

## NEW YORK COTTON STOCK EXCHANGE

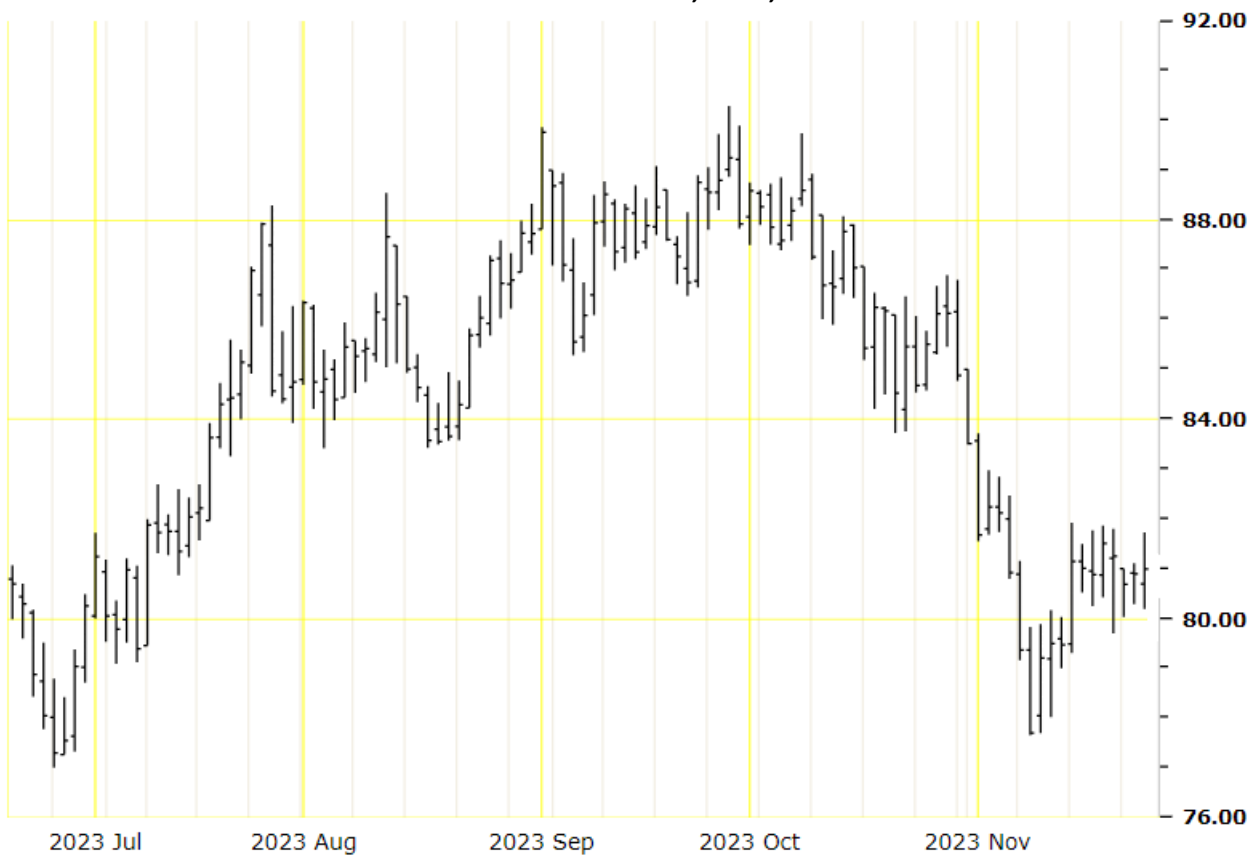
The cotton contracts remained substantially stable except for the December position which has now entered into delivery, having reached a minimum of 77.36 cents/lb last Tuesday and is now quoted above the 80.00 cents/lb area reaching the MARCH 2024 level. External markets had a modest influence, with crude oil rising and the US dollar falling.

The MARCH position, the one we will examine from now on, fluctuated around the 80.00 cents/lb area.

Last week's export sales report showed 322,212 bales of cotton sold during the week ending Nov. 16. This is a slight decrease compared to the previous week. Export shipments were reported at the lowest level since November 2021 at 77,869 bales.

Data from the National Cotton Ginners Association found that 5.787 million bales were produced in the United States as of Nov. 15. This is an addition of 2.13 million bales over the 2-week period, but the mid-November total is the lowest since the 2015/16 crop year.

### NEW YORK COTTON STOCK EXCHANGE – November 24, 2023, settlement – Position MARCH 2024



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## ECONOMY/FINANCE

**CHINA's** economic recovery appears to be intensifying. Chinese consumer spending increased 7.6% year-on-year in October, compared to 5.5% in September. This is the tenth consecutive month of increase in spending, and the fastest since May. American cotton will certainly benefit from continued economic growth but stock market indices are held back by concerns about the economy.

From **TURKEY** there is news that the central bank is increasing interest rates again, after last year's cuts. The Monetary Policy Committee decided to increase the reference rate from 35% to 40%.

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## EURO/US DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE

The dollar has recently seen a collapse after rising 25% since the summer of 2021.

The main reasons concern the aggressiveness of the Fed, the conflict in Ukraine, the level of energy stability in Europe, the Chinese policies regarding the internal economic situation.

Last week the exchange rate fluctuated above the 1.09 area and today it stands almost close to 1.10.

### EURO/US DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE – Current trend



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## TREND OF FIBERS AND YARNS IN THE MAIN PRODUCING COUNTRIES

In **PAKISTAN** last week the prices of fibers and yarns stopped increasing.

In **INDIA**, cotton prices remained resilient over the past week, while polyester prices registered weakness, leading to declines across a broad range of yarn prices.

In **CHINA**, cotton fiber prices were supported by the cessation of sales from state reserves, while cotton yarn prices continued to decline.

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