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STATEWISE CROP ESTIMATES



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PRESS RELEASE

CAI INCREASES INDIA'S COTTON PRESSING ESTIMATE FOR THE 2025-26 SEASON TO 324.00 LAKH BALES +/-3%

Cotton Association of India (CAI) has released its latest estimate of India's total cotton pressing numbers for 2025-26 season, which began on 1st October, 2025. The CAI Crop Committee met on Friday, the 10th April 2026 virtually which was attended by 21 members representing various cotton growing regions of the country.

Based on the input received from the members of eleven cotton growing state associations and other trade sources, the CAI Crop Committee has estimated cotton pressing of each state for 2025-26 season. The state-wise break-up of cotton pressing numbers at the above meeting are enclosed.

The following are the salient features of the CAI Cotton Pressing estimate: -

At the above Crop Committee meeting, CAI's total cotton pressing estimate of the country for 2025-26 season has been increased by 3.50 lakh bales to 324.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 340.00 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) +/- 3% from 320.50 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 336.33 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) estimated earlier.

The changes made in the state-wise cotton pressing numbers compared to those estimated previously are given below: -

(In lakh bales of 170 kgs. each)

States	Increase (+) / Decrease (-)
Gujarat	-3.00
Maharashtra	+7.00
Madhya Pradesh	-0.50
TOTAL	+3.50

The Committee members will have a close watch on the cotton pressing numbers in the subsequent months and if any addition or reduction is required to be made in the pressing estimates, the same will be made in the CAI reports of the subsequent months.

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President

Atul S. Ganatra
Chairman, CAI Crop Committee

Mumbai

Date: 11th April 2026



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INDIAN COTTON PRESSING ESTIMATE FOR THE SEASON 2024-25 AND 2025-26

Estimated as on 31st March 2026

State	As on 31st Mar 2026			As on 28th Feb 2026		2024-25	
	Pressed Bales	Loose	Total Bales	Total Bales	Monthly Change in Bales	Total Bales	Yearly Change in Bales
North Zone							
Punjab	1.30	0.20	1.50	1.50		1.50	
Haryana	6.52	0.48	7.00	7.00		8.05	-1.05
Upper Rajasthan	11.67	0.33	12.00	12.00		10.35	1.65
Lower Rajasthan	8.17	0.33	8.50	8.50		9.65	-1.15
Total	27.66	1.34	29.00	29.00		29.55	-0.55
Central Zone							
Gujarat	70.01	1.99	72.00	75.00	-3.00	77.00	-5.00
Maharashtra	103.54	1.46	105.00	98.00	7.00	91.00	14.00
Madhya Pradesh	17.00	0.50	17.50	18.00	-0.50	19.00	-1.50
Total	190.55	3.95	194.50	191.00	3.50	187.00	7.50
South Zone							
Telangana	44.09	0.91	45.00	45.00		48.75	-3.75
Andhra Pradesh	17.70	0.30	18.00	18.00		13.25	4.75
Karnataka	26.45	0.55	27.00	27.00		24.00	3.00
Tamil Nadu	4.86	0.14	5.00	5.00		4.00	1.00
Total	93.10	1.90	95.00	95.00		90.00	5.00
Orissa	3.42	0.08	3.50	3.50		3.85	-0.35
Others	2.00		2.00	2.00		2.00	
Grand Total	316.73	7.27	324.00	320.50	3.50	312.40	11.60

* Loose cotton production figures are as per the survey report of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles and Management for a non-covid year.

Note-The CAI's above estimates are +/- 3%



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ALL INDIA COTTON PRESSINGS

As on 31st March 2026

	Cumulative Pressings		Monthly Change	Daily Average Pressing		Cumulative Pressings	Yearly Change
	31-03-26	28-02-26		Monthly	Cumulative	31-03-25	
	Lakh Bales of 170 Kg			170 Kg Bales		Lakh Bales of 170 Kg	
North Zone							
Punjab	1.50	1.50	0.00	0	824	1.49	0.01
Haryana	6.50	6.30	0.20	645	3,571	6.57	-0.07
Upper Rajasthan	10.90	10.50	0.40	1,290	5,989	9.21	1.69
Lower Rajasthan	8.20	8.00	0.20	645	4,505	8.39	-0.19
Total	27.10	26.30	0.80	2,581	14,890	25.66	1.44
Central Zone							
Gujarat	58.44	50.89	7.55	24,355	32,110	57.79	0.65
Maharashtra	96.39	77.36	19.03	61,387	52,962	67.02	29.37
Madhya Pradesh	16.60	15.65	0.95	3,065	9,121	17.25	-0.65
Total	171.43	143.90	27.53	88,806	94,192	142.06	29.37
South Zone							
Telangana	45.00	44.75	0.25	806	24,725	47.25	-2.25
Andhra Pradesh	17.06	16.16	0.90	2,903	9,374	9.50	7.56
Karnataka	24.75	23.00	1.75	5,645	13,599	20.25	4.50
Tamil Nadu	2.05	1.70	0.35	1,129	1,126	1.35	0.70
Total	88.86	85.61	3.25	10,484	48,824	78.35	10.51
Orissa	3.35	3.25	0.10	323	1,841	3.77	-0.42
Others	2.00	1.90	0.10	323	1,099	1.80	0.20
Grand Total	292.74	260.96	31.78	1,02,516	1,60,846	251.64	41.10

Note-The CAI's above estimates are +/- 3%

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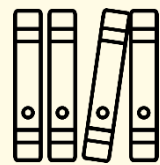
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