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Executive Market Report Summary 2 March 2020

Cost summary	28-Feb-20	
	US$/kg	Change on Week
Polyester		
China PSF 1.4 den	0.93	-0.18%
China FDY 50 den/24f	1.13	5.51%
China DTY 150den/48f	1.23	-2.07%
Viscose		
China VSF 1.5 den, 38mm	1.37	0.21%
Polyamide		
China FDY 70 den/24f	2.16	-2.69%
Cotton		
Cotlook A Index	1.57	-8.52%
Wool		
AWEX EMI	10.52	0.00%
Yarn		
China Cotton combed 32s (weaving)	3.11	-1.25%
China Cotton combed 40s (weaving)	3.38	-1.49%
Indian cotton carded 30s (weaving)*	2.77	0.00%
Indian cotton combed 40s (weaving)*	3.06	0.00%
Taiwan p/c 45s*	4.60	0.00%
WTI Oil $ per Barrel		
WTI Crude Oil Price- 31-Jan	51.58	
WTI Crude Oil Price- 07-Feb	50.34	
WTI Crude Oil Price- 14-Feb	52.03	
WTI Crude Oil Price- 21-Feb	53.36	2.56%

Weekly Market Review – from the analyst desk

Crude prices hit a one-year low as coronavirus spreads

Panic over the coronavirus outbreak drove crude oil prices to their lowest in a year, as Brent futures neared the US$50 a barrel resistance level. This is a drop of around US$18 since January, when it hit nearly US$70 a barrel in response to US air strikes against an Iranian general.

The total number of cases of virus reported last weekend were above 83,000, with deaths nearing 3,000. New cases were recorded in several countries previously unaffected. These included Nigeria, with the first case in sub-Saharan Africa, and a case in Brazil – the first in Latin America. Other key economies watched by traders were Italy, South Korea and Iran, where the number of cases recorded rocketed in recent sessions filtering in fears for the global economy.

Airlines were some of those hit hardest sectors by the crisis and the market. IAG, which owns British Airways and Iberia, announced it cannot provide earnings forecast for this year, while EasyJet cancelled flights due to lower demand. The groups operate the third and fifth largest airlines in Europe.

Meanwhile, OPEC and allies were rumoured to be looking to cut one million barrels a day to combat falling crude prices.

Earlier in the week, the fall briefly slowed following the release of the weekly US stocks data from EIA. Gasoline stockpiles took the largest hit, falling 2.69 million barrels in the week ending 21 February. But Traders quickly shrugged off the losses in gasoline stockpiles as rampant selling gripped the market.

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- South African wool market continues its positive trend
- Extended demand weakness pushes British wool prices down

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- USDA's Weekly Export Sales Report of week ending 20 February

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MMF market

Man-Made Fibre Prices (ex-works) in Eastern China						
Date		28-Feb		21-Feb		
Intermediates	yuan/tonne	US$/Kilogram	yuan/tonne	US$/Kilogram	Yuan Price change (%)	US Dollar Price Change (%)
PX (FOB South Korea)		0.687		0.750	-1.00	-8.32
PTA	4,160	0.594	4,380	0.624	-5.02	-4.83
MEG	4,300	0.614	4,370	0.622	-1.60	-1.40
Caprolactam	10,200	1.456	10,500	1.496	-2.86	-2.66
Acrylonitrile	9,250	1.320	9,350	1.332	-1.07	-0.87
PET	5,925	0.846	6,050	0.862	-2.07	-1.86
Polyester filament						
FDY 50 den/24f	7,950	1.135	7,550	1.075	5.30	5.51
DTY 50 den/72f	7,400	1.056	6,900	0.983	7.25	7.47
DTY 150 den/48f	8,600	1.227	8,800	1.253	-2.27	-2.07
POY 150 den/48f	7,300	1.042	6,800	0.969	7.35	7.57
FDY 150 den/96f	7,450	1.063	7,200	1.025	3.47	3.68
Polyamide 6 filament						
FDY 70 den/24f	15,150	2.162	15,600	2.222	-2.88	-2.69
Staple fibre						
Polyester 1.4 denier 38 mm	6,500	0.928	6,525	0.929	-0.38	-0.18
Viscose 1.5 denier, 38mm	9,600	1.370	9,600	1.367	0.00	0.21
Acrylic 1.5 denier, 38 mm	13,900	1.984	14,000	1.994	-0.71	-0.51

Man-Made Fibre Prices (ex-works) in Taiwan				
US$/kg, FOB. L/C sight	Polyester			Viscose
	Staple	Filament		Staple
	1.4D x 38 mm semi-dull for spinning	150D/48F FDY	150D/48F DTY	1.5 denier x 38 mm bright for spinning
5-Feb-20	1.00	1.35	1.50	1.85
12-Feb-20	1.00	1.35	1.50	1.85
19-Feb-20	1.00	1.35	1.50	1.85
26-Feb-20	0.95	1.30	1.45	1.80

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PSF demand improves slightly on slow downstream recovery

POLYESTER

Polyester staple fibre sales in China improved slightly but remained largely weak as downstream demand showed signs of recovering at a slower pace. The sales-to-output ratio in the domestic polyester industry increased this week to 20-30% from 0-10% in early February. A full recovery is expected in March if the coronavirus outbreak is contained. Some cities have eased restrictions on people movement and traffic, while more and more factories have restarted production after weeks of shutdown. Given poor demand, polyester producers have had to cut operating rates amid rising inventories. The average operating rates of polyester plants fell to around 60%, down from 80% in early January. Some units were shut for maintenance work with the objective of relieving inventory pressure. Offers for 1.4D direct-melt PSF eased further to 6.40-6.60 Yuan a kg (US$0.91-0.94 a kg, down US cent 1) in Jiangsu and Zhejiang while the same in Fujian were down US cent 2 at US$0.91-0.93-a kg, but up US cents 1-2 in Shandong at US$0.96-0.96 a kg. Workable discussions for export were heard at US$0.88-0.90 a kg FOB NE Asia.

In Pakistan, no change was reported on prices in Karachi after they were lowered twice in February. 1.4D PSF offers were stable at PakRs.173-175 a kg (US$1.12-1.13 a kg).

In India, offers were stable as prices are generally fixed for the month. March may see some upward revision, in expectation of demand recovery. Offers rolled over at INR87.00 a kg (US$1.21 a kg) for 1.2D and at INR86.25 a kg (US$1.19 a kg) for 1.4-2D.

NYLON

In China, prices of staple fibre were down while producers reported small profits amid recovering demand, as only a handful of downstream plants restarted production. 1.5D offers fell to 13.70-14.20 Yuan a kg (US$1.96-2.03 a kg, down US cents 4).

ACRYLIC

Acrylic staple fibre market sentiment in Asia remained stable as downstream spinning mills in China ran at below 50% of full capacity. Thus, overall demand was modest. In China, prices of cotton-type staple fibre tow and top were lowered at the low end while upper-end values rolled over. Cost support was easing rapidly as acrylonitrile was cheaper but downstream buyers lived hand to month amid thin liquidity. Market was covered by wait-and-watch sentiment. The industry run rate was at 45% during the week as makers maintained steady operation, with supply unchanged. Demand was slowly picking up slowly, amid thin liquidity. Taiwan origin 3D bright acrylic fibre tow offers rolled over on the week at US$1.80-1.85 a kg FOB Taiwan. In China, medium-length and cotton-type acrylic fibre prices were lowered at the lower end to 13.90-14.20 Yuan a kg (US$1.98-2.02 a kg, down US cent 1).

In India, producers maintained their offer until month end but are intending to raise them for March, despite tumbling cost. Offers were at INR151.50-152.00 a kg (US$2.10-2.11 a kg, down US cent 1 due to weak INR).

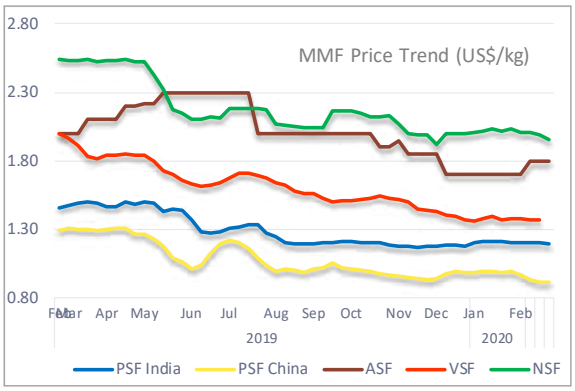
In Pakistan, 1.2D ASF offers in Karachi market were stable at PakRs.350 a kg (US$2.27 a kg).

VISCOSE

Viscose staple fibre markets were quiet in Asia this week. In China, downstream mills had generally resumed operations, so transactions partly recovered. Goods failing to be delivered before the Spring Festival were now gradually delivered, while fresh orders remained sparse. Meanwhile, downstream mills purchases were from hand to mouth volume, due to low run rates and still absence of some workers. Prices for medium-end and high-end goods were rolled over at 9.50-9.70 Yuan a kg (US$1.36-1.38 a kg) and for high end goods at 9.70-9.80 Yuan a kg (US$1.38-1.40 a kg). In spot, 1.5D VSF prices were steady at 9.60 Yuan a kg (US$1.37 a kg) and 1.2D at 9.80 Yuan a kg (US$1.40 a kg).

In Pakistan, offers remained unchanged after the previous week's hike. 1.5D VSF was at PakRs245-250 a kg (US$1.59-1.62 a kg)

In India, producers' offers remained unchanged for the week with 1.2-1.5D at INR195-197 a kg (US$2.70-2.73 a kg).



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ICE futures (New York)				ZCE futures			
No.2 contract (US cents/lb)				No. 1 contract (RMB/tonne)			
	28-Feb	21-Feb	Change		28-Feb	21-Feb	Change
Mar	61.59	68.93	-7.34	Mar	12,090	13,125	-1,035
May	61.49	69.00	-7.51	May	12,260	13,300	-1,040
Jul	62.27	69.84	-7.57	Jul	12,405	13,435	-1,030
Oct	61.97	69.24	-7.27	Sep	12,705	13,760	-1,055
Dec	62.44	69.65	-7.21	Nov	12,965	14,050	-1,085
Mar	63.28	70.22	-6.94	Jan	13,170	14,250	-1,080

Cotlook A Index (US cents per lb)			Pakistan Spot Rate (Rs/maund)		
Midd., 1-3/32" (CFR Far Eastern Ports)			Grade 3, 1-1/16" (ex-gin)		
28-Feb	21-Feb	Change	28-Feb	21-Feb	Change
71.40	78.05	-6.65	9,000	9,000	0

China Cotton Index			Cotton Association of India (Rs/Candy)		
Type 3128B (delivered mill, China)			Delivery at upcountry Spot markets ex-gin, 29mm Gujurat (Rs/Candy)		
28-Feb	21-Feb	Change	28-Feb	21-Feb	Change
13,086	13,489	-403	38,800	39,600	-800

CEPEA/ESALQ Cotton Price Index (Brazil US Cents per lb)		
Type 6 Fiber 30/32mm (trades in Brazilian Markets, Prompt delivery prices paid to producer)		
28-Feb	21-Feb	Change
64.78	65.25	-0.47

NQ = not quoted N = nominal Sources: InterContinental Exchange (ICE), Zhengzhou Commodity Exchange (ZCE), Cotlook Ltd, WTiN, Karachi Cotton Association, Beijing Cotton Outlook,CEPEA/ESALQ

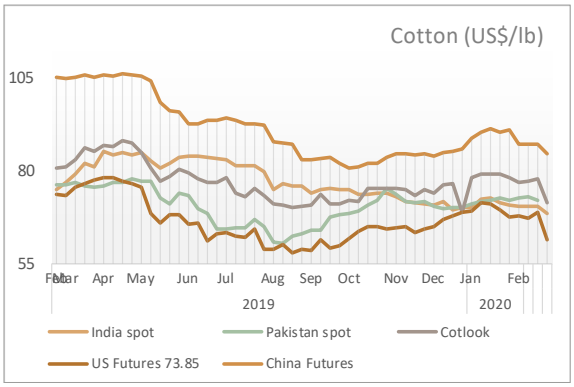
Cotton Yarn export quotations (week ended 28 February)								% change on Week						
		India		Bangladesh		Pakistan		India		Bangladesh		Pakistan		
		Weaving	Knitting	Weaving	Knitting	Weaving	Knitting	Weaving	Knitting	Weaving	Knitting	Weaving	Knitting	
Open-end	10s			1.71		1.70				0.0		0.0		
	12s			1.77		1.76				0.0		0.0		
	16s	1.77		1.90		1.82		0.0		0.0		0.0		
	21s	1.92						0.0						
Carded	20s	2.30	2.29					0.0	0.0					
	30s	2.54	2.48		2.57	2.57		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		
	40s	2.73						0.0						
Combed	20s		2.55		2.58				0.0		0.0			
	26s		2.70		2.67				0.0		0.0			
	30s		2.77		2.73				0.0		0.0			
	34s		2.79		2.81				0.0		0.0			
	40s		3.06		3.02				0.0		0.0			
Compact combed	30s	2.89		2.78	2.75			0.0		0.0	0.0			
	40s	3.28		3.08		3.19		0.0		0.0		0.0		
	60s	3.68			3.90	4.03		0.0			0.0	0.0		
	80s				5.18	4.75					0.0	0.0		

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Cotton futures succumb to coronavirus

US cotton futures were lower in reaction to news of the spread of the coronavirus and in reaction to the drop for the third day in the stock markets. The virus has now reportedly spread to South Korea, Italy, and Iran this week. The spread created new fears about the health of the world economy and that meant the potential for less demand for US cotton. Although, the number of new cases reported inside China dropped, but the number of new cases outside China was increasing. Big buying from China could rally the market, but futures have already moved significantly higher in anticipation of any Chinese buying. The coronavirus has all the chances to hurt cotton trade between the two countries. At the moment, buyers in China need lesser cotton as factories that were closed for an extended holiday are reopened now. However, manufacturing pace has been much slower and general recovery in textile sector is expected only in H2 March.



Cotton contracts for March ended the week at US cents 61.59 per pound, down 10.7% or US cent 7.34 from last week, and was at a five-month low. Nearby May contract settled at US cents 61.59 per pound, down US cent 7.51 or 10.9% in similar comparison.

Global spot benchmark, the Cotlook A index, hit a nine-week low, down US cents 6.65 or 8.5% to close the week at US cents 71.40 per pound, having opened the week at US cents 77.70 per pound.

In China, spot cotton prices declined tracking the slump in futures. Some on-call sales were concluded at low level. Seller sold for Xinjiang-origin grade-3128 mechanically picked at 12.50 Yuan a kg (US cents 80.95 per pound) on on-call basis, self-lifting from warehouse. The China Cotton Index was down 403 Yuan on the week, to 13,086 a ton (US cents 84.74 a pound, down US cents 2.43). Imported cotton was also cheaper this week. Offers for US-origin EMOT SM January/March loading were at 14.19 Yuan a kg (US cents 91.91 per pound, down US cents 4) on sliding scale duty and at 12.77 Yuan a kg (US cents 82.72 per pound, down US cents 7) under 1% in-quota tariff.

In Pakistan, cautious buying prevailed in the cotton market as most ginners were not ready to make any deal in a big way. The official spot rate was maintained week on week at PakRs9,160 per maund (US cents 72.10 per pound) ex-Karachi. Reports indicated that some needy mills and spinners were under pressure due to non-availability of fine quality cotton at the present levels. The ginners, with limited stock, were not keen to sell in anticipation of better value in the near future. Meanwhile, the government has agreed to withdraw surcharge and taxes on export-oriented industry from January 2019 to June 2020. Now, it will charge on 7.5 cents per unit tariff to export-oriented industry.

In India, spot cotton prices fell across varieties by INR200-1,100 per candy. Benchmark Gujarat Shankar-6 was traded at INR38,800 a candy (US cents 68.58 per pound), down INR800 (US cents 2 per pound) on the week. The fall is attributed to negligible orders from China and traders anticipate a curtailed demand due to the prevailing situation of epidemic. Meanwhile, CCI has reportedly purchased 10,000 bales over the last few days for its commercial operation to low prices. It has so far purchased 70 lakh bales in the MSP operations. It has nine lakh bales of carry over stock from the previous seasons. Nearly 65% of cotton has arrived onto the market. The Cotton Advisory Board has provisionally estimated production for this season at 360 lakh bales.

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POLYESTER INPUT: PTA

Purified terephthalic acid prices fell in Asian markets amid falling upstream crude oil and feedstock paraxylene prices. A larger fall in raw material costs provided slight support on margin, with the spread at around US$88 a ton, but still lower than the typical breakeven level of US$85-120 a ton. In physical spot discussions, buyers from China were on the sidelines amid weak demand from downstream polyester and textile sector, although there were signs of improvement. Meanwhile, inventories in China continued to rise, with some producers contemplating cutting production in March. Northeast Asian producers were under pressure to explore the other than China markets. Asian marker, the CFR China fell US$25 week on week to US$544-546 a ton while offers from Taiwan/Korea were down at US$535-565 a ton. Offers for bonded goods on a one-day trip also fell to US$535-550 a ton.

In Europe, purified terephthalic acid February contract price decreased in line with upstream paraxylene as the settlement moved alongside lower prices in the paraxylene February contract. Contract prices were lowered by Euro35 from January to Euro620-654 a ton FD NWE.

In the US, January contract prices settled at US cents 46.81 per pound (US$1,032 a ton) DEL USG.

POLYESTER INPUT: MEG

Mono ethylene glycol prices declined amid a sharp increase in port inventory levels and uncertainty over the near-term recovery of downstream polyester in China. Inventories along east China increased 17% to 746 kilo ton due to concentrated import cargo arrivals and weak demand. There were some expectations for an increase in polyester production rates going forward after logistics improved in China. However, most participants were cautious over the outlook. Asian benchmark the CFR China lost US$18 on the week to US$508-513 a ton, while offers for CFR South East nearby-month cargoes were near US$518 a ton. Forward-month cargoes were US$3-5 a ton higher than nearby-month cargoes.

In Europe, truck demand was challenging before month end as prices continued on a downtrend. Distributors were finding it increasingly difficult, with sellers facing zero or negative spread between bulk and truck prices. Bulk spot prices were also down and sellers were of the opinion that prices have reached critical levels and the incentive for local producers to offer spot weakened. Bulk spot prices were assessed down Euro20 on the lower end and Euro10 at the higher end, pegging prices at Euro455-480 a ton CIF NWE. Truck prices were Euro5 down at Euro460-480 a ton FCA NWE.

In the US, February contracts were flat to higher, on higher Asian prices before the coronavirus increased in intensity and on continued export demand to Europe. Reports indicate that the increase is likely to be only partially implemented. Meanwhile, spot export prices were steady, on continuing low demand. February contracts were at US cents 23-28 per pound (US$507-617 a ton) FOB USG, up US cent 1. MEGlobal nominated US cents 3 per pound decrease. Spot export prices were steady at US cents 19-20 per pound (US$419-441 a ton) FOB USG. Domestic spot prices were quoted in the low-to-mid US cents 20 per pound.

NYLON INPUT: CAPROLACTAM

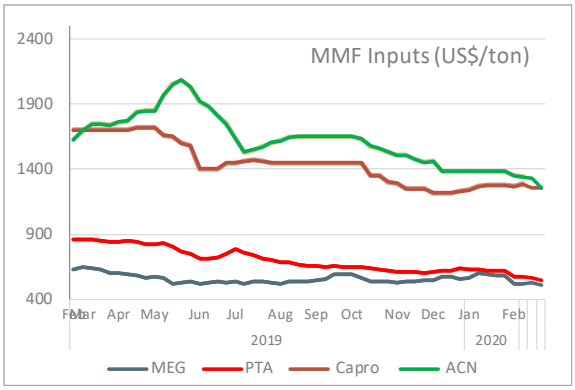
Caprolactam markets in Asia were flat after a period of increased liquidity seen last week. Players retreated to the sidelines again this week, in expectation of March contract price settlements. Contract prices are likely to be higher than where cargoes had been traded, which helped drive restocking in the spot market last week. However, with feedstock benzene on a downtrend, buyers were not in a rush to procure, amid possibility that benzene could fall further as the COVID-19 outbreak spreads beyond the pan Asia. In downstream polyamide markets, the traditional peak in demand that typically occurs in April-May was expected to provide some price support after the Lunar New Year holidays, but was not yet noticeable. No development was reported on European contract discussion at the moment. Asian markers rolled over on the week at US$1,249-1261 a ton CFR SE and US$1,259-1,261 a ton FE Asia. In China, spot offers for liquid goods eased to 10,200-10,400 Yuan a ton (US$1,455-1,485 a ton, down US$40) while flake goods were stable at 11,000-11,500 Yuan a ton (US$1,570-1,640 a ton). Fibrant settled its February price at 11,300 Yuan a ton (US$1,610 a ton) for liquid grade and Sinopec at 11,100 Yuan a ton (US$1,585 a ton).

In Europe, January contracts were at Euro1,955-2,080 a ton FD NWE while cyclohexane February contracts had settled at Euro904 a ton ex-works NWE.

In the US, February cyclohexane contract were firm at US cents 263 a gallon FOB USG on the month.

ACRYLIC INPUT: ACRYLONITRILE

Acrylonitrile markets slumped this week in Asia as spot prices dropped to levels last seen in December 2016 as coronavirus epidemic decimated buying interest. In China, transport controls to limit the spread of coronavirus was making it difficult for producers to transport their cargoes to their downstream customers. Demand from overseas buyers in East and South Asia was also reported to be weak, with buying interest waning amid the spread of the virus in the region. Asian marker, the Far East Asia, plunged US$70 on the week to US$1,259-1,261 a ton while CFR China declined US$50 to US$1,250-1,300 a ton. Sinopec



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decreased its February settlement price by US$164 to US$1,355 a ton ex-works. Self-lifting offers at Lianyungang port were quoted down to 9,000-9,500 Yuan a ton (US$1,285-1,355 a ton, down US$25). Prices in India also fell US$50 to US$1,250-1,300 a ton CFR.

In Europe, some players on the acrylonitrile market have halted discussions, both for spot pricing and contract talks. Spot activity was limited and some were unable to agree on freely negotiated contracts. Spot prices slumped US$80 to US$1,213-1,217 a ton CIF Mediterranean

In the US, export market faced headwinds from softer demand from Asia in the wake of coronavirus outbreak, while domestic demand was steady. Spot export prices fell US$50 to US$1,180-1,230 a ton FOB US Gulf, while domestic contracts were at US cents 57.22-62.22 per pound DEL.

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Chinese Spun Yarn Prices (ex-warehouse terms)						
Qianqing Raw Materials Market					% Change in Yuan	% Change in US Dollar
	28-Feb		21-Feb			
	yuan/tonne	US$/kg	yuan/tonne	US$/kg		
Polyester 32s	11,300	1.613	11,300	1.609	0.00	0.21
Viscose 30s	14,250	2.034	14,000	1.994	1.79	1.99
Poly/cotton 32s	15,900	2.269	15,900	2.265	0.00	0.21
Poly/viscose 40s	17,300	2.469	17,300	2.464	0.00	0.21
Prices from Anhui					% Change in Yuan	% Change in US Dollar
	28-Feb		21-Feb			
	yuan/tonne	US$/kg	yuan/tonne	US$/kg		
Cotton carded 32s	20,450	2.919	20,450	2.913	0.00	0.21
Cotton combed 32s	21,800	3.111	21,700	3.091	0.46	0.67
Cotton carded 40s	21,500	3.069	21,500	3.062	0.00	0.21
Cotton combed 40s	23,700	3.383	23,650	3.368	0.21	0.42

Pakistan: Karachi Cone Cotton Yarn Market (Wholesale price)						
Cone	Friday, February 28, 2020		Friday, February 21, 2020		PKR % change	USD % change
	Mean PKR per 10lb	US$ per kg	Mean PKR per 10lb	US$/kg		
Carded 10/1	1,465	2.093	1,465	2.095	0.00	-0.11
Carded 40/1	2,250	3.214	2,250	3.218	0.00	-0.11
Carded 22/1	1,675	2.393	1,675	2.395	0.00	-0.11
Carded 30/1	1,832	2.617	1,832	2.620	0.00	-0.11
Combed 20/1	1,773	2.532	1,773	2.535	0.00	-0.11
Combed 40/1	2,340	3.343	2,340	3.347	0.00	-0.11
Source: Brecorder , X-Rates						

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PFY prices revised back to previous levels

POLYESTER

Polyester filament yarn prices were readjusted back to levels from two weeks ago in China although sentiment was dull. However, overall trading atmosphere remained subdued. In Shengze, mainstream producers adjusted prices for some specs of DTYs, FDYs and POYs.

In Zhejiang, offers were mostly adjusted but downstream mills purchased as needed, so overall trading atmosphere remained muted. Sales remained muted, seeing the activities still in slow recovery. POY prices were readjusted, with 75/36 at US$1.03-1.06 and 75/72 at US$1.04-1.07 a kg. In Shengze, offers for DTYs 75/36 and 75/72 intermingled were back to US$1.47-1.51 a kg. FDY offers were revised, with 50/24 at US$1.20-1.21 a kg and 150/96 at US$1.06-1.07 a kg.

In Pakistan, offers for imported goods were down for a few specs depending on market fundamentals. Offers for 150/48 non-intermingled DTY imported goods were stable at PakRs121 a pound (US$1.73 a kg) while local goods were at PakRs105 per pound (US$1.50 a kg).

In India, local POY market sentiment was dim, as buying was sparse and deals were mainly concluded in small lots, with final prices slightly fluctuating. POY offers were flat with 115/108 at INR100 a kg or US$1.39 a kg and 130/34 POY at INR92 a kg or US$1.27 a kg.

NYLON

Nylon filament yarn markets moved lower, as feedstock chip edged down. Demand was stable as warp knitting and covering mills operated at 40% run rate, while circular-knitting and lacing mills ran at 25% capacity, with operation rate expected to edge up further next week. Overall buying interest warmed up. Nylon-6 FDY prices moved lower on lower cost, with breakeven operation reported in the industry, while woven fabric and wool spinning market saw sparse trade.

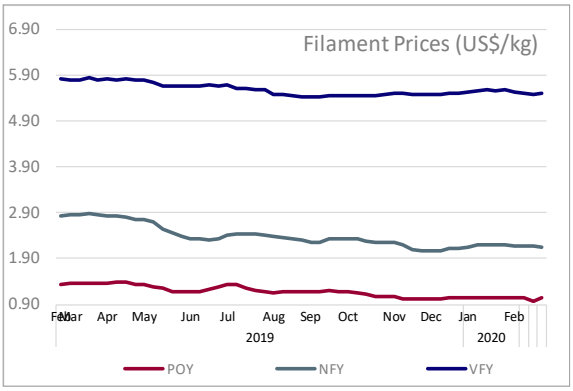
Nylon-6 DTY prices were stable to lower on the back of decreases in feedstock, while downstream buying activities targeted immediate needs. Prices of cord fabric rolled over as operations saw margins gradually improving while monofilament was traded flat. Offers for nylon FDY70D/24F SD eased to 15.00-15.30 Yuan a kg (US$2.14-2.18 a kg, down US cent 2-7), while DTY70D offers were down at 16.20-17.50 Yuan a kg (US$2.31-2.50 a kg, down US cents 2-4). Cord fabric 1,260D offers were stable at 19.50-21.50 Yuan a kg (US$2.78-3.07 a kg) while mono filament 30D prices were flat at 17.00-18.50 Yuan a kg (US$2.43-2.64 a kg).

In India, 20 SD filament prices were stable at INR287 a kg (US$3.98 a kg) in Surat market.

VISCOSE

Viscose filament yarn market in China remained affected by the epidemic situation. Transaction was poor as downstream run rates were low at the moment. Price-wise, offers for first-class, second-class and third-class VFY 120D were seen rolling over during the week. 120D bright offers were at 38.50 Yuan a kg (US$5.49 a kg), and dull at 38.25 Yuan a kg (US$5.46 a kg). 300D bright prices were at 28.80 Yuan a kg (US$4.11 a kg) and dull at 25.40 Yuan a kg (US$3.63 a kg).

In India, no change was reported in producers' offers while demand was reportedly stable to weak. 100D bright VFY at INR388 a kg (US$5.37 a kg) and 450D at INR 225 a kg (US$3.12 a kg).



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Wool							
Australia				**South Africa**			
AWEX EMI (cents/kg)				Cape Wools Merino Indicator (cents/kg)			
	27-Feb	20-Feb	change		27-Feb	20-Feb	change
A$	1,581	1,581	0.00%	Rand	18,482	18,157	1.79%
US$	1,052	1,052	0.00%	US$	1,206	1,203	0.25%
New Zealand				**United Kingdom**			
NZ Wool Services Indicators Coarse Crossbred (cents/kg)				British Wool Fleece Indicator (clean)			
	27-Feb	20-Feb	change		11-Feb	11-Feb	change
NZ$	254	253	0.40%	Pence/kg	125	130	-3.63%
US$	160	162	-1.23%	US cents/kg	161	168	-4.46%
Dates shown represent the latest auction in each country versus week-earlier result. Sources: Australian Wool Exchange, Cape Wools SA, NZ Wool Services International, British Wool Marketing Board.							

Speciality Fibres		
Quotations for the following fibres and tops are average prices in US$/kg, FOB		
	07-Feb	21-Feb
Chinese Cashmere (dehaired)		
White		
Hosiery 38mm	135.00	132.00
Weaving 32mm	111.00	109.00
Brown		
Hosiery 38mm	106.00	104.00
Weaving 32mm	99.00	97.00
Mongolian Cashmere (dehaired)		
Brown	94.00	93.00
Light Grey	94.00	93.00
Afghan/Iranian Cashmere (dehaired)		
White	90.00	89.00
Fawn	87.00	86.00
Dark Brown	87.00	86.00
Alpaca Tops		
White		
Baby (BL)	NQ	NQ
Fine Spinning (FS)	NQ	NQ
Adult (AG)	NQ	NQ
Camel Hair (dehaired)		
Super-baby	48.50	48.50
Medium baby	NQ	NQ
Adult	45.00	45.00
Silk		
Mulberry Sliver	44.50	44.00
Mulberry Noil	20.00	20.00
Tussah Sliver	28.50	28.50
Tussah Noil	17.00	17.00
Source: The Schneider Group		

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Auctions were postponed due to computer issues making it unviable to conduct business in a suitable operating environment. More

New Zealand wool prices up on offer of useful finer wools
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The 21st sale of the 2019-20 wool season held this week saw 9,222 bales on offer, of which 94.3% was sold. More

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The British wool sale of 2020 held on 25 February saw prices fall on persistent weak demand, particularly for finer combing types. More

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Fabric

Yuan/mt	China Grey Fabric				
	CGOE10 Denim 10*10 72*40 59"/60" Indigo	CG C32 Cotton Twill 32*32 130*70 47"	CG JC40 Combed Cotton 40*40 133*72 67"	CG R30 Rayon 30*30 68*68 63"	CG T/C45 Polyester/Cotton (65:35) 45*45 110*76 63"
10/01/2020	9.322	5.715	7.984	4.450	4.720
17/01/2020	9.322	5.715	7.984	4.450	4.720
24/01/2020	9.322	5.715	7.984	4.450	4.720
31/01/2020	9.322	5.715	7.984	4.450	4.720
07/02/2020	9.322	5.715	7.984	4.450	4.720
14/02/2020	9.322	5.715	7.984	4.450	4.720
21/02/2020	9.322	5.715	7.984	4.450	4.720
28/02/2020	9.322	5.715	7.984	4.450	4.720

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USDA's Weekly Export Sales Report of week ending 20 February

According to the USDA Weekly Export Sales Report of 20 February, cotton net sales of 214,600 RB for 2019-20 were down 9% from the previous week and 32% from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Vietnam (70,200 RB, including 1,100 RB switched from Bangladesh and decreases of 800 RB), China (39,600 RB, including decreases of 33,000 RB), Pakistan (35,800 RB, including decreases of 100 RB), Turkey (26,900 RB), and Indonesia (19,200 RB, including 700 RB switched from Japan and decreases of 1,400 RB), were offset by reductions primarily for Japan (4,600 RB) and Honduras (400 RB).

For 2020-21, net sales of 198,900 RB were primarily for Vietnam (176,000 RB), Indonesia (9,700 RB), El Salvador (4,900 RB), Mexico (3,400 RB), and China (2,200 RB). Exports of 324,100 RB were down 14% from the previous week 15% from the prior 4-week average. Exports were primarily to Vietnam (88,100 RB), Pakistan (83,800 RB), China (32,900 RB), Turkey (25,400 RB), and Indonesia (14,700 RB).

Net sales of Pima totaling 28,100 RB were up noticeably from the previous week and from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for China (12,100 RB), India (6,100 RB), Hong Kong (2,600 RB), Egypt (2,100 RB), and Pakistan (2,000 RB), were offset by reductions for Switzerland (400 RB) and Japan (100 RB). Exports of 18,200 RB were up 79% from the previous week and up noticeably from the prior 4-week average. The primary destinations were India (7,900 RB), Pakistan (2,900 RB), Bahrain (2,000 RB), Bangladesh (1,600 RB), and Vietnam (900 RB).

Exports for own account

For 2019-20, exports for own account totaling 3,600 RB to Vietnam were applied to new or outstanding sales. The current exports for own account outstanding balance of 30,300 RB is for Indonesia (17,900 RB), Bangladesh (5,300 RB), India (3,400 RB), China (2,500 RB), Vietnam (800 RB), and Malaysia (400 RB).

U.S. EXPORT SALES WEEK ENDING 20 February 2020								
	ALL UPLAND 1404				PIMA 1301			
	Current MY		Next MY		Current MY		Next MY	
	This week	Year ago	This week	Year ago	This week	Year ago	This week	Year ago
Outstanding Sales								
Known	7,080.1	6,591.4	1,482.9	2,287.0	237.0	219.8	35.3	28.1
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	7,080.1	6,591.4	1,482.9	2,287.0	237.0	219.8	35.3	28.1
Optional Origin	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accumulated Exports	6,567.3	5,350.0			241.1	298.9		
Exports For Own Acct	30.3	4.4			0.0	0.0		
Net Change In Sales	214.6	85.5	198.9	12.1	28.1	9.3	0.0	0.0

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