

Monthly Economic Letter

Cotton Market Fundamentals & Price Outlook



RECENT PRICE MOVEMENT

The NY Nearby and the A Index were stable over the past month. Asian benchmarks increased.

- The NY December futures contract held to levels near 64 cents/lb.
- Cotlook's A Index was steady near 70 cents/lb.
- The China Cotton Index (CC Index 3128B) increased in international terms, from 81 to 84 cents/lb. In domestic terms, values increased from 12,400 to 12,600 RMB/ton. The RMB strengthened against the dollar over the past month, from 6.95 to 6.84 RMB/USD.
- Indian cotton prices (Shankar-6 quality) rose from 60 to 63 cents/lb in international terms. In domestic terms, values increased from 35,100 to 36,300 INR/candy. The Indian rupee strengthened from 75 to 73 INR/USD over the past month.
- In international terms, Pakistani prices increased from 59 to 63 cents/lb. In domestic terms, prices climbed from 8,300 to 8,700 PKR/maund. The Pakistani rupee strengthened slightly against the dollar, from 168 to 166 PKR/USD.

SUPPLY, DEMAND, & TRADE

The latest USDA report featured small decreases to global estimates for 2020/21 production (-326,000 bales to 117.2 million) and mill-use (-366,000 bales to 112.7 million).

There was a larger revision to global production in 2019/20 (-1.0 million bales to 122.0 million). This decrease was the result of a one million bale reduction to the figure for Indian harvest last crop year (from 30.5 to 29.5 million bales).

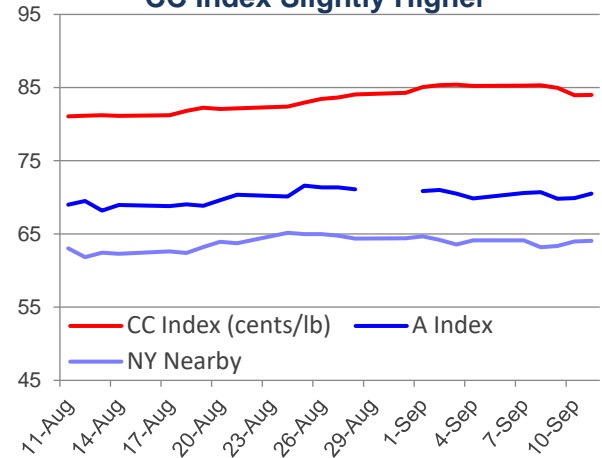
With 2019/20 global mill-use lowered only slightly (-269,000 bales to 102.1 million), an effect of the smaller 2019/20 crop number was to lower beginning stocks for 2020/21. Less warehoused cotton carried into the new crop year was the primary cause of the 1.1 million bale decrease to the projection for 2020/21 ending stocks (to 103.8 million bales). Despite the decline, the level of the current forecast calls for the second-highest volume of stocks on record (the largest volume was 106.7 million bales in 2014/15, when Chinese reserves set their peak).

At the country-level, the biggest changes to 2020/21 production figures included reductions for the U.S. (-1.0 million bales to 17.1 million), Pakistan (-300,000 bales to 6.2 million), Turkey (-200,000 bales to 2.8 million). These declines were nearly offset by additions to estimates for China (+750,000 bales to 27.3 million), India (+300,000 bales to 30.0 million), and Australia (+200,000 bales to 2.1 million).

For mill-use, the biggest changes were for the U.S. (-200,000 bales to 2.5 million), Brazil (-100,000 bales to 3.0 million), and Mexico (-100,000 bales to 1.6 million).

The global trade forecast increased 177,000 bales to 41.8 million. The largest changes to imports were for Vietnam (-200,000 bales to 6.8 million), Turkey (+100,000 bales to 4.3 million), and Pakistan (+300,000 bales to 3.8 million). For exports, the largest changes were for the U.S. (-400,000 bales to 14.6 million), Brazil (+200,000 bales to 9.2 million), India (+100,000 bales to 5.0 million), and Australia (+300,000 bales to 1.3 million).

NY Futures & A Index Stable, CC Index Slightly Higher



Recent Price Data

	Latest Value (Sep 11)	Latest Month (Aug)	Last 12 Months (Sep19-Aug20)
cents/lb			
NY Nearby	64.1	63.6	62.2
A Index	70.5	69.9	71.2
CC Index	84.0	81.9	81.3
Indian Spot	63.1	60.7	66.7
Pakistani Spot	62.7	60.9	66.7

Additional price data available [here](#).
Price definitions available [here](#).

World Balance Sheet

million 480 lb. bales	2020/21		
	2019/20	Aug	Sep
Beg. Stocks	80.3	100.6	99.4
Production	122.0	117.5	117.2
Mill-Use	102.1	113.1	112.7
Ending Stocks	99.4	104.9	103.8
Stocks/Use	97.4%	92.8%	92.2%

China Balance Sheet

million 480 lb. bales	2020/21		
	2019/20	Aug	Sep
Beg. Stocks	35.7	36.7	36.9
Production	27.2	26.5	27.2
Imports	7.1	9.0	9.0
Mill-Use	33.0	36.5	36.5
Exports	0.2	0.1	0.1
Ending Stocks	36.9	35.6	36.5
Stocks/Use	111.3%	97.3%	99.7%

World-Less-China Balance Sheet

million 480 lb. bales	2020/21		
	2019/20	Aug	Sep
Beg. Stocks	44.6	63.8	62.5
Production	94.7	91.0	90.0
Imports from China	0.2	0.1	0.1
Mill-Use	69.1	76.6	76.2
Exports to China	7.1	9.0	9.0
Ending Stocks	62.5	69.3	67.3
Stocks/Use	82.0%	81.0%	79.0%

Additional balance sheet data available [here](#).

PRICE OUTLOOK

After the U.S. announced actions against the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (XPCC) at the end of July, reports surfaced in early September that the U.S. may be planning to ban imports of textiles containing cotton from Xinjiang province. In 2020/21, Xinjiang is forecast to produce 90% of all Chinese cotton (Beijing Cotton Outlook), and there are questions of what a ban by the world's largest apparel importer on cotton from China's dominant growing region might mean for the global market.

Since reports suggesting a ban were released, there have been declines in Chinese cotton futures (ZCE). The most actively traded Chinese futures contract (January) fell from 12,900 to 12,600 RMB/ton (-2.3%) between September 7th and September 11th. NY futures were stable over the same period; cash prices in China (CC Index), India, and Pakistan were flat to slightly lower.

There were relatively sharp declines in other financial markets simultaneous to the losses in Chinese cotton futures. Oil prices, technology stocks, and several major stock indices all retreated over the same period. The absence of a reaction in NY futures and the coincidence of declines in outside financial markets make it difficult to delineate a clear effect of a possible ban on cotton prices in any market.

In the absence of confirmed details, the potential implications for cotton supply and demand remain unclear. It can be expected to result in further shuffling of supply chains, but an offsetting factor can be Chinese cotton imports. China recently announced the release of 400,000 tons (1.8 million bales) of "processing trade" quota. Textile goods assembled using cotton fiber imported with processing trade licenses are destined for eventual export. To the extent that imported fiber is traceable through the manufacturing process, those textile exports may be able to prove non-Xinjiang content and may be able to avoid constraints associated with a possible U.S. ban.

Relative to apparel supply chains, it should not be forgotten that the U.S. has maintained supplemental tariffs on Chinese-made apparel since September 2019. In the months since those tariffs were implemented, there has been a shift away from China. Since those moves have already been made, there is less exposure for U.S. retailers and brands than there was a year ago. In the eleven months of trade data available since tariffs were implemented (September-July), China's share of U.S. cotton-dominant apparel dropped from 28% to 22% year-over-year (in terms of square meter equivalence). Over the same period, ASEAN countries overtook China in terms of cotton-dominant apparel volume and increased market share from 24% to 29%.

However, there are dependencies in supply chains that extend deeper than garment assembly and labeled country of origin. Countries outside of China may be using Chinese yarn or fabric. A U.S. ban on Xinjiang cotton may require traceability for fiber-based inputs passing through China.

Many questions remain, including whether or not a ban will actually be implemented. However, sourcing cost increases associated with traceability, cost increases associated with movement of supply chains, as well as general uncertainty can be expected to weigh on order volumes and to have some effect on cotton consumption.

World Cotton Production

million 480 lb. bales	2019/20	2020/21	
		Aug	Sep
India	29.5	29.7	30.0
China	27.3	26.5	27.3
United States	19.9	18.1	17.1
Brazil	13.4	12.0	12.0
Pakistan	6.2	6.5	6.2
Rest of World	25.7	24.8	24.7
World	122.0	117.5	117.2

World Cotton Mill-Use

million 480 lb. bales	2019/20	2020/21	
		Aug	Sep
China	33.0	36.5	36.5
India	20.0	22.5	22.5
Pakistan	9.2	10.0	10.0
Bangladesh	6.5	7.3	7.3
Turkey	6.6	7.0	7.0
Rest of World	26.8	29.8	29.4
World	102.1	113.1	112.7

World Cotton Exports

million 480 lb. bales	2019/20	2020/21	
		Aug	Sep
United States	15.5	15.0	14.6
Brazil	8.9	9.0	9.2
India	3.3	4.9	5.0
Greece	1.4	1.4	1.4
Australia	1.4	1.0	1.3
Rest of World	10.2	10.3	10.3
World	40.7	41.6	41.7

World Cotton Imports

million 480 lb. bales	2019/20	2020/21	
		Aug	Sep
China	7.1	9.0	9.0
Bangladesh	7.0	7.3	7.3
Vietnam	6.5	7.0	6.8
Turkey	4.6	4.2	4.3
Pakistan	3.8	3.5	3.8
Rest of World	11.0	10.6	10.6
World	40.0	41.6	41.8

World Cotton Ending Stocks

million 480 lb. bales	2019/20	2020/21	
		Aug	Sep
China	36.9	35.6	36.5
Brazil	14.0	13.8	13.8
India	17.9	22.5	21.4
United States	7.3	7.6	7.2
Pakistan	3.2	3.1	3.1
Rest of World	20.2	22.2	21.8
World	99.4	104.9	103.8

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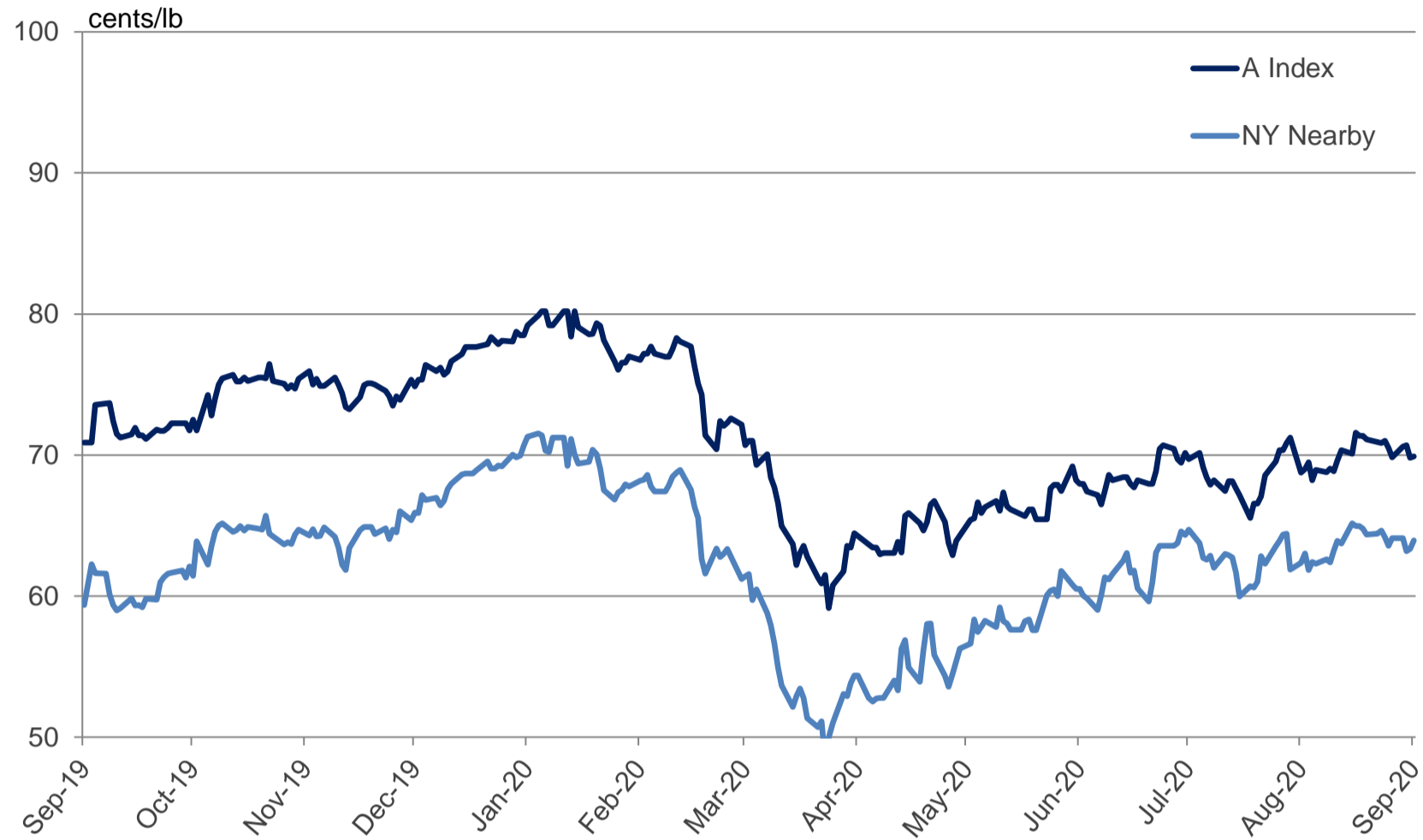
Sources: Price data from Reuters, Cotlook, Cotton Assn. of India, and Karachi Cotton Assn. Supply, demand, and trade data from the USDA.

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One Year of Daily A Index and NY Nearby Prices

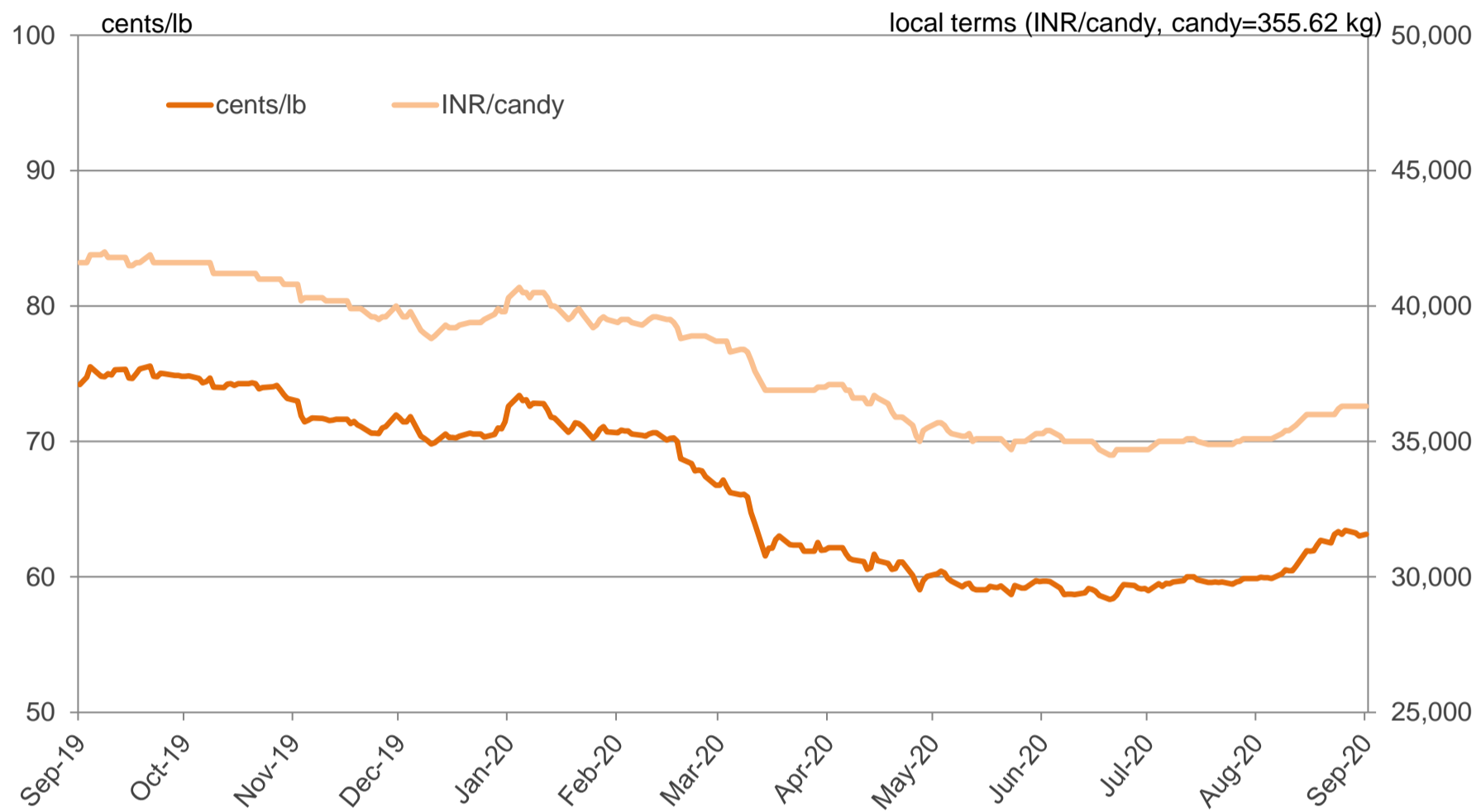


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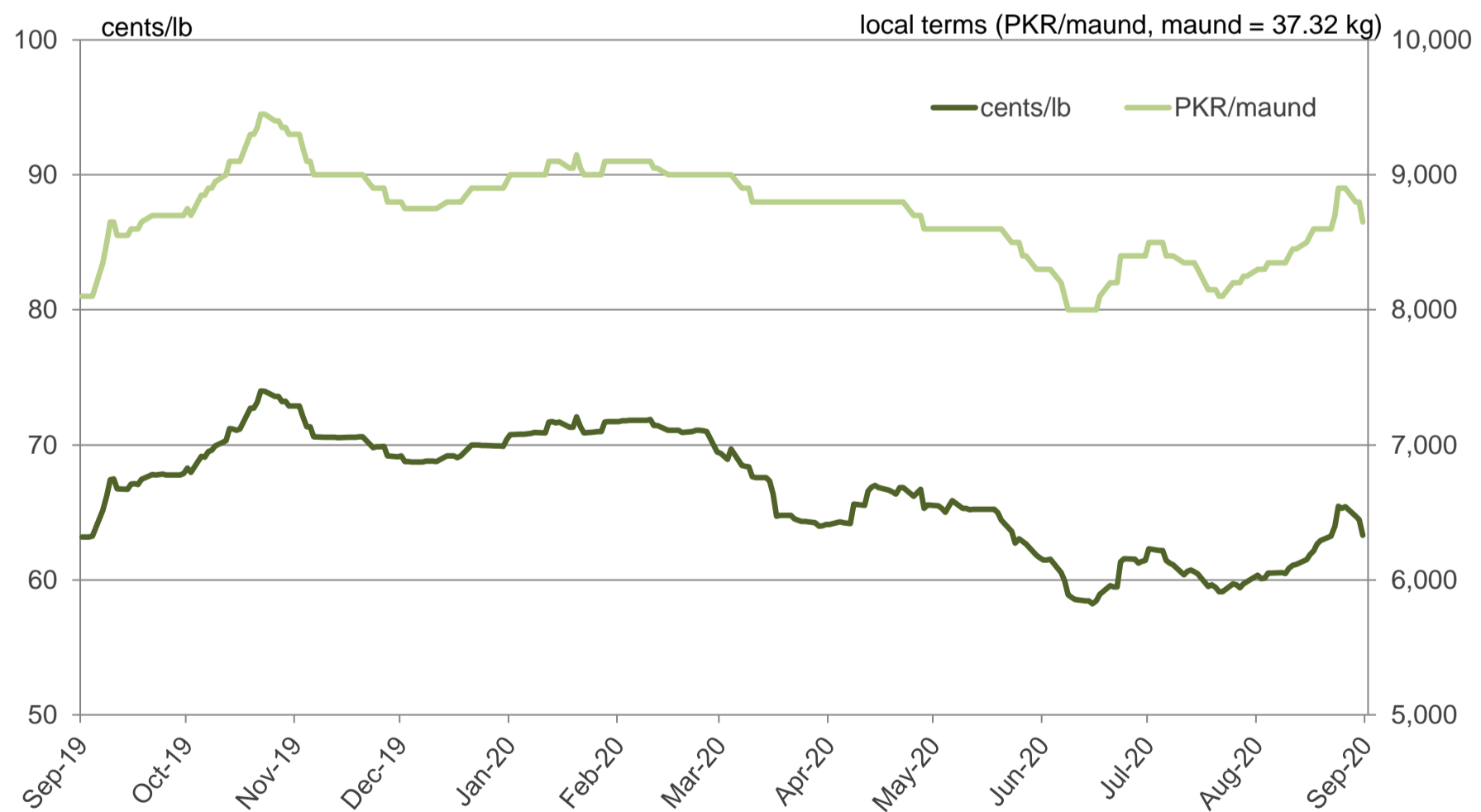


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One Year of Daily Indian Spot Prices (Shankar-6 Variety)

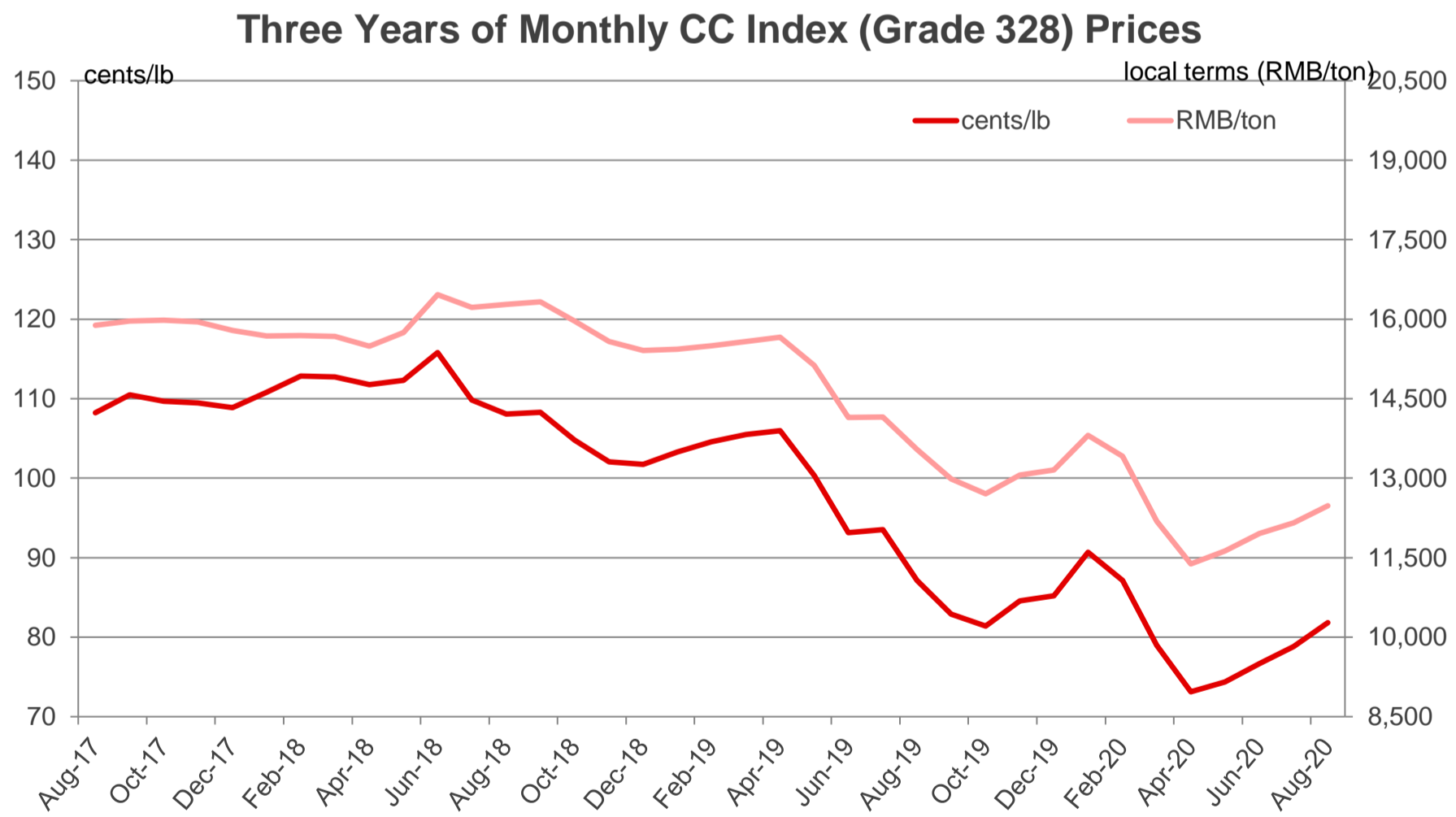
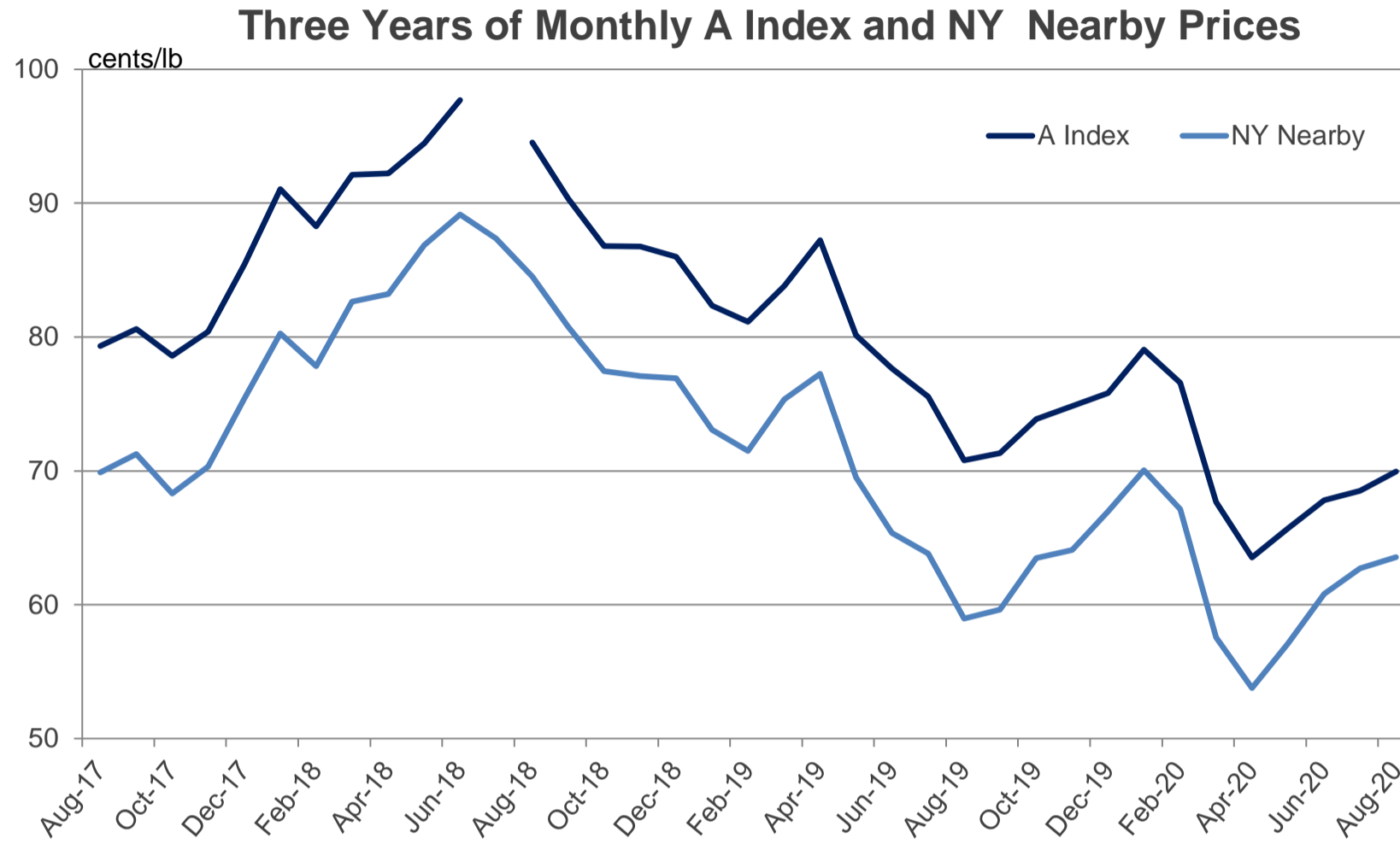


One Year of Daily Pakistani Spot Prices



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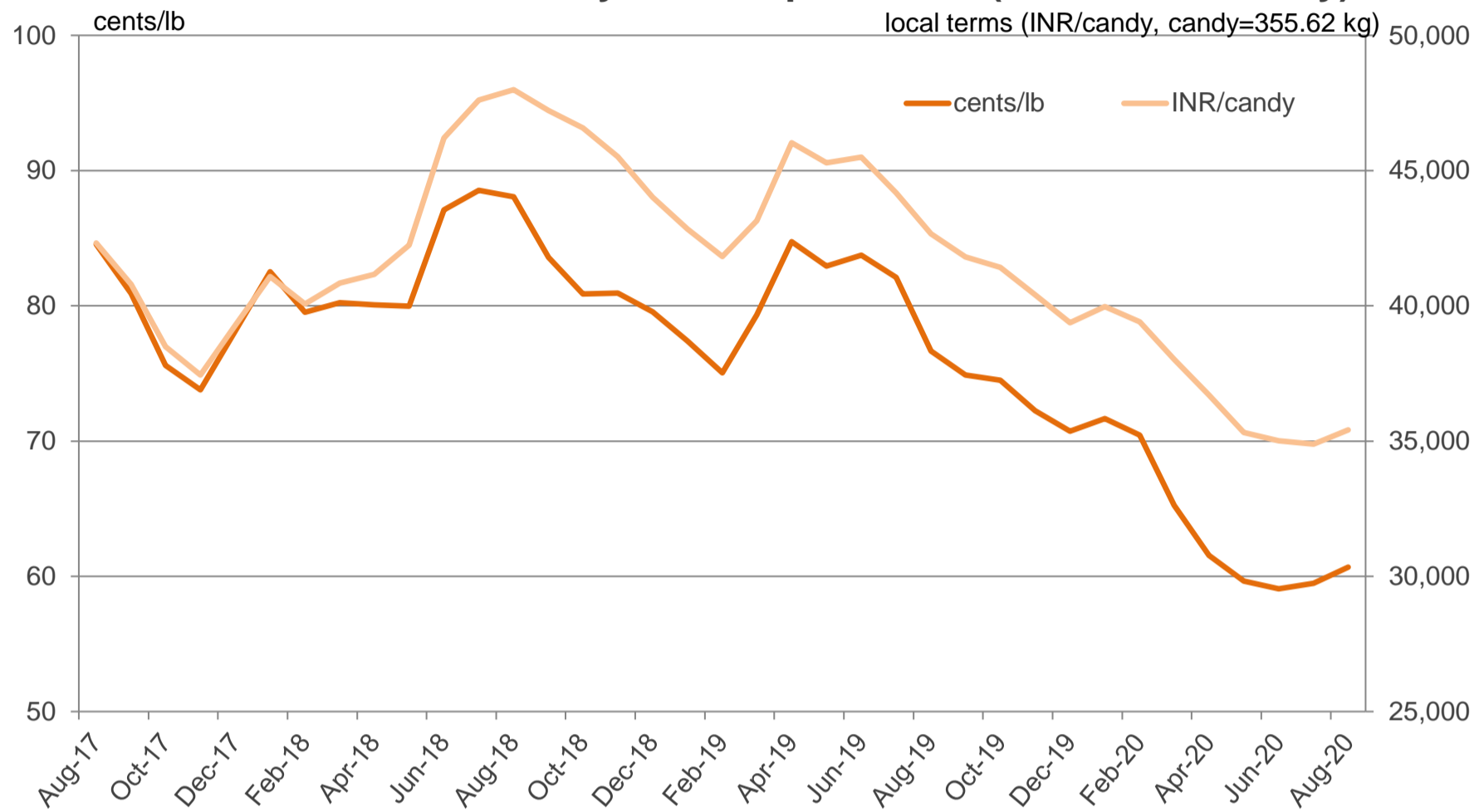
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Three Years of Monthly Indian Spot Prices (Shankar-6 Variety)



Three Years of Monthly Pakistani Spot Prices



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World Balance Sheet

million 480 lb. bales	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
Beginning Stocks	90.2	80.2	80.9	80.3	100.6	99.4
Production	106.7	124.0	118.7	122.0	117.5	117.2
Supply	196.8	204.2	199.6	202.3	218.1	216.6
Mill-Use	116.2	122.8	120.2	102.1	113.1	112.7
Ending Stocks	80.2	80.9	80.3	99.4	104.9	103.8
Stocks/Use Ratio	69.1%	65.9%	66.8%	97.4%	92.8%	92.2%

China Balance Sheet

million 480 lb. bales	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
Beginning Stocks	56.7	45.9	38.0	35.7	36.7	36.9
Production	22.8	27.5	27.8	27.3	26.5	27.3
Imports	5.0	5.7	9.6	7.1	9.0	9.0
Supply	84.5	79.1	75.4	70.1	72.2	73.1
Mill-Use	38.5	41.0	39.5	33.0	36.5	36.5
Exports	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Demand	38.6	41.1	39.7	33.2	36.6	36.6
Ending Stocks	45.9	38.0	35.7	36.9	35.6	36.5
Stocks/Use Ratio	119.1%	92.4%	89.8%	111.3%	97.3%	99.7%

World-Less-China Balance Sheet

million 480 lb. bales	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
Beginning Stocks	33.5	34.3	42.9	44.6	63.8	62.5
Production	83.9	96.5	90.9	94.7	91.0	90.0
Imports from China	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Supply	117.5	130.9	134.1	139.5	155.0	152.6
Mill-Use	77.7	81.8	80.7	69.1	76.6	76.2
Exports to China	5.0	5.7	9.6	7.1	9.0	9.0
Demand	82.7	87.5	90.3	76.3	85.6	85.2
Ending Stocks	34.3	42.9	44.6	62.5	69.3	67.3
Stocks/Use Ratio	41.5%	49.1%	49.4%	82.0%	81.0%	79.0%

Source: USDA

India Balance Sheet

million 480 lb. bales	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
Beginning Stocks	7.0	7.9	9.2	9.3	19.2	17.9
Production	27.0	29.0	25.8	29.5	29.7	30.0
Imports	2.7	1.7	1.8	2.3	1.0	1.0
Supply	36.8	38.6	36.8	41.1	49.9	48.9
Mill-Use	24.4	24.2	24.0	20.0	22.5	22.5
Exports	4.6	5.2	3.5	3.3	4.9	5.0
Demand	28.9	29.3	27.5	23.3	27.4	27.5
Ending Stocks	7.9	9.2	9.3	17.9	22.5	21.4
Stocks/Use Ratio	27.3%	31.5%	33.9%	76.8%	82.2%	77.7%

U.S. Balance Sheet

million 480 lb. bales	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
Beginning Stocks	3.8	2.8	4.2	4.9	7.2	7.3
Production	17.2	20.9	18.4	19.9	18.1	17.1
Imports	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supply	21.0	23.7	22.6	24.8	25.3	24.3
Mill-Use	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.2	2.7	2.5
Exports	14.9	16.3	14.8	15.5	15.0	14.6
Demand	18.2	19.5	17.8	17.7	17.7	17.1
Ending Stocks	2.8	4.2	4.9	7.3	7.6	7.2
Stocks/Use Ratio	15.1%	21.5%	27.2%	41.0%	42.9%	42.1%

Pakistan Balance Sheet

million 480 lb. bales	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
Beginning Stocks	2.6	2.3	2.8	2.5	3.2	3.2
Production	7.7	8.2	7.6	6.2	6.5	6.2
Imports	2.5	3.4	2.9	3.8	3.5	3.8
Supply	12.8	13.9	13.3	12.5	13.2	13.2
Mill-Use	10.3	10.9	10.7	9.2	10.0	10.0
Exports	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Demand	10.4	11.1	10.8	9.3	10.1	10.1
Ending Stocks	2.3	2.8	2.5	3.2	3.1	3.1
Stocks/Use Ratio	22.2%	25.6%	23.2%	34.8%	31.0%	31.0%

Source: USDA

World Cotton Production

million 480 lb. bales	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
India	27.0	29.0	25.8	29.5	29.7	30.0
China	22.8	27.5	27.8	27.3	26.5	27.3
United States	17.2	20.9	18.4	19.9	18.1	17.1
Brazil	7.0	9.2	13.0	13.4	12.0	12.0
Pakistan	7.7	8.2	7.6	6.2	6.5	6.2
Uzbekistan	3.7	3.9	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.3
Turkey	3.2	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.0	2.8
Australia	4.1	4.8	2.2	0.6	1.9	2.1
Greece	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.5
Benin	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Mexico	0.8	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.1	1.1
Turkmenistan	1.3	1.3	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
Cote d'Ivoire	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
Rest of World	9.4	10.4	10.5	11.6	10.7	10.6
African Franc Zone	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.6	5.2	5.2
EU-27	1.3	1.5	1.7	2.0	1.8	1.8
World	106.7	124.0	118.7	122.0	117.5	117.2

World Cotton Exports

million 480 lb. bales	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
United States	14.9	16.3	14.8	15.5	15.0	14.6
Brazil	2.8	4.2	6.0	8.9	9.0	9.2
India	4.6	5.2	3.5	3.3	4.9	5.0
Greece	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Australia	3.7	3.9	3.6	1.4	1.0	1.3
Benin	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.3
Mali	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.0
Cote d'Ivoire	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.9
Burkina	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
Cameroon	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6
Sudan	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
Argentina	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Tajikistan	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Rest of World	5.8	5.3	5.7	4.8	4.5	4.4
African Franc Zone	4.4	4.9	5.1	4.4	4.8	4.8
EU-27	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.6
World	37.9	41.6	41.4	40.7	41.6	41.7

Source: USDA

World Cotton Mill-Use

million 480 lb. bales	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
China	38.5	41.0	39.5	33.0	36.5	36.5
India	24.4	24.2	24.0	20.0	22.5	22.5
Pakistan	10.3	10.9	10.7	9.2	10.0	10.0
Bangladesh	6.8	7.5	7.2	6.5	7.3	7.3
Turkey	6.6	7.5	6.9	6.6	7.0	7.0
Vietnam	5.4	6.6	7.0	6.1	6.8	6.8
Uzbekistan	2.0	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.1
Brazil	3.2	3.4	3.4	2.7	3.1	3.0
Indonesia	3.3	3.5	3.2	2.6	2.9	2.9
United States	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.2	2.7	2.5
Mexico	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.7	1.6
Thailand	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.8
Turkmenistan	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
Rest of World	8.9	8.8	8.7	7.4	7.8	7.9
African Franc Zone	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
EU-27	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
World	116.2	122.8	120.2	102.1	113.1	112.7

World Cotton Imports

million 480 lb. bales	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
China	5.0	5.7	9.6	7.1	9.0	9.0
Bangladesh	6.8	7.6	7.0	7.0	7.3	7.3
Vietnam	5.5	7.0	6.9	6.5	7.0	6.8
Turkey	3.7	4.0	3.5	4.6	4.2	4.3
Pakistan	2.5	3.4	2.9	3.8	3.5	3.8
Indonesia	3.4	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.9	2.9
India	2.7	1.7	1.8	2.3	1.0	1.0
Malaysia	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9
Thailand	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.9
South Korea	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
Mexico	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.6
Egypt	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
Taiwan	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
Rest of World	3.3	3.4	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.8
African Franc Zone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EU-27	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
World Total	37.7	41.2	42.3	40.0	41.6	41.8

Source: USDA

World Balance Sheet

million metric tons	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
Beginning Stocks	19.6	17.5	17.6	17.5	21.9	21.7
Production	23.2	27.0	25.8	26.6	25.6	25.5
Supply	42.9	44.5	43.5	44.0	47.5	47.2
Mill-Use	25.3	26.7	26.2	22.2	24.6	24.5
Ending Stocks	17.5	17.6	17.5	21.7	22.8	22.6
Stocks/Use Ratio	69.1%	65.9%	66.8%	97.4%	92.8%	92.2%

China Balance Sheet

million metric tons	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
Beginning Stocks	12.3	10.0	8.3	7.8	8.0	8.0
Production	5.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.9
Imports	1.1	1.2	2.1	1.6	2.0	2.0
Supply	18.4	17.2	16.4	15.3	15.7	15.9
Mill-Use	8.4	8.9	8.6	7.2	7.9	7.9
Exports	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Demand	8.4	9.0	8.6	7.2	8.0	8.0
Ending Stocks	10.0	8.3	7.8	8.0	7.8	8.0
Stocks/Use Ratio	119.1%	92.4%	89.8%	111.3%	97.3%	99.7%

World-Less-China Balance Sheet

million metric tons	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
Beginning Stocks	7.3	7.5	9.3	9.7	13.9	13.6
Production	18.3	21.0	19.8	20.6	19.8	19.6
Imports from China	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supply	25.6	28.5	29.2	30.4	33.7	33.2
Mill-Use	16.9	17.8	17.6	15.1	16.7	16.6
Exports to China	1.1	1.2	2.1	1.6	2.0	2.0
Demand	18.0	19.0	19.7	16.6	18.6	18.5
Ending Stocks	7.5	9.3	9.7	13.6	15.1	14.7
Stocks/Use Ratio	41.5%	49.1%	49.4%	82.0%	81.0%	79.0%

Source: USDA

India Balance Sheet

million metric tons	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
Beginning Stocks	1.5	1.7	2.0	2.0	4.2	3.9
Production	5.9	6.3	5.6	6.4	6.5	6.5
Imports	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2
Supply	8.0	8.4	8.0	9.0	10.9	10.6
Mill-Use	5.3	5.3	5.2	4.4	4.9	4.9
Exports	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.1
Demand	6.3	6.4	6.0	5.1	6.0	6.0
Ending Stocks	1.7	2.0	2.0	3.9	4.9	4.7
Stocks/Use Ratio	27.3%	31.5%	33.9%	76.8%	82.2%	77.7%

U.S. Balance Sheet

million metric tons	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
Beginning Stocks	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.6
Production	3.7	4.6	4.0	4.3	3.9	3.7
Imports	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supply	4.6	5.2	4.9	5.4	5.5	5.3
Mill-Use	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
Exports	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.2
Demand	4.0	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.7
Ending Stocks	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.7	1.6
Stocks/Use Ratio	15.1%	21.5%	27.2%	41.0%	42.9%	42.1%

Pakistan Balance Sheet

million metric tons	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
Beginning Stocks	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7
Production	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.3
Imports	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
Supply	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.9
Mill-Use	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.2
Exports	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Demand	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.2
Ending Stocks	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
Stocks/Use Ratio	22.2%	25.6%	23.2%	34.8%	31.0%	31.0%

Source: USDA

World Cotton Production

million metric tons	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
India	5.9	6.3	5.6	6.4	6.5	6.5
China	5.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.9
United States	3.7	4.6	4.0	4.3	3.9	3.7
Brazil	1.5	2.0	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.6
Pakistan	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.3
Uzbekistan	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7
Turkey	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6
Australia	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.5
Greece	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Benin	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Mexico	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
Turkmenistan	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Cote d'Ivoire	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Rest of World	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.3
African Franc Zone	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1
EU-27	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
World	23.2	27.0	25.8	26.6	25.6	25.5

World Cotton Exports

million metric tons	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
United States	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.2
Brazil	0.6	0.9	1.3	1.9	2.0	2.0
India	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.1
Greece	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Australia	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.3
Benin	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Mali	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Cote d'Ivoire	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Burkina	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Cameroon	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sudan	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Argentina	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Tajikistan	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Rest of World	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0
African Franc Zone	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
EU-27	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
World	8.3	9.0	9.0	8.9	9.1	9.1

Source: USDA

World Cotton Consumption

million metric tons	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
China	8.4	8.9	8.6	7.2	7.9	7.9
India	5.3	5.3	5.2	4.4	4.9	4.9
Pakistan	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.2
Bangladesh	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.6
Turkey	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5
Vietnam	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.5
Uzbekistan	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Brazil	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
Indonesia	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
United States	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
Mexico	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3
Thailand	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Turkmenistan	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Rest of World	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.7
African Franc Zone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EU-27	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
World Total	25.3	26.7	26.2	22.2	24.6	24.5

World Cotton Imports

million metric tons	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 August	2020/21 September
China	1.1	1.2	2.1	1.6	2.0	2.0
Bangladesh	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6
Vietnam	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5
Turkey	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.9
Pakistan	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
Indonesia	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
India	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2
Malaysia	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Thailand	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
South Korea	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Mexico	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Egypt	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Taiwan	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Rest of World	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
African Franc Zone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EU-27	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
World Total	8.2	9.0	9.2	8.7	9.1	9.1

Source: USDA