

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Cash markets like Patan, Deesa, Mehsana, Ahmedabad** and Sumerpur traded steady to weak on Saturday as many big players like M.K,Adani and Rucchi's buying continues at lower prices. However, prices in Kadi market decreased slightly from Rs 4010 to Rs 4000 per qtl.Prices in various markets hovered in the range of Rs 3800 to Rs 4025 per qtl., depending on quality of the seed and markets.
- **Bulk and medium buyers say that any steep downfall from** current level is unlikely. Markets may stabilize near Rs 3700 to Rs 3800 per qtl. Notably peak arrival season is March and April. However, short supply of seed this year would fuel prices in the medium and long term.
- **Castor seed farmers in Gujarat want MSP for this crop like** other crops in India. They complain that prices in open market are not remunerative for farmers and their interest to grow castor crop is diminishing fast. That's why area under this crop has decreased this year.
- **This year area under castor seed decreased sharply from 11.1 lakh** ha. to 9.84 lakh ha, almost 1.97 lakh ha. lower than 2012-13. Considerable decrease in area has been seen in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. Total area collectively in both states is lower by 1.58 lakh ha.It is going to impact the final size of the crop to near 12 lakh T against the last year production of around 14 lakh T.

International Market Update

- **Major importers of castor oil are buying only to fulfil** their immediate requirements. They would start fresh buying during peak arrival season in March as they expect correction in the market in the near term. By the time price of castor seed is expected to stabilize near Rs3700 to 3800 per qtl.
- **China, France, European Union and Australia remain the** major buyers for Indian castor oil. Castor oil is being exported from India at \$1250 to \$1260 per T while Rotterdam quotes \$1550 per T.This means Indian exporters have opportunity to get more price in the international market. it would support cash market once again in the medium term.

Domestic market Outlook:

- **Cash market is likely trade weak in the short term.**

NCDEX Castor Futures							Date:30.01.2014		
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Feb-14	50	4125.00	4152.00	4080.00	4105.00	48,490	-52,900	115090	-15,030
Mar-14	51	4202.00	4228.00	4155.00	4173.00	33,830	-38,295	122320	10,860
April-14	51	4297.00	4301.00	4232.00	4249.00	7,440	-14,270	45100	1,040

Spread	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14
Spot/Deesa	-184			
Feb-14		76		
March-14			78	
April-14				-

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
	31.01.2014	31.01.2014	31.01.2014	27.01.2014
Bhabhar	1415	00	1415	1415
Deesa	11216	151	11367	10823
Kadi	17219	925	18144	15242
Patan	27528	1467	28995	24533

Castor Seed Daily Prices on 1.02.2014

Commodity	Center	Market	Price (Rs/Q)		Change
			1-Feb-14	31-Jan-14	
Castor Seed	Gujarat	Rajkot	3750	3800	-50
		Gondal	3905	3930	-25
		Patan	4055	4070	-15
		Deesa	4010	3900	110
		Mehsana	3950	3990	-40
		Kadi	3900	4015	-115
		Ahmedabad	4000	4000	Unch
	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	3775	3825	-50

Castor Seed Arrivals on 1.02.2014

Commodity	Center	Market	Fig. in per bags(80kg)		Change
			1-Feb-14	31-Jan-14	
Castor Seed	Gujarat	Rajkot	400	400	Unch
		Gondal	141	165	-24
		Patan	2084	1765	319
		Deesa	2227	2000	227
		Mehsana	250	200	50
		Kadi	1500	1000	500
	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	300	300	Unch
	Total Arrival		6902	5830	1072

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