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## **MONTHLY REPORT**

### **APRIL 2026**

**ALL INDIA ARRIVALS**

**STATEWISE CROP ESTIMATES**

**INDIAN COTTON BALANCE SHEET**



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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **CAI NATIONAL CROP COMMITTEE AND STAKEHOLDERS MET IN MUMBAI AND ESTIMATED COTTON PRESSINGS/CROP FOR 2025-26 SEASON AT 334 LAKH BALES**

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As notified earlier, the Cotton Association of India (CAI) convened the all-India meeting of its National Crop Committee with stakeholders on Monday, 25th May 2026 in Mumbai.

The meeting was attended by 55 participants, including members of the CAI Crop Committee, Presidents/Secretaries of all 11 upcountry State Associations, mill representatives, MNCs, exporters, importers, traders, brokers and other prominent personalities from the cotton and textile value chain in India.

After an extensive deliberation lasting over two-and-a-half hours and based on the pressing data received from various State Associations as well as feedback from stakeholders, the Committee estimated the total cotton pressings/crop for the 2025-26 season at 334 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 350.49 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each).

Further, based on feedback received from stakeholders, the Committee also drew up the cotton balance sheet for the first seven months of the season, i.e. up to 30th April 2026, as well as for the entire season ending 30th September 2026. The cotton pressing/crop estimates and cotton balance sheets arrived at

during the meeting, along with the corresponding data for the previous year, are enclosed.

During the discussions, differing views emerged regarding the carry-over stock numbers. Accordingly, a seven-member Committee has been constituted to reconcile the stock figures.

The Committee also proposed conducting a survey through an independent agency to ascertain the total cotton consumption in India. It was decided that this matter would be discussed further at the ensuing meeting of the CAI Board of Directors.

The Committee also deliberated on the state-wise cotton sowing prospects for the forthcoming cotton season. Based on reports received from various States, it was observed that, encouraged by the remunerative prices and better income realised during the current season, farmers are expected to bring a larger area under cotton cultivation during the next crop year. Consequently, the all-India cotton sowing area is expected to increase by around 7%.

Vinay N. Kotak  
President

Atul S. Ganatra  
Chairman, CAI Crop Committee

Mumbai

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026



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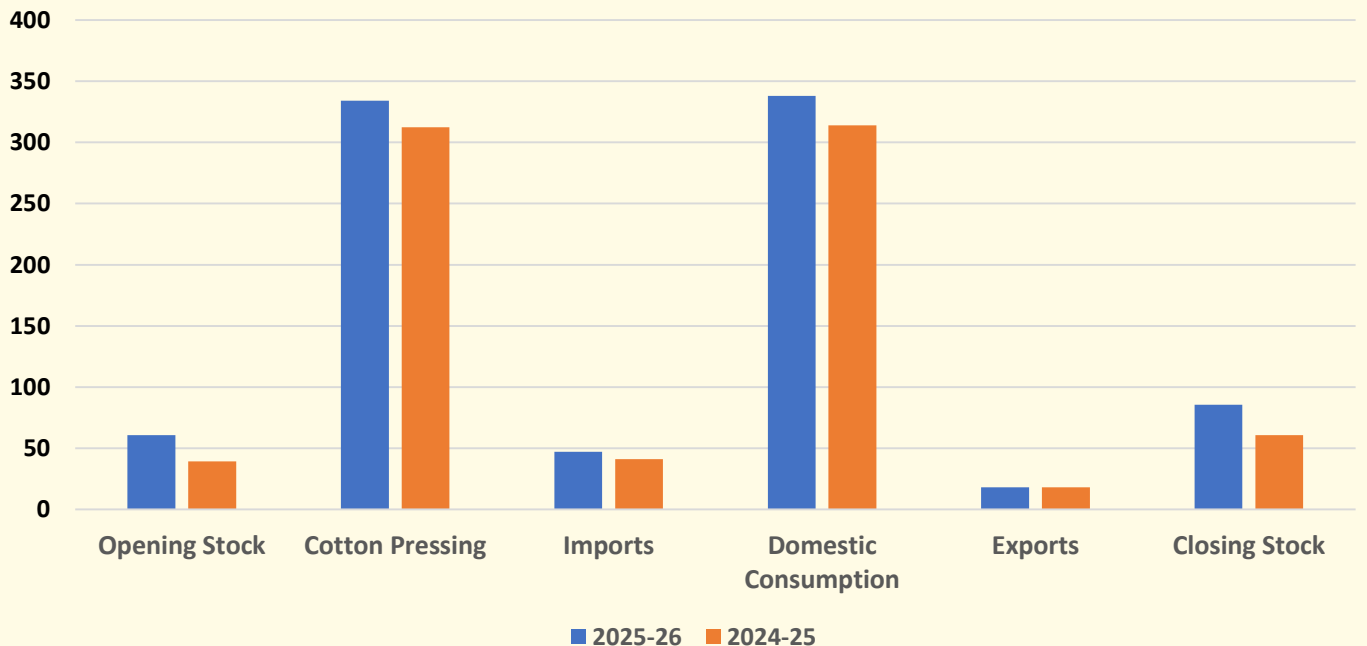
## INDIAN COTTON BALANCE SHEET FOR THE SEASON 2024-25 AND 2025-26

Estimated as on 30th April 2026

All Figures in Lakh Bales of 170 Kg

Season	2025-26		2024-25	Change	
Details	Feb-26	Apr-26		Monthly	Yearly
<b>Supply</b>					
Opening Stock	60.59	60.59	39.19		21.40
Cotton Pressing	320.50	334.00	312.40	13.50	21.60
Imports	47.00	47.00	41.00		6.00
<b>Total Supply</b>	<b>428.09</b>	<b>441.59</b>	<b>392.59</b>	<b>13.50</b>	<b>49.00</b>
<b>Demand</b>					
Non-MSME Consumption	226.00	225.00	210.00	-1.00	15.00
MSME Consumption	73.00	97.00	89.00	24.00	8.00
Non-Textile Consumption	16.00	16.00	15.00		1.00
<b>Total Domestic Demand</b>	<b>315.00</b>	<b>338.00</b>	<b>314.00</b>	<b>23.00</b>	<b>24.00</b>
<b>Available Surplus</b>	<b>113.09</b>	<b>103.59</b>	<b>78.59</b>	<b>-9.50</b>	<b>25.00</b>
Exports	15.00	18.00	18.00	3.00	
<b>Closing Stock</b>	<b>98.09</b>	<b>85.59</b>	<b>60.59</b>	<b>-12.50</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Note-The CAI's above estimates are +/- 3%</b>					

### Indian Cotton Comparative Balancesheet





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

Estimated as on 30th April 2026

State	As on 30th Apr 2026			As on 31st Mar 2026		2024-25	
	Pressed Bales	Loose	Total Bales	Total Bales	Monthly Change in Bales	Total Bales	Yearly Change in Bales
<b>North Zone</b>							
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>27.66</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>29.00</b>	<b>29.00</b>		<b>29.55</b>	<b>-0.55</b>
<b>Central Zone</b>							
Gujarat	68.01	1.99	70.00	72.00	-2.00	77.00	-7.00
Maharashtra	113.54	1.46	115.00	105.00	10.00	91.00	24.00
Madhya Pradesh	17.00	0.50	17.50	17.50		19.00	-1.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>198.55</b>	<b>3.95</b>	<b>202.50</b>	<b>194.50</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>187.00</b>	<b>15.50</b>
<b>South Zone</b>							
Telangana	42.09	0.91	43.00	45.00	-2.00	48.75	-5.75
Andhra Pradesh	20.70	0.30	21.00	18.00	3.00	13.25	7.75
Karnataka	27.45	0.55	28.00	27.00	1.00	24.00	4.00
Tamil Nadu	4.86	0.14	5.00	5.00		4.00	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>95.10</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>97.00</b>	<b>95.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>90.00</b>	<b>7.00</b>
Orissa	3.42	0.08	3.50	3.50		3.85	-0.35
Others	2.00		2.00	2.00		2.00	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>326.73</b>	<b>7.27</b>	<b>334.00</b>	<b>324.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>312.40</b>	<b>21.60</b>

\* 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.

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## ALL INDIA COTTON PRESSINGS

As on 30th April 2026

	Cumulative Pressings		Monthly Change	Daily Average Pressing		Cumulative Pressings	Yearly Change
	30-04-26	31-03-26		Monthly	Cumulative	30-04-25	
	Lakh Bales of 170 Kg			170 Kg Bales		Lakh Bales of 170 Kg	
<b>North Zone</b>							
Punjab	1.50	1.50	0.00	0	708	1.50	0.00
Haryana	6.65	6.50	0.15	500	3,137	6.98	-0.33
Upper Rajasthan	11.10	10.90	0.20	667	5,236	9.77	1.33
Lower Rajasthan	8.40	8.20	0.20	667	3,962	8.60	-0.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>27.65</b>	<b>27.10</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>1,833</b>	<b>13,042</b>	<b>26.85</b>	<b>0.80</b>
<b>Central Zone</b>							
Gujarat	63.65	58.44	5.21	17,367	30,024	66.29	-2.64
Maharashtra	108.09	96.39	11.70	39,000	50,986	72.04	36.05
Madhya Pradesh	16.90	16.60	0.30	1,000	7,972	17.65	-0.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>188.64</b>	<b>171.43</b>	<b>17.21</b>	<b>57,367</b>	<b>88,981</b>	<b>155.98</b>	<b>32.66</b>
<b>South Zone</b>							
Telangana	43.00	45.00	-2.00	-6,667	20,283	47.35	-4.35
Andhra Pradesh	17.86	17.06	0.80	2,667	8,425	9.75	8.11
Karnataka	25.65	24.75	0.90	3,000	12,099	20.92	4.73
Tamil Nadu	2.20	2.05	0.15	500	1,038	1.50	0.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>88.71</b>	<b>88.86</b>	<b>-0.15</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>41,844</b>	<b>79.52</b>	<b>9.19</b>
Orissa	3.50	3.35	0.15	500	1,651	3.85	-0.35
Others	2.00	2.00	0.00	0	943	2.00	0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>310.50</b>	<b>292.74</b>	<b>17.76</b>	<b>59,200</b>	<b>1,46,462</b>	<b>268.20</b>	<b>42.30</b>

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## COTTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

Balance Sheet of 07 months

From 01-Oct-2025 to 30-Apr-2026

Details	In Lakh Bales of 170 kg	in '000 Tons
Opening Stock as on 01-Oct-2025	60.59	1,030.03
Pressings upto 30-April-2026	310.50	5,278.50
Imports upto 30-April-2026	41.80	710.60
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>412.89</b>	<b>7,019.13</b>
Consumption	197.16	3,351.72
Export Shipments upto 30-April-2026	9.00	153.00
Stock with Mills	98.00	1,666.00
Stock with CCI, Maha. Fedn., MNCs, Ginners, Traders & Exporters	108.73	1,848.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>412.89</b>	<b>7,019.13</b>

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# CAI Services



**Cotton Testing  
Laboratories**



**Maintain Indian  
Cotton Grade  
Standard**



**Indian Cotton  
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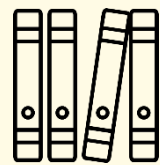
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