

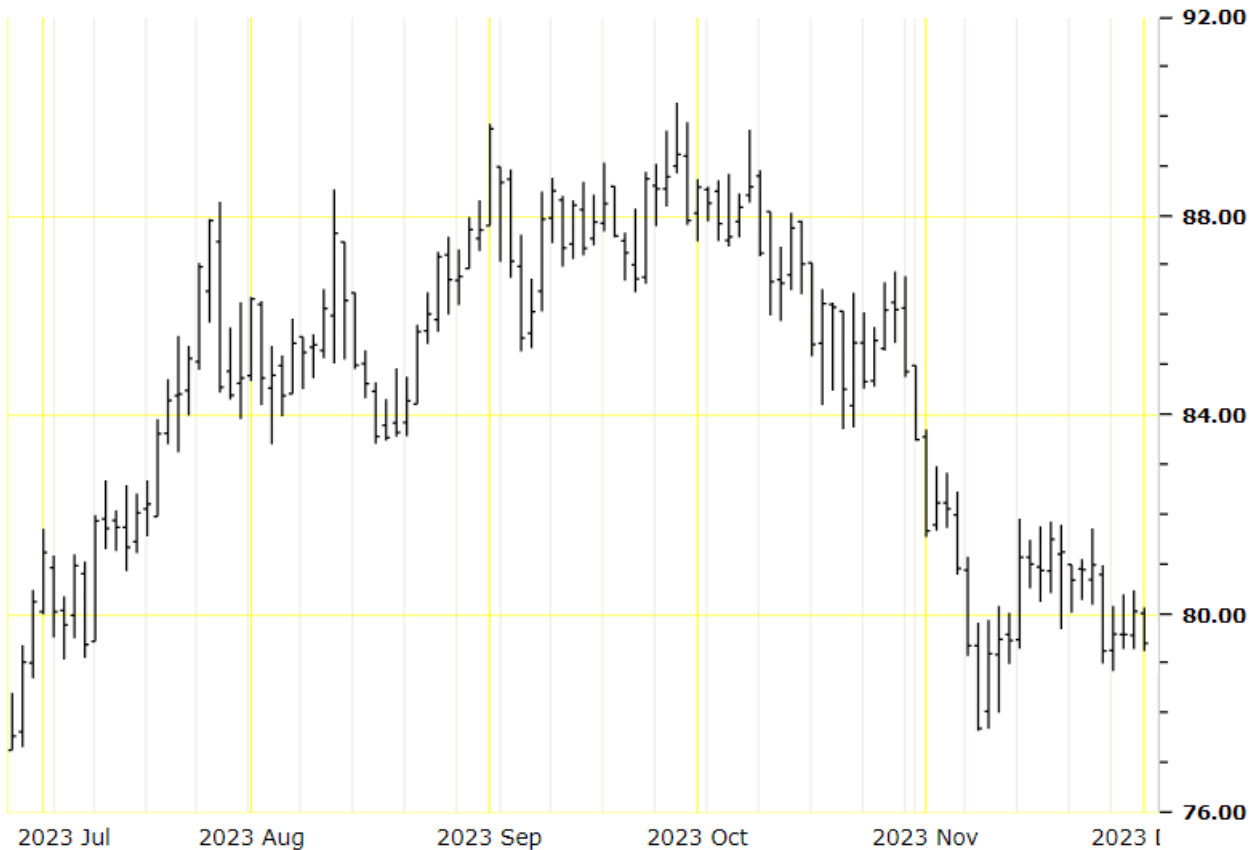
## NEW YORK COTTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Throughout the past week the trend of the MARCH 2024 position of the New York cotton exchange was stable, fluctuating on average just below 80.00 cents/lb. (see chart below).

The weekly export sales report showed that 217,662 bales of cotton were booked during the week ending 11/23. This was 5 weeks low, with Vietnam listed as the main buyer. The USDA notes that 88,846 bales were shipped during the week, for a season total of 2.32 million bales. Total commitments for US cotton reached 7.8 million bales, compared to 8.7 million in the same period last year.

The latest crop progress report for this year indicated that 83% of the U.S. cotton harvest was completed by 11/26, ahead of the average pace by 4%.

### NEW YORK COTTON STOCK EXCHANGE – December 1, 2023, settlement – Position MARCH 2024



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## ECONOMY/FINANCE

The analysis in which **USA** PCE inflation would show a consolidation of the disinflationary process and supports the expectation that the Fed may ease rates in June 2024 is nearing completion in the USA.

In **EUROPE** the consumer price index in November stood at +2.4% on an annual basis, slowing down compared to +2.9% in October and below the consensus of economists who expected an increase of 2.8%.

While **CHINA** is fighting against deflation, its exports are currently at historic lows, the bursting of the real estate bubble also persists. The central bank is keeping interest rates low to stimulate the economy but although many experts believe the country's golden age of economic growth is over, short-term investors are taking advantage of the situation. Thus, the yuan overtakes the euro as the second most used currency in the world, as China continues to pursue its dream of replacing the US dollar. In fact, for the first time in its history, the yuan has become the second most traded currency in the world, overtaking the euro. China's currency has seen a surge in denominated bonds, as the country's central bank keeps interest rates at a negative level.

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## EURO/US DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE

We saw the dollar at its lowest point, towards the biggest monthly decline in a year and therefore on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th November the euro reached the highest level of the last three months above 1.10 against the dollar but at the end of the week the dollar gained thanks to end-of-month purchases and the value of the EURO drops to below 1.09 against the dollar. The exchange rate currently fluctuates around 1.08625.

### EURO/US DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE – Trend as of 4 December 2023



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## ENERGY

The price of **GAS** closes sharply on the Amsterdam market.

TTF futures ended trading down 5.6% at 40.36 euros per megawatt hour.

This is the fourth consecutive session of decline, as a result of which the European gas price benchmark lost more than 14%, absorbing the surge caused by the Hamas attack on Israel on 7 October.

The **CRUDE OIL** indices also fell in both London and New York.

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## TEXTILE SITUATION IN PRATO (ITALY)

The flood of November 2nd is not the only problem affecting the textile industry in Prato. If anything, the aftermath of calamitous events will be grafted onto a productive fabric that is already in trouble. In fact, in the third quarter of this year, Prato's textile production contracted by 11.1% compared to the end of September last year. This was reported by the study center of "Industry Association of North Tuscany".

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## **TREND OF FIBER AND YARN PRICES IN THE MAIN PRODUCING COUNTRIES**

In **PAKISTAN**, fiber and yarn prices have remained stable over the past week, thanks to increased demand from clothing exporters

In **CHINA**, cotton fiber and yarn prices have continued to fall, leading to a significant reduction in production levels at heavily affected spinning mills.

In **INDIA**, yarn prices have stabilized after operating rates were lowered.

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