

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Cotton

1. **Qus: How can I get information on State-wise Area, Production, Yield of cotton and Cotton Balance sheet?**

Ans: The information / data on State-wise Area, Production, Yield of cotton and Cotton Balance sheet are updated from time to time as estimated by Cotton Advisory Board. It can be viewed from the link “Area, Production and Yield” and “Cotton Balance Sheet” under sub heading Cotton of this website.

2. **Qus: What is Minimum Support Price (MSP) order?**

Ans: It contains the Minimum Support Price in respect of various staple length groups fixed every cotton year. MSP order for the current cotton season can be viewed from the link “MSP Order” under sub heading Cotton of this website.

3. **Qus: Which information is covered in Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) Report?**

Ans: It contains analytical exposition in the areas of (a) demand-supply balance, (b) price situation and support price intervention and (c) a reasoned suggestion for the level of MSP concerning raw cotton for every forthcoming cotton season. This report can be viewed from the link “CACP report” under sub heading Cotton of this website.

4. **What are the functions of Cotton Advisory Board (CAB)?**

Ans: The Cotton Advisory Board constituted since 1950 under the Chairmanship of Textile Commissioner. The Board advises the Govt. on matters pertaining to Production, Consumption and Marketing of cotton and also provides a forum for liaison between the Cotton Textile Mill Industry, the Cotton Growers, the Cotton Trade and the Government.

5. **Qus: What is Organic Cotton ?**

Ans: Cotton grown without the use of any synthetically compounded chemicals (i.e. Pesticides, fertilizers, defoliants, etc.) is considered “organic cotton”.

6. **Qus: Who are major international producers of Organic Cotton ?**

Ans: India, Syria, Turkey, China and USA are major producers of Organic Cotton.

7. **Qus: Which are major markets of Organic Cotton ?**

Ans: Germany, Switzerland, UK, Sweden, USA and Japan are major markets of Organic Cotton in the world.

8. **Qus: What is the production of Organic Cotton in world and India?**

Ans: During the year 2009-10 the production of Organic Cotton was 14.24 lakh bales of 170 kgs in the world.(Source : 2010 Farm & Fiber Report)

9. Qus: Which are the international organization working in India to promote Organic Cotton?

Ans: The international organizations working in India to promote Organic Cotton are:

- a. Organic Exchange, USA
- b. International Organization for Development Co-operation (IODC),France
- c. Martine Fabert Foundation
- d. Shell Foundation, U.K.
- e. C & A, Europe
