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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

2 October 2018

Polyester staple fiber prices have continued rising in September in China, India and Pakistan, if considering average prices over the month, whereas cotton prices were dropping or staying stable. As a result, the price difference between cotton and polyester has sharply fallen in the three countries, although PSF prices remain everywhere below cotton prices. 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.

With polyester staple fiber prices surging and cotton fiber prices declining or stagnating, the price difference between cotton and polyester has been sharply reduced in the past month in China, India and Pakistan.

From 7,700 yuan per metric ton in June in China, the price gap has fallen to only 5,150 yuan, plunging in dollar terms from 54 cents per lb to 34 cents.

In India, the cotton vs polyester price difference has dropped from a peak at 32.52 rupees per kilo in August down to 21.27 rupees in the following month after PSF prices have been sharply increased at the beginning of September.

In Pakistan, the price difference has fallen from 54.6 rupees in July down to 21.6 rupees in September.

Everywhere, PSF prices remain below cotton prices, but the gap has dramatically narrowed.

Our average prices for September do not reflect the fall of PSF prices in the last two weeks in China, nevertheless.

The price difference has however not recovered, as cotton prices have also begun sliding in China.

The previous surge of PSF prices in August and early September in China has also reduced the PSF price difference with India and Pakistan where prices have even fallen below Chinese levels in US\$ terms.

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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		
Sep 17	110.27	80.82	70.01	100	100	100
Oct 17	109.44	75.42	71.39	99	93	102
Nov 17	109.30	73.69	75.50	99	91	108
Dec 17	108.51	77.94	76.90	98	96	110
Jan 18	110.47	82.53	83.44	100	102	119
Feb 18	112.67	79.58	77.35	102	98	110
Mar 18	112.51	80.17	80.39	102	99	115
Apr 18	111.64	80.17	78.71	101	99	112
May 18	112.22	79.89	78.47	102	99	112
Jun 18	115.70	87.27	77.63	105	108	111
Jul 18	109.68	88.61	84.67	99	110	121
Aug 18	107.92	88.27	83.95	98	109	120
Sep 18	108.09	83.64	80.42	98	103	115
1-Month	0.16%	-5.25%	-4.20%			
3-Month	-6.58%	-4.16%	3.59%			
1-Year	-1.98%	3.49%	14.87%			

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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		
Sep 17	60.78	58.51	56.70	100	100	100
Oct 17	61.23	59.42	58.06	101	102	102
Nov 17	62.60	60.78	58.97	103	104	104
Dec 17	61.23	61.69	59.87	101	105	106
Jan 18	64.45	63.99	61.56	106	109	109
Feb 18	65.36	66.95	63.39	108	114	112
Mar 18	63.96	66.68	64.41	105	114	114
Apr 18	63.50	66.22	63.96	104	113	113
May 18	63.50	67.59	66.22	104	116	117
Jun 18	61.69	69.40	66.22	101	119	117
Jul 18	59.87	68.04	64.86	99	116	114
Aug 18	68.95	67.13	68.04	113	115	120
Sep 18	73.94	69.40	72.57	122	119	128
1-Month	7.24%	3.38%	6.67%			
3-Month	19.85%	0.00%	9.59%			
1-Year	21.64%	18.60%	28.00%			
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