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## **PRICE DATABASE**

Cotton prices are today plunging [in New York](#), after China has announced that additional import tariffs will possibly be slashed on a series of agricultural products, including soybean and cotton. As cotton is already applied a 40% tariff beyond a relatively limited import quota, this should not have a dramatic impact on the cotton market.

## **PRICE REPORTS**

### **Fiber Market**

#### **Polyester Fiber Prices in China, India and Pakistan (Weekly Report)**

4 April 2018 - Polyester staple fiber and polyester filament prices have continued moving into different directions in China, reflecting the strong demand for filament fabrics whereas demand remains depressed in the cotton system, as clearly indicated by the decline of cotton prices. Our weekly report covers the Polyester Staple Fiber (PSF) on the domestic markets in China, India, and Pakistan. Polyester filament prices in China are also released, whereas the report includes a price comparison of polyester with cotton and viscose in China.

#### **Polyester Chain Prices: PX, PTA, MEG and Fiber Prices (Weekly Report)**

2 April 2018 - Polyester intermediate prices are now expected rebounding in Asia after falling in March. MEG prices have already recovered in the past week, over a decline of inventory levels and a series of maintenance operations. The sharp rebound of the polyester filament chain is also expected pushing up PTA and MEG prices. Our weekly report covers the polyester chain in Asia, including PX (paraxylene), PTA (purified terephthalic acid), MEG (mono-ethylene glycol), polyester chips, and polyester staple and filament prices. Asian Contract Prices (ACPs) are also available for the PX, PTA and MEG markets in Asia, with 5-year charts and downloadable historical data.

#### **Cotton Prices on International and Domestic Markets (Weekly Report)**

2 April 2018 - Cotton prices have slightly declined in the last week in New York, although staying not far from 86 cents and supported by strong US export sales and speculative investment. Prices have unusually dropped in China, whereas being firm in India where exports are very strong, and in Pakistan where quality cotton is lacking. Our weekly cotton report covers the international futures market in New York and China, and the physical indicator "A Index". Domestic cotton prices in China, India and Pakistan are also reviewed through a large number of tables and charts. All data are available for download.

#### **Spandex and PTMEG Prices in China (Monthly Report)**

30 March 2018 - Spandex prices have eventually declined after an attempt by producers to raise their offers following the end of spring holidays in China. PTMEG prices have remained firm but MDI prices have fallen in the meantime. Our monthly report covers spandex and PTMEG prices on the domestic Chinese market, with gross margin trends at spandex plants on a weekly basis. Daily data over the last 12 months and monthly average prices over 8 years are available for download.

#### **Cashmere Fiber and Yarn Prices in China (Quarterly Report)**

30 March 2018 - Cashmere fiber prices have risen at the start of the year in China, with cashmere yarn export prices also increasing, as a result. Demand for cashmere is further climbing whereas production is stagnating. Our report offers an overall picture of short-term and long-term trends of cashmere prices with latest export prices for Chinese fibers and yarns (carded and combed). Historical data covering the last five years are available for download.

#### **Wool Prices in Australia (Weekly Report)**

30 March 2018 - Wool prices have further dropped this week in Australia, whatever the fall of the local currency, as much larger quantities than usual were offered by growers. Our report delivers a comprehensive view of wool prices in Australia, with a long list of micron types in A\$, US\$ and euro terms. Historical charts are also available, such as downloadable historical data. Links to weekly market reports in New Zealand and South Africa are provided.

### **Viscose Staple Fiber and Spun Yarn Prices (Weekly Report)**

29 March 2018 - Viscose prices have stayed stable in the last seven days in China and Pakistan, with spun viscose prices also remaining unchanged. China's VSF production is not rising as rapidly as previously planned. Our weekly report covers the viscose/rayon staple fiber and filament markets over the last 12 months. Viscose spun yarn prices in China, India and Pakistan are also available. Cotton linter, cotton pulp and wood pulp prices on domestic and import markets are being tracked over the last 12 months, in addition.

### **Yarn Market**

#### **Pakistani Rupee Depreciation Boosting Textile Prices**

3 April 2018 - The Pak rupee has recently experienced a depreciation of the rupee against the major currencies of import countries as well as those of rival export nations in Asia. This has led to decisive implications regarding import and export prices within the textile industry. What lies behind this strong depreciation of the Pak rupee? What are its various consequences? These questions will be answered in this report on the Pak rupee depreciation, while also offering data and charts about currency value changes over the past 3 months.

#### **China Yarn Prices: Domestic and Import Markets (Weekly Report)**

3 April 2018 - Spun yarn prices have remained firm in the last seven days in China whereas cotton, polyester and viscose staple fiber prices were slightly declining. Margins could therefore improve at spinning mills in the coming days. Our weekly report covers the China yarn domestic and import market indicators, as well as local market prices in Qianqing (Zhejiang). Prices of a large number of counts are released for spun cotton, polyester, viscose and blends. Import prices are also available for yarns from India, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Vietnam. Domestic and import yarn prices are compared. All data are available for download.

#### **India Yarn Prices: Domestic and Export Markets (Weekly Report)**

4 April 2018 - Cotton fiber and yarn prices have stayed firm in the last seven days in India, whereas yarn export prices were however dropping. A similar weakness has been observed on the polyester yarn market. Our review of Indian yarn prices covers the domestic and export markets, including carded and combed cotton, poly-cotton, poly-viscose, 100% polyester and 100% viscose. Yarn prices are compared with fiber prices offering latest trends of spinners' margins. Market fundamentals are available on a monthly basis, including production and exports.

#### **Pakistan Yarn Prices: Domestic and Export Markets (Weekly Report)**

4 April 2018 - Cotton yarn prices have again been raised in Pakistan, over a strong demand from downward processors and a sharp fall of the domestic currency in the past weeks. Our weekly review offers a comprehensive picture of the domestic and export yarn markets in Pakistan, with cotton yarns, polyester-cotton, polyester-viscose, polyester spun and viscose spun prices being covered. All these weekly data are available for download over a 12-month period.

### **Clothing Market**

#### **Korea Apparel Imports in Full 2017 (Statistical Report)**

3 April 2018 - South Korean apparel imports have rebounded in 2017 after relatively stagnating for two years. Although China is still the largest supplier, it will soon be superseded by Vietnam, with its shipments being boosted by the duty-free agreement implemented in 2016. Italian exporters are also taking advantage of the economic growth of South Korea. Our statistical report offers a comprehensive view of South Korea's apparel imports over the last 5-year period per origin and HS 4-digit product category. All data are available for download.

#### **India Apparel Exports in Full 2017 (Country Report)**

29 March 2018 - India's apparel exports are now sharply falling, after resisting in full 2017 on average. Exports are actually expected declining over the ending fiscal year 2017-18, as exporters are confronted with slow refunding under GST's implementation in addition to the strength of the rupee in the recent period compared with other currencies. Our report provides apparel export data in full 2015-2017 per major destination and per product category. US and EU clothing imports from India per product category are also available over a 5-year period from 2012. Variations have been calculated in volume, value and unit value terms. All data can be downloaded.