

Higher support price, US data lift cotton

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Cotton was up Rs 300-500 a candy of 356 kg on Friday after the minimum support price was raised on Thursday and as weekly agricultural data in the US improved.

The Centre has increased the support price of medium staple cotton from Rs 2,800 to Rs 3,600 a quintal and long staple cotton from Rs 3,300 to Rs 3,900 a quintal.

A Rajkot-based cotton broker said, "We are expecting some good demand from domestic as well as from international side as

global sentiments are changing and become positive for the market. Moreover, the Central Government has increased MSP of cotton which will push up the price.

The market will remain strong for next few days."

The Sankar-6 variety increased by Rs 300-500 to Rs 32,500-33,000 a candy. B-grade quoted at Rs 31,700-32,200 a candy and new V-797 at Rs 26,500-27,000.

About 10,000 bales of 170 kg arrived in Gujarat, while 25,000 bales arrived in the rest of the country.

Kapas or raw cotton traded higher by Rs 10-15 to Rs 775-795 for a *maund* of 20 kg here and at Rs 800-810 for delivery at Kadi.

On the National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange, its April 2013 contract rose by Rs 10 to Rs 982.55 a *maund* with an open interest of 1,782 lots.

