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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

3 August 2018

Cotton prices have surged in July, in India and Pakistan. The polyester prices have also surged in Pakistan whereas declining in India. The cotton vs polyester price difference has moved into different directions in the past month and could be affected by the current surge of PSF prices in China. 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 surged in the last month in Pakistan, rising 14.5% in local currency terms, if considering the average price in July.

The cotton market indicator has also risen in India, although only gaining 2.9% from its already high level.

Cotton market indicators have climbed by 15.7% in India and Pakistan in the last three months.

With both rupees falling, they have only gained 10.5% and 7.5% in dollar terms in India and Pakistan, respectively.

In China, cotton prices have slightly declined in the last month, but they were bottoming out in the last two weeks whereas prices were staying very firm in India and Pakistan.

The surge of the New York's market allied to a rebound in cotton use and a seasonal lack of cotton have boosted prices.

The polyester market has remained very stable in July in China, therefore remaining flat since the start of the year.

PSF prices have however begun surging in the last days in China.

Prices had already sharply risen in July in Pakistan, partly due to the significant fall of the Pak rupee which is resulting in higher PSF import prices.

In India, polyester fiber prices have slightly declined in July.

The cotton v. polyester price difference has decreased in China in July whereas sharply rising in India and Pakistan.

The price difference should now further decline in China, as PSF prices are surging across the board.

### Cotton & Polyester Price Database

More data are available in our Price Database (daily and historical series):

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<b>Cotton Prices in China, India and Pakistan</b>						
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		
Jul 17	106.43	83.94	72.31	100	100	100
Aug 17	108.09	84.47	71.92	102	101	99
Sep 17	110.27	80.82	70.01	104	96	97
Oct 17	109.44	75.42	71.39	103	90	99
Nov 17	109.30	73.69	75.50	103	88	104
Dec 17	108.51	77.94	76.90	102	93	106
Jan 18	110.47	82.53	83.44	104	88	115
Feb 18	112.67	79.58	77.35	106	95	107
Mar 18	112.51	80.17	80.39	106	96	111
Apr 18	111.64	80.17	78.71	105	96	109
May 18	112.22	79.89	78.47	105	95	109
Jun 18	115.70	87.27	77.63	109	104	107
Jul 18	109.68	88.62	84.60	103	106	117
1-Month	-5.20%	1.55%	8.98%			
3-Month	-1.76%	10.54%	7.48%			
1-Year	3.06%	5.57%	17.00%			

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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		
Jul 17	54.43	58.51	54.88	100	100	100
Aug 17	55.34	58.97	55.79	102	101	102
Sep 17	60.78	58.51	56.70	112	100	103
Oct 17	61.23	59.42	58.06	113	102	106
Nov 17	62.60	60.78	58.97	115	104	107
Dec 17	61.23	61.69	59.87	113	105	109
Jan 18	64.45	63.99	61.56	118	109	112
Feb 18	65.36	66.95	63.39	120	114	115
Mar 18	63.98	66.68	64.41	118	114	117
Apr 18	63.50	66.22	63.96	117	113	117
May 18	63.50	67.59	66.22	117	116	121
Jun 18	61.69	69.40	66.22	113	119	121
Jul 18	59.87	68.04	64.86	110	116	118
1-Month	-2.94%	-1.98%	-2.05%			
3-Month	-5.71%	2.74%	1.42%			
1-Year	10.00%	16.28%	18.18%			

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