

"ICE" COTTON FUTURES

	Close	Change	High	Low
Mar-12	9561	2	9649	9530
May-12	9609	5	9690	9579
Jul-12	9656	19	9719	9630
Dec-12	9459	34	9489	9400
Mar-13	9509	-5	9545	9499
May-13	9514	10	9525	9514

Estimated Vol: 14,987 A Index: 100.95 (-1.30)

AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR

Todays Spot	2012	2013
10640	10520	10164

Up 10
-120
-476

AUD COMMENT

The AUD is slightly higher on expectations that Greece will reach a deal with its creditors to avoid a debt default. At 0700 AEDT the AUD was trading at 106.46 USc, up from 106.12c on Friday. The Greek government and investors who own its bonds are believed to have reached a tentative agreement to significantly reduce the country's debt & pave the way for it to receive a much-needed 130-billion-euro (\$A161 B) bailout. Bank of NZ currency strategist Mike Jones said a devastating Greek debt default is looking much less likely & that is helping investor sentiment. "It does look like policy makers are putting the finishing touches on that Greek debt swap, so hopefully in the next day or so we will get a positive announcement," Mr Jones said from Wellington. "If we do get a positive resolution that will provide a strong tail wind initially for the euro & that will likely filter down to a higher AUD as well." Heads of state and government from the 27 member states of the EU are expected to finalise a pact on balanced budgets & reforms they hope can boost economic growth. The recent run in the AUD is unexpected given the assumption that the RBA will cut interest rates at their 1st meeting of 2012 next Tuesday. A majority of analysts also believe they will cut again in March.

INDICATIVE PRICES (exclusive of GST)

	2012	2013
ACash 14 Day	\$454	\$444
USc/lb (14 day)	95.62	90.23
Daily Pool	\$456	\$446

FOB basis offerings may not reflect the cash equivalent

31-3-36 / 3.5-4.9 Mic.

227Kg Bales, FOB Ginyard.

COTTON COMMENT

The cotton market moved into a consolidation phase on Friday with prices trading on both sides of unchanged before settling up 2 points in March at 95.61. Friday's marginal gains were enough to break cotton's 3 day slide but not enough to erase this week's 239 point losses. The session, cotton continued to trade in its own world without any onerous connection to outside markets. The USD may have been a supportive factor as it weakened again today. The CRB Index managed to post small gains but grains were mixed again. Cotton news continues light except some shippers report more active inquiry of late. Inquiry is beginning to emerge from select Far East markets as well as continued interest in China even as holiday proceeds. Some small sales were confirmed this week including some US & non US styles like West African, Australian, Brazilian, & Indian current crop as well as some progress in On Call fixations. The spread market put additional positive carry back into the futures market. The March/May & March/July were seen moving back to levels not seen in over a year. Texas: Reports said that cotton farmers in West Texas are expected to plant as many acres this year as last year, despite a sharp drop in cotton prices in 2011 and drier soil.

Mar -12 COTTON OPTIONS

Calls	Prem	A/Bale	Puts	Prem	A/Bale
94	294	\$13.82	94	133	\$6.25
95	234	\$11.00	95	173	\$8.13
96	183	\$8.60	96	222	\$10.43
97	142	\$6.67	97	281	\$13.20
98	108	\$5.08	98	347	\$16.31
99	82	\$3.85	99	421	\$19.78

Namoi Cotton Commodities

(indicative prices, excl GST, per tonne)

Grade	Brisbane	N'castle	Pt Kembla
2011/2012			
APH1	\$277	\$282	\$265
APH2	\$272	\$277	\$265
APW1	\$187	\$192	\$185
H2	\$202	\$207	\$200
F1 Barley	\$185	\$185	\$180
SOR	\$180	\$180	
Canola			
	WW	G'windi	Dubbo
Chickpeas 2011/12	\$380	\$380	\$375

Please contact your local Namoi Cotton representative for all Ex-Farm pricing

GROWER NEWS

P&D exchange rate for January is 1.0133
Namoi Capital Stock 0.160

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