June, 2021
01.	Actual average export price per 40 Kgs	13,895 (Rupees) or 100.55 (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)	13445
04.	Value of 80 Kgs of cotton seed (b)	4784
05.	Ginning charges for 120 Kgs of seed cotton	600
06.	Value of 120 Kgs of seed cotton (c) (item 3+4 -item 5)	17,629
07.	Seed cotton price per 40 Kgs (item 6/3)	5,876

- Notes:**
- a) One US\$ = 156.70 Pak rupees.
 - b) Average price of cotton seed for June, 2021 in Rahim Yar Khan Market was Rs. 2392 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 (KARCHI) PRICE OF IMPORTED COTTON

Sr. No.	Item	August, 2021
01.	Actual average cif (Karachi) Price, per 40 kgs	Rs.13,438 (Rupees) or 92.55 (US Cent per Lb)
02.	Handling charges at port and transport cost from port to textile mill at Karachi @ 5% of cif price	1070
03.	Ex-gin price of cotton lint (item 1+ item 2)	14508
04.	Value of 80 Kgs of cotton seed (a)	4016
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	17924
07.	Seed cotton price (item 6/3)	5,975

Note:

- a) One US\$ = 16.65. Pak rupees.
- b) Average price of cotton seed for August, 2021 in Rahim Yar Khan Market was Rs. 2008 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 is projected to reduce by 2.0% to 3.11 million hectares in 2021-22 season as compared to 3.2 million hectares in 2020-21. Similarly cotton production is expected to decrease by 3.0% to 5.7 million tons in 2021-22 as compared to 5.9 million tons in last year. Consumption also is estimated to reduce by 2.4% to 8.20 million tons in 2021-22. Imports by China are estimated at 2.64 million tons, indicating decline by 5.7% over previous season. Stock level in China are estimated at 9.248 million tons in 2020-21.

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	5.91
Consumption	8.28	8.50	8.25	7.25	8.40
Import	1.10	1.32	2.10	1.55	2.80
Ending Stock	10.35	9.03	8.88	8.94	9.22

Source: Cotton this Month October 01, 2021.

2. INDIA

Cotton area in India is expected to decrease by 6.14 percent to 12.650 million hectares in 2021-22 as compared to 13.477 million hectares in previous year. Similarly production has been revised down ward to 5.9 million tons, showing 2.1 % decline from last season. Whereas, mill consumption is expected to grow by 5.0.% to 5.9 million tons in 2021-22 due to recovering demand for cotton yarn in its domestic markets. Indian exports are expected to decline by 16.7 percent to 1.12 million tons for the season 2021-22. Ending stocks are expected at 2.68 million tons in 2020-21.

3. INTERNATIONAL COTTON SITUATION 2020-21

World cotton area for the 2021-22 season is expected to increase by 3.5% to 33.183 million hectares as compared to 32.054 million hectares in previous year. Global production is expected to show a recovery by 6.0% in 2021-22 season and is recorded at 25.7 million tons as compared to 24.2 million tons in 2020-21. Global consumption also has recovered from 2020-21 by 0.8% to reach 25.903 million tons in 2021-22. Ending stocks are forecast to decline further in 2020-21 season to 20.111 million tons as compared to 22.144 million tons in previous year.

Table-15: WORLD COTTON BALANCE SHEET

(Million Metric Tons)

Heads	2016-17	2017-18 Estimated.	2018-19 Estimated.	2019-20 Projected	2020-21 Projected	% Change in 2020-21 over 2019-20
Beginning stock	20.40	18.73	19.25	19.11	22.15	+15.90
Production	23.35	26.96	25.96	26.13	24.19	-7.42
Consumption	24.90	26.35	26.01	22.75	25.69	+12.92
Exports	8.29	9.14	9.30	9.02	10.76	+19.30
Imports	8.09	9.04	9.22	8.68	10.22	+17.70
Ending Stock	18.73	19.25	19.11	22.15	20.11	-9.20

Source: Cotton This Month October 01, 2021.

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

(Million Tons)

Countries	2016-17	2017-18 Estimated.	2018-19 Estimated.	2019-20 Projected	2020-21 Projected
Production					
India	5.87	6.35	5.66	6.21	6.03
China	4.90	5.89	6.04	5.80	5.91
USA	3.74	4.56	4.00	4.34	3.18
Brazil	1.53	2.01	2.78	3.00	2.34
Pakistan	1.81	2.03	1.67	1.56	1.20*
Uzbekistan	0.96	0.96	0.64	0.53	1.03
Others	4.70	5.40	5.18	4.94	4.82
World Total	23.35	26.96	25.96	26.13	24.19
Consumption					
China	8.28	8.50	8.25	7.25	8.40
India	5.15	5.42	5.40	4.45	5.61
Pakistan	2.22	2.35	2.36*	1.98*	2.15*
Europe & Turkey	1.61	1.73	1.82	1.60	1.70
Vietnam	1.17	1.51	1.51	1.45	1.52
Bangladesh	1.41	1.66	1.58	1.50	1.64
USA	0.71	0.70	0.63	0.47	0.50
Brazil	0.69	0.68	0.73	0.61	0.72
Others	3.62	3.80	3.73	3.44	3.46
World Total	24.90	26.35	26.01	22.75	25.69

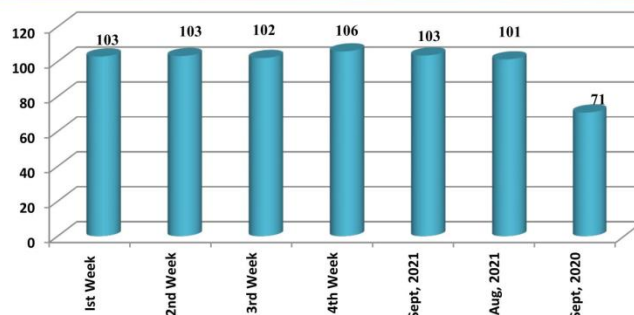
Source: i) Cotton This Month October 01, 2021.

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 SEPTEMBER, 2021

(US Cents per Pound)



Source: Cotton Outlook

The graph above shows that 'A' index prices during September, 2021 witnessed growing tendency to 103.47 cents per pound as compared to 101.24 cents per pound in August, 2021. While, the prices in September, 2020 were recorded much lower at 70.81 cents per pound. Month-wise details are given as below:

Table-17: MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICES OF "A" INDEX DURING 2021-22, 2020-21 & 2019-20

(US Cents Per Pound)

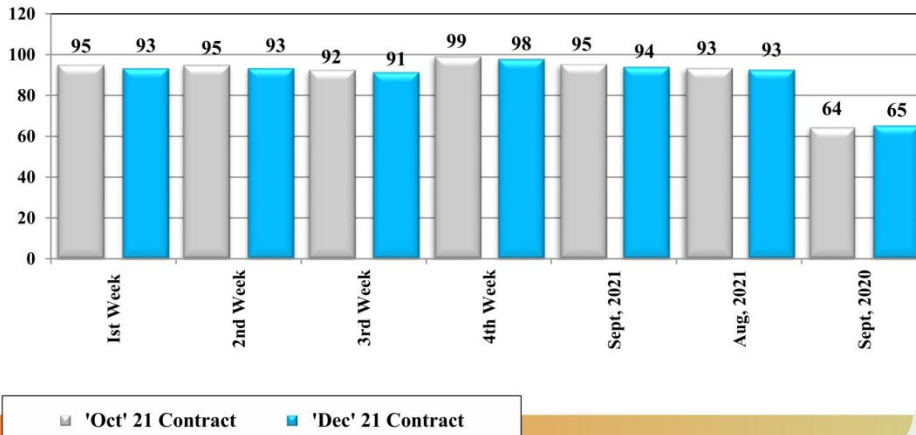
Month/Season	2021-22 Season	2020-21 Season
August,2021	101.24	69.95
September,2021	103.47	70.81
Average	102.36	70.38
August,2020	69.95	70.89
September,2020	70.81	71.26
October,2020	74.55	73.62
November,2020	77.64	74.89
December,2020	80.86	75.83
January,2021	87.13	79.08
February,2021	92.76	76.57
March,2021	91.94	68.21
April,2021	89.97	63.43
May,2021	90.53	65.72
June, 2021.	94.37	67.77
July, 2021	97.66	68.73
Average 2020-21	86.11	71.33

Source: Cotton Outlook.



Figure-VI: NEW YORK COTTON FUTURES VALUES DURING SEPTEMBER, 2021

(US Cents Per Pound)



Source: Cotton Outlook

The graph above indicates that the nearby October, 2021 contract during September, 2021 witnessed nominal rise to 95.38 cents per pound as compared to 93.41 cents in previous month. However, the prices of same contract in the corresponding month of last year recorded much lower at 64.20 cents per pound.

