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Cotton and Polyester Prices in China, India and Pakistan, in local currency and US\$ terms

Cotton and Polyester Price Comparison: China, India and Pakistan

Monthly Report

1 February 2018

Polyester prices have risen in China, India and Pakistan in January, whereas cotton was surging in India and Pakistan. The cotton vs polyester price difference has moved in different ways in the three countries, in the meantime. Our monthly report delivers a comparative view of the average cotton and polyester prices in China, India and Pakistan, including the latest and historical trends of cotton/polyester price difference. Our charts cover the past 5-year period. Full historical data covering the past 10 years are available for download.

Cotton prices have sharply risen in India and Pakistan in the first month of 2018, whereas staying stable in China.

If considering the average price indicator over the month, cotton has respectively surged 4.8% and 10.1% in India and Pakistan, in local currency terms.

In Pakistan where cotton is currently lacking and imports are consecutively surging, the price indicator was 18% higher in January than in the same month a year earlier.

By contrast, prices were 1% lower in both China and India.

Over the last three months, cotton prices have surged 23.4% in Pakistan to a level not seen since 2011. Prices were however retreating back to lower levels in the last days of January, as the government had eventually decided to ease cotton imports.

In US\$ terms however, a sharp fall of the Pakistani rupee has limited the rise of cotton prices, only up 2.9% in a month and 10.8% in three months.

In the meantime, US\$ prices have risen 9.4% in India where the rupee remains very firm.

Higher polyester prices

Polyester staple fiber prices have rebounded in January in China, over higher material costs, whereas further increasing in India and Pakistan.

Benchmark 1.4D PSF has climbed 3% in China, 2.9% in India and 5.3% in Pakistan, if considering the average prices over the month in local currency terms.

In dollar terms, prices have risen 5.2% in China due to a sharp increase of the renminbi, being up 3.7% in India and only 2.8% in Pakistan.

Still in US\$ terms, PSF prices were at the same level in China and India in January, and 4% lower in Pakistan.

The price difference between cotton and polyester has further narrowed in China where cotton is still frozen and polyester continue rallying.

The price gap has increased in India and Pakistan by contrast, but the rise of cotton prices has been partly offset by the increase of polyester prices, and the cotton/polyester price difference remains far lower in both countries than in China.

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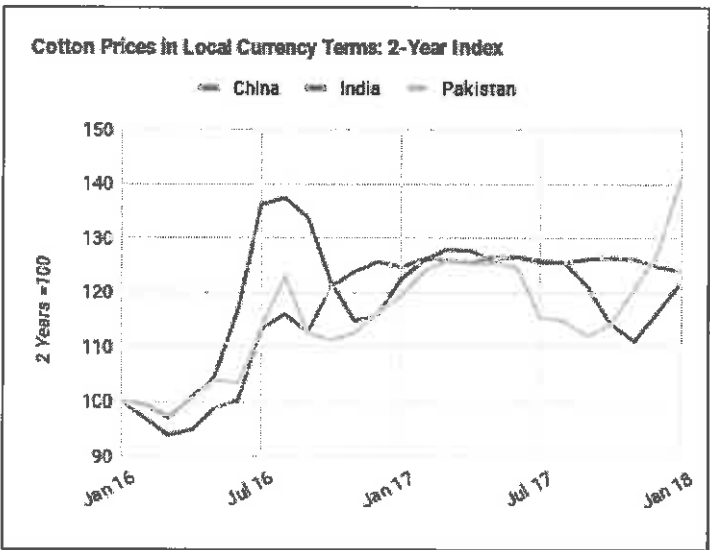
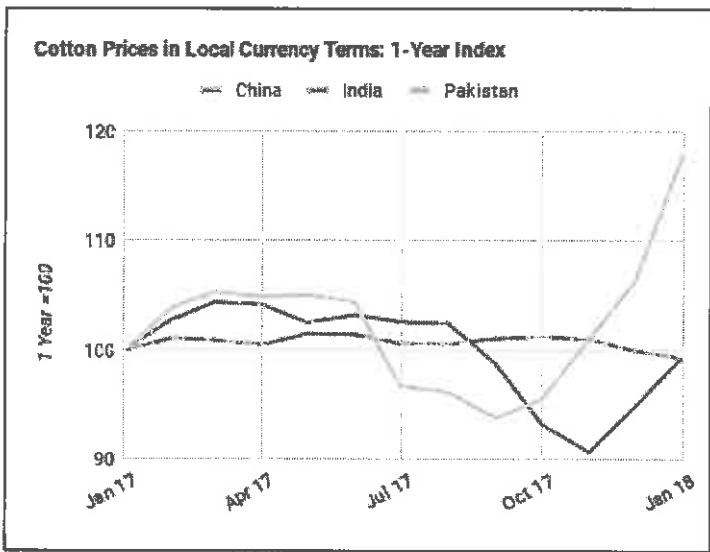
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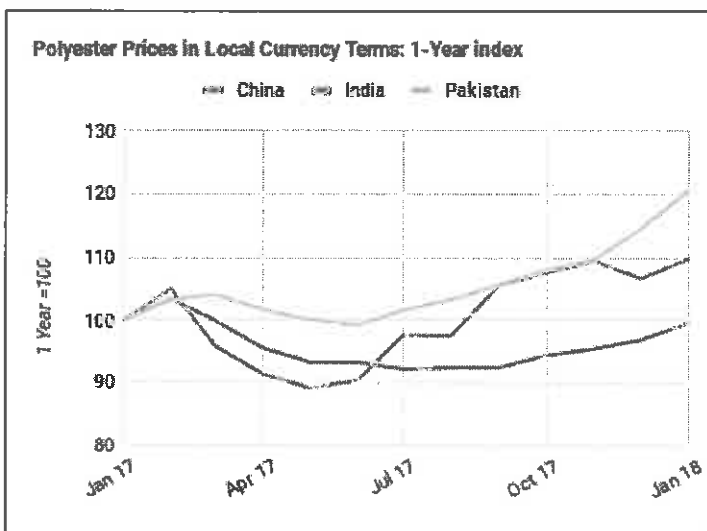
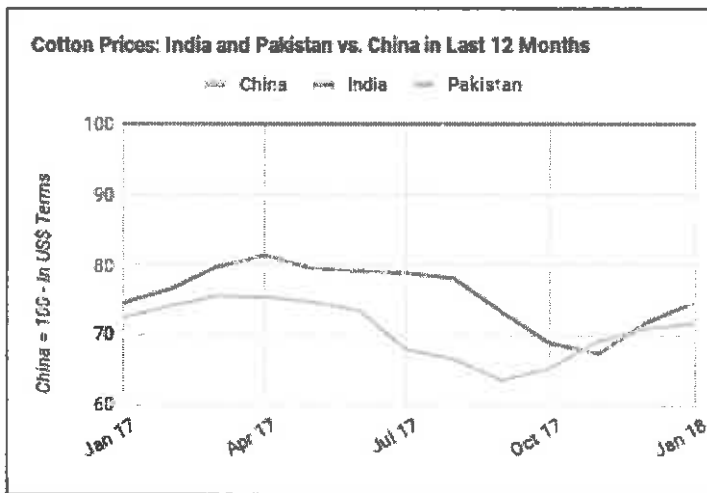
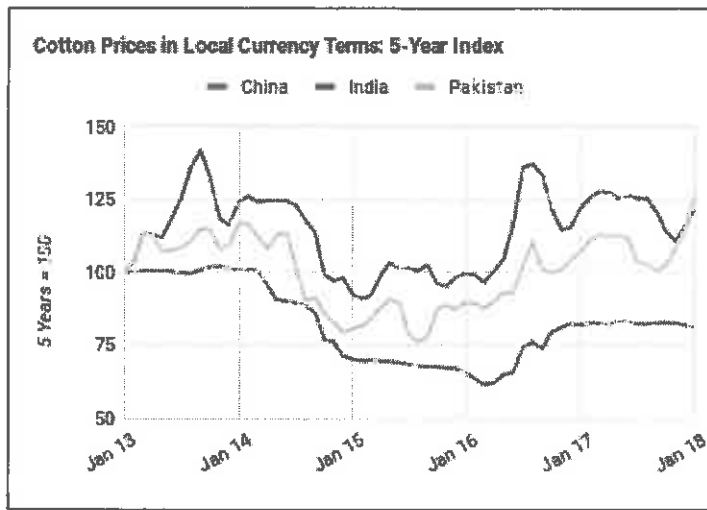
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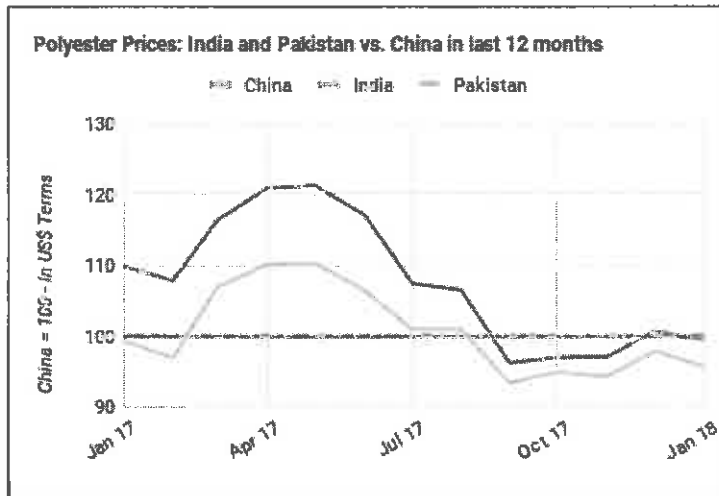
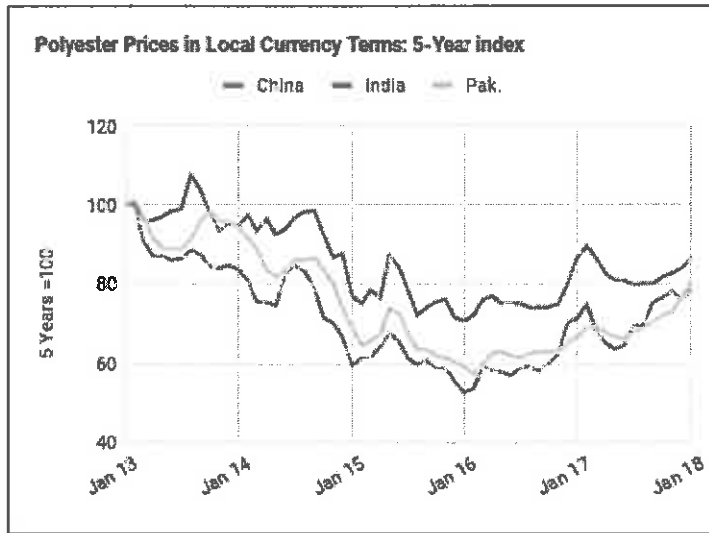
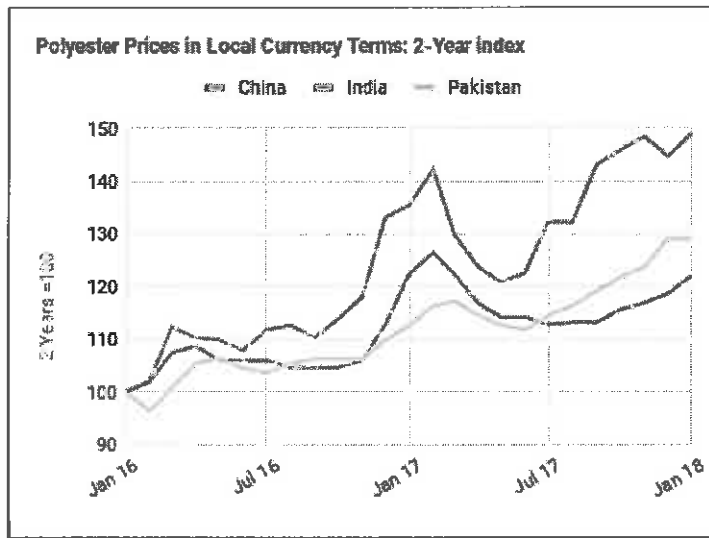
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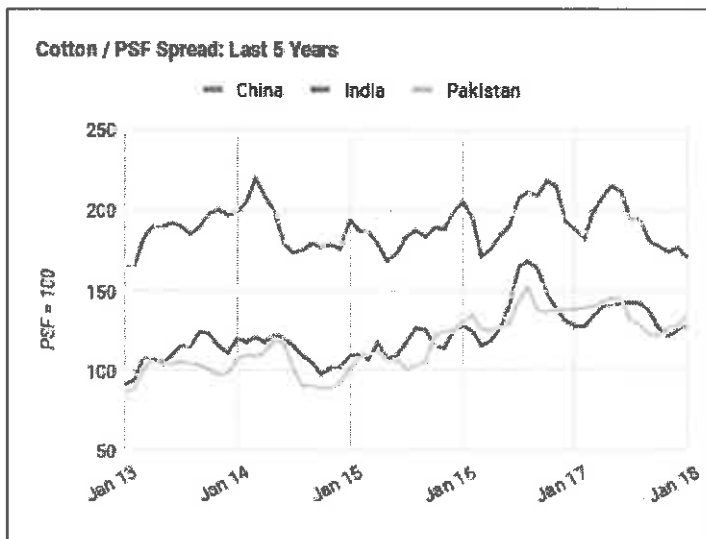
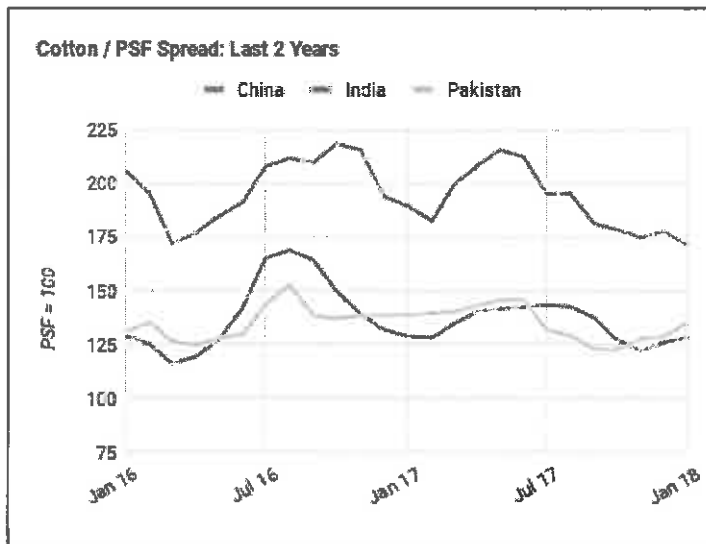
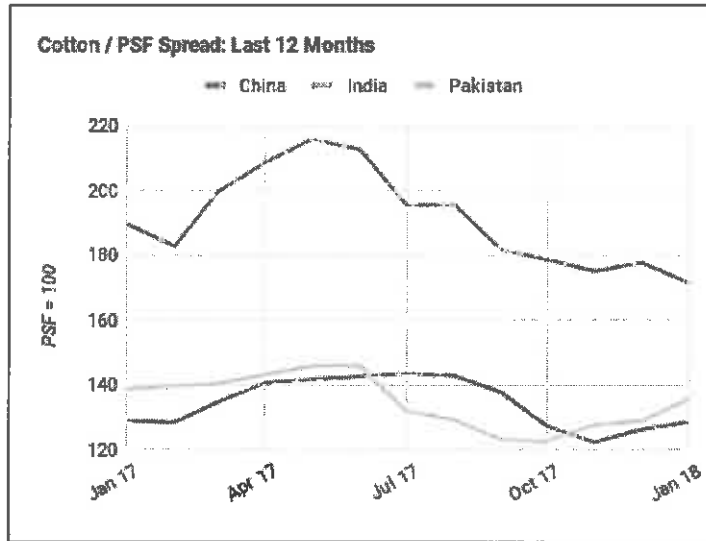
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Textile Fiber Price Comparison









Cotton Prices In China, India and Pakistan						
In US Cents per Pound						
Month	China	India	Pakistan	China	India	Pakistan
	328	Shankar-6	KCA Spot	328	Shankar-6	KCA Spot
	US cts	US cts	US cts	US cts	US cts	US cts
	/Lb	/Lb	/Lb	1 Year = 100		
Jan 17	103.78	77.43	75.20	100	100	100
Feb 17	105.36	80.76	78.13	102	104	104
Mar 17	104.86	83.55	79.20	101	108	105
Apr 17	104.53	85.08	78.79	101	110	105
May 17	105.57	83.99	78.90	102	108	105
Jun 17	106.71	84.49	78.41	103	109	104
Jul 17	106.43	83.94	72.31	103	108	96
Aug 17	108.09	84.47	71.92	104	109	96
Sep 17	110.27	80.82	70.01	106	104	93
Oct 17	109.44	75.42	71.38	105	97	95
Nov 17	109.30	73.69	75.50	105	95	100
Dec 17	108.51	77.94	76.90	105	101	102
Jan 18	110.48	82.53	79.09	106	107	105
1-Month	1.81%	5.89%	2.85%			
3-Month	0.95%	9.43%	10.79%			
1-Year	6.45%	6.59%	5.18%			
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Polyester Staple Fiber Prices in China, India and Pakistan						
In US Cents per Pound						
Month	China	India	Pakistan	China	India	Pakistan
	US cts	US cts	US cts	US cts	US cts	US cts
	/Lb	/Lb	/Lb	1 Year= 100		
Jan 17	54.88	60.33	54.43	100	100	100
Feb 17	57.61	62.14	55.79	105	103	103
Mar 17	52.62	61.23	56.25	96	102	103
Apr 17	49.90	60.33	54.88	91	100	101
May 17	48.99	59.42	53.98	89	98	99
Jun 17	50.35	58.97	53.52	92	98	98
Jul 17	54.43	58.51	54.88	99	97	101
Aug 17	55.34	58.97	55.79	101	98	103
Sep 17	60.78	58.51	56.70	111	97	104
Oct 17	61.23	59.42	58.06	112	98	107
Nov 17	62.60	60.78	58.97	114	101	108
Dec 17	61.23	61.69	59.87	112	102	110
Jan 18	64.45	63.99	61.56	117	106	113
1-Month	5.25%	3.73%	2.82%			
3-Month	5.25%	7.69%	6.04%			
1-Year	17.43%	6.07%	13.10%			
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