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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

7 May 2019

Polyester use at yarn plants should be favored by the rise of cotton prices in the past months whereas polyester prices were staying stable. The current decline of PSF prices in China should boost demand for polyester at Chinese spinning mills. In India and Pakistan, the cotton/polyester spread has surged in the last 12 months also favoring PSF use. 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.

Demand for polyester staple fibers could be boosted in the coming period, after cotton prices have significantly risen in the past months on the international market and on domestic markets in India and Pakistan whereas also steadily increasing in China.

By contrast, polyester prices have returned back to lower levels at the end last year, after surging in the last summer, especially in China.

PSF prices have stayed relatively stable since the start of the new year and they are now declining in China, which could further boost the price advantage of polyester compared with cotton.

In India especially, cotton prices have surged in the last months, with the benchmark Shankar 6 still rising 6.6% in April, if considering the average price over the month.

In Pakistan, cotton prices have further gained 2%, still in rupee terms while they were only up 0.6% in yuan terms in China.

In the meantime, PSF prices have stayed rather unchanged everywhere and polyester has therefore become much cheaper compared with cotton.

The cotton vs polyester price difference has risen 0.8% in April in China, surging 46% in India and gaining 12% in Pakistan.

From a year earlier, the price gap has gained 24.4% and 14.4% in India and Pakistan respectively, which should boost the PSF use in spinning mills of both countries.

In China, the price difference has only gained 2% but cotton is much more expensive compared with polyester than in India and Pakistan.

In addition, the current fall of polyester prices should further increase the price difference with cotton.

Cotton & Polyester Price Database

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

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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		
Apr 18	111.64	80.17	78.71	100	100	100
May 18	112.22	79.89	78.47	101	100	100
Jun 18	115.70	87.27	77.63	104	109	99
Jul 18	109.68	88.61	84.67	98	111	108
Aug 18	107.92	88.27	83.95	97	110	107
Sep 18	108.07	83.64	80.42	97	104	102
Oct 18	104.65	80.88	78.84	94	101	100
Nov 18	101.77	81.14	79.94	91	101	102
Dec 18	101.42	79.70	76.92	91	99	98
Jan 19	103.02	77.55	76.27	92	97	97
Feb 19	104.36	75.02	75.47	93	94	96
Mar 19	105.31	79.23	75.21	94	99	96
Apr 19	105.77	84.54	75.73	95	105	96
1-Month	0.46	5.31	0.52			
1-Month	0.44%	6.70%	0.69%			
3-Month	2.67%	9.01%	-0.71%			
1-Year	-5.26%	5.45%	-3.79%			

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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		
Apr 18	63.50	66.22	63.96	100	100	100
May 18	63.50	67.59	66.22	100	102	104
Jun 18	61.69	69.40	66.22	97	105	104
Jul 18	59.87	68.04	64.86	94	103	101
Aug 18	68.95	67.13	68.04	109	101	106
Sep 18	73.94	69.40	72.57	116	105	113
Oct 18	68.49	72.57	71.21	108	110	111
Nov 18	59.87	72.12	63.50	94	109	99
Dec 18	58.51	64.41	61.23	92	97	96
Jan 19	58.51	63.05	61.69	92	95	96
Feb 19	59.42	66.22	63.05	94	100	99
Mar 19	59.87	68.04	63.05	94	103	99
Apr 19	59.87	67.13	62.14	94	101	97
1-Month	0.00%	-1.33%	-1.44%			
3-Month	2.33%	6.47%	0.74%			
1-Year	-5.71%	1.37%	-2.84%			

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