

BCI marks certification anniversary with progress update and accreditation

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One year since becoming a certification scheme, the Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) has announced that more than 3,000 supply chain actors have been certified. At farm level, more than 30% of farms and producer units supplying BCI Cotton have received a positive audit outcome.

The organisation, which has onboarded a growing network of over 50 certification bodies to complete this work, has also been formally recognised as an ISO17065 compliant certification scheme by organisations including the International Organic Accreditation Service (IOAS).

Tom Owen, Head of Certification at the Better Cotton Initiative, said: “The level of engagement we have seen across agricultural and textile supply chains in our first year as a

certification scheme reflects a growing recognition of the certification’s importance within these sectors. The continued rollout of this work is integral to improving supply chain sustainability and transparency on a global scale.”

A BCI certificate is issued when a farm or organisation complies with the relevant BCI standard, enabling them to produce and trade BCI Cotton, and promote their commitment to sustainable best practice. As of January 2026, every supply chain actor sourcing Physical BCI Cotton has been certified.

Retailers and brands who undergo certification and source Physical BCI Cotton from a fully certified supply chain are also eligible to use the recently launched BCI Cotton Label, which informs that a product contains more than 30% Physical BCI Cotton. These highlights

support for BCI and farming communities around the world.

US cotton marketing cooperative Staplcotn and Australian retailer Big W are among the thousands of organisations to have achieved certification.

Shane Stephens, Vice President of Cotton Services and Warehousing at Staplcotn, said: “We believe BCI Certification will serve to satisfy many of the modern marketplace demands. It can meet those increasing requirements associated with obtaining assurance and comfort

in purchasing decisions. Our goal is to increase the value of our grower/owner’s cotton by providing what the customer needs, which certainly can include product certification.”

Andrew Whale, Sustainability Delivery Lead at Big W, added: “When a customer

purchases a product from our business, they are walking away with the confidence that we’re doing the right thing [and] that we are working towards better outcomes, not just for Australian communities, but for communities in our supply chain all over the world.”

To help strengthen and scale its certification efforts, BCI has now partnered with IOAS – a leader in agricultural supply chain certification and accreditation – which will evaluate and accredit all certification bodies operating in the BCI system.

Lauren Carlyle, Executive Director of IOAS Inc., said: “We are pleased to launch BCI accreditation at IOAS, not just for sustainable agriculture, but for safeguarding the rights of cotton farmers and workers around the world.”

Prices steady

By Cotton Man

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The cotton prices recorded a steady trend across all the markets in the country.

	Quality	Rate	Arrival in Bales State Wise
NORTH ZONE (RATES IN MAUND) (* 1 Maund = 37.324 KG.)			
Punjab	J-34 RG	5510-5550	500
Haryana	J-34 RG	5230-5350	1500
Rajasthan	J-34 28.5 mm	5300-5560	3000
Lower Rajasthan in Candy	J-34 28.5 mm	53000-54500	1000
CENTRAL ZONE (RATES IN CANDY) (1 Candy = 355.6188 KG.)			
Gujarat	V-797 (Kalyan) 22 mm S6 28.5 mm S-6 29.0 mm	38000-39000 54000-54500 54500-55000	25000
Maharashtra	MECH 1 - 29-30 mm MECH 1-30 mm (RD 75) MECH 1-30 mm (RD 75) MCU-5 (Sillod) 31 mm	54000-55000 54500-55500 55000-56000 56000-56500	40000
Madhya Pradesh	MECH-1 29 mm RD 72 MECH-1 29 mm RD 74-75 MECH-1 30 mm RD 74-75 DCH-32 33-35 mm	51000-52500 54000-55000 55000-56000 71000-75000	8000
SOUTH ZONE (RATES IN CANDY)			
Andhra Pradesh	Bunny/Brahma (Telangana) 29-30 mm MECH - 1 (Telangana) 29-30 mm MCU-5 (AP) 30 mm	54500-55500 54500-55500 54000-55000	25000
Karnataka	Bunny/ BT 29 mm MCU-5 30 mm DCH-32 33-35 mm	54500-55000 55000-55500 -----	10000
TAMILNADU	MCU-5 30 mm Suvin 33-38 mm	54500-55000 -----	1000
ORISSA	MCU-5 30 mm	56000-56500	3500
Total Arrivals			1,18,500

Indian Cotton Federation

(Per Candy 2025-26 Crop)

V-797 (Guj)	38200	MCU-5 (AP)	56500
J-34 (RG) (Punj)	52987	DCH-32 (Karna)	81000
MECH-1/H-4 (MP)	52300	MECH-1 (Maha)	54500
Sankar-6 (Guj)	54000	#	

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2025-26 COTTON SEASON

State	Staple	Mic	Per Candy
P/H/R	Below 22 m	5.0-7.0	44900
GUJ	22mm	4.0-6.0	38300
M/M(P)	23mm	4.5-7.0	48300
P/H/R(U)	27mm	3.5-4.9	50400
P/H/R(U)	27mm	3.5-4.9	50700
M/M(P)/SA/TL/	G27mm	3.0-3.4	48000
M/M(P)/SA/TL	27mm	3.5-4.9	52000
P/H/R(U)	28mm	3.5-4.9	52300
M/M(P)ICS-105	28mm	3.7-4.9	53600
SA/TL/K	28mm	3.7-4.9	53400
GUJICS-105	28mm	3.7-4.9	53600
R(L)ICS-105	28mm	3.7-4.9	53000
R(L)ICS-105	29mm	3.7-4.9	53800
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SA/TL/K	29mm	3.7-4.9	54300
GUJICS-105	29mm	3.7-4.9	54500
M/M(P)ICS-105	30mm	3.7-4.9	55500
SA/TL/K/O	30mm	3.7-4.9	55600
M/M(P)ICS-105	31mm	3.7-4.9	57000
SA/TL/K/TN/O	31mm	3.7-4.9	56700
SA/TL/K/TN/O	32mm	3.5-4.9	-----
M/M(P)ICS-107	34mm	2.8-3.7	71200
K/TNICS-107	34mm	2.8-3.7	72000
M/M(P)ICS-107	35mm	2.8-3.7	72200
K/TNICS-107	35mm	2.8-3.7	74000

U.S. Futures Daily Cotton Market

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Contract	Open*	High	Low	Close *	Settle	Change
Mar '26	62.31	62.72	62.15	62.22	62.24	-0.07
May '26	64.12	64.50	63.92	63.97	63.99	-0.12
Jul '26	65.77	66.17	65.67	65.71	65.72	-0.08
Oct '26					67.35	-0.14
Dec '26	68.24	68.56	68.20	68.24	68.24	-0.04

* Open and Close prices reflect the first and last trade in the market and do not correlate to any opening or closing period

Cotlook 'A' Index : 73.35

AEPC welcomes India-US Trade Deal Breakthrough

MUMBAI, FEB. 07—

The coming decade is poised to be India's decade in textile trade, as the country emerges as one of the most preferred sourcing destinations for global buyers, according to Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC)

Lauding the India-US Joint Statement, Dr. Sakthivel, said that the India-US trade agreement represents a historic milestone for India's textiles and apparel sector.

It creates immense opportunities across the entire textiles value chain and is expected to generate substantial employment, particularly for the women and MSMEs. Farmers in rural India will also benefit significantly, reinforcing inclusive and sustainable growth.

The tariff eliminations and enhanced market access arising from this agreement will greatly strengthen the global competitiveness of the Indian

textiles and apparel sector, firmly establishing India as the most reliable and trusted sourcing hub worldwide.

This will also address the issue of non-tariff barriers to trade and reduce the compliance

burden and procedural delays leading to the faster movement of goods to the US market.

This decade will undoubtedly usher in a golden era for the Indian textile and apparel sector.

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Invista & Epoch Biodesign Sign MoU to Advance Development of Post-Consumer Recycled Nylon 6,6

MUMBAI, FEB. 08—

Invista, a global leader in the manufacture of chemical intermediates, polymers and fibers for the nylon and polypropylene value chains, and Epoch Biodesign, the global leader in enzymatic plastic recycling technology, has announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at advancing the development of post-consumer recycled nylon 6,6.

The collaboration will combine Epoch's AI-engineered recycling enzymes with Invista's polymerization expertise and global footprint. The end goal is to produce customer-validated, virgin-quality nylon 6,6 at commercial scale. Nylon 6,6 is a critical material across apparel, automotive, and industrial applications, but scaling recycled solutions that meet customer demands is a major industry challenge.

"Invista is committed to exploring innovative technologies that can improve the sustainability and resilience of nylon 6,6 supply chains," said Invista Global Sustainability Director Ethel Garnier. "With this collaboration, both Invista and Epoch are applying their

comparative advantage to develop solutions to a market need for recycled nylon 6,6. We look forward to working with Epoch to advance this important project and continuing to provide high-quality products that meet our customers' needs."

"When your recycling technology is chosen from a global set of options by a company whose heritage is directly linked to the invention of nylon 6,6, it is clearly a defining moment," said Epoch Biodesign CEO Jacob Nathan. "We are excited to increase momentum towards our goal of global deployment; this is a clear message that one of the largest producers of nylon 6,6 believes in our technology and the need for effective, enzymatic recycling at commercial scale. Working with Invista will accelerate real change in the materials supply chain, advancing the industry beyond existing recycling approaches, transforming waste into virgin-equivalent products."

The MoU represents the beginning of a structured collaboration between the two companies. Technical assessment and polymer qualification are already underway and will be followed by application performance testing.

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