

Care to be taken to realize Minimum Support Price Rs. 4320 for long staple cotton

- Staple length should be around 27.5 – 32.0 mm in length, Trash 3 - 5% in weight, Moisture below 8% by weight.

Care should be taken while harvesting the cotton:

- Seed cotton should be collected from fully opened bolls only.
- The practice of collecting half open bolls, drying them and then removing the seed cotton should be discouraged; as such a practice results in lower grade and quality of fiber.
- Picking should be avoided in hot mid-day, as there is a possibility of collecting dried leaf-bits, etc. It is advisable not to do picking when the weather condition is wet. Picking should be done early in the morning & evening.

Care should be taken post harvest of cotton:

- It is preferable to keep seed cotton from last picking separately for marketing, as this is generally lower in quality.
- Before transport to the market, seed cotton should be heaped on a cloth or gunny or paper spread in a corner. It is advisable that care should be taken that seed cotton should not come into direct contact with the soil to avoid increase of trash content.
- After picking, the seed cotton should be allowed to dry in the shade. The excessive exposure to sun should be avoided as it lowers the grade due to yellowing.
- The seed cotton should be fully covered to protect it from sun and rain as well as to avoid contamination by wind during transport to the market. This will also prevent loss of seed cotton either due to pilferage or due to being blown away by wind.

Major Cotton markets in and around Telangana state

S. No	State	Name of the AMC	Phone Number
1	Telangana	Warangal	7330733470
		Adilabad	7330733416
		Bainsa	7330733427
		Jammikunta	7330733314
		Khammam	7330733375
		Peddapalli	7330733318
2	Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	9182361216
		Adoni	9182361164
3	Maharashtra	Akola	0724 - 2433478
		Amaravati	0721 - 2572024
4	Karnataka	Raichur	08532235306
		Ranibennur	08373266456
5	Tamilnadu	Erode	0424 -212113
		Coimbatore	0422 - 331233