

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Castor seed cash market traded unchanged on Wednesday** due to sluggish trading activities. Fresh buying would start from the first week of April. Trading community expects prices to trade steady in the range of Rs 3750 to Rs 4000 per qtl., depending upon quality of the crop and sourcing markets.
- **Stake holders in future market are not building up** long position due to uncertainty of price in nearby months. April contract hinges in the range of 4142 to 4175. They expect more decline in April.
- **Agriwatch estimates 11.49 lakh tonne seed production in 2013-14** against 14.04 lakh tonne last year. As per Agriwatch estimate the season started with 3.84 lakh tonne carry out.
- Thus total availability comes to 15.33 lakh tonne. At 46 percent oil recovery the total oil availability would be around 7.00 lakh tonne against the expected total global and domestic demand of 7.5 lakh tonne of oil. It clearly indicates short supply in the medium term.
- **Govt has released second adv. estimate of foodgrains production** for 2013-14 on 14, Feb, 2014. Market participants are surprised to see the inflated figure of castor seed production this year. Govt. has estimated 16.46 lakh tonne castor seed production this year against the set target of 15.81 lakh tonne. Market expert see production at around 11 lakh tonne.
- **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:

- Chinese buyers have started enquiry for fresh deal. Castor oil commercial is ruling at Rs 8350 per qtl. in Mumbai, Vashi market. Domestic demand for oil has not been upto the mark and planters expect fresh demand from mid April. Price of castor oil in Rotterdam to have declined from \$1725 to \$1650 per metric tonne during last one month.
- **Castor derivatives volume too is expected to go up from 1.2 lakh tonne** to 1.25 lakh tonne. China would continue to maintain its previous position as major importer. Its import volume may go up from 2.11 lakh tonne (2013) to 2.35 lakh tonne in 2014. Europe would remain second next to China with expected import of 1.45 lakh tonne in 2014. It had exported 1.3 lakh tonne in 2013.

Domestic market Outlook:

Castor seed market is likely to trade steady to slightly weak.

NCDEX Castor Futures							Date: 02.03.2014		
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
April-14	37	4207	4220	4137	4164	46780	-1540	108390	-12000
May-14	40	4265	4289	4180	4230	50840	-2540	116340	15200
June-14	40	4335	4355	4265	4300	7970	350	39970	1120

Spread	Apr-14	May-14	June-14	July-14
Spot/Deesa	139			
April-14		66		
May-14			70	
June-14				-

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total	FED
	1.4.2014	1.4.2014	1.4.2014	31.3.2014
Bhabhar	2396	0	2396	2386
Deesa	24309	401	24710	24208
Kadi	41758	151	41909	41728
Patan	42991	686	43677	42981

Castor Seed Daily Prices on 2.4.2014

Commodity	Center	Market	Price (Rs/Q)		Change
			2-April-14	1-April-14	
Castor Seed	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	3775	3775	Unch
	Gujarat	Rajkot	3950	Closed	-
		Gondal	3955	Closed	-
		Patan	4035	Closed	-
		Deesa	4025	Closed	-
		Mehsana	4025	Closed	-
		Kadi	Closed	Closed	-
		Ahmedabad	4000	Closed	-

Castor Seed Arrivals on 1.4.2014

Commodity	Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
			2-April-14	1-April-14	
Castor Seed	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	640	640	Unch
	Gujarat	Rajkot	750	Closed	-
		Gondal	531	Closed	-
		Patan	8067	Closed	-
		Deesa	4564	Closed	-
		Mehsana	4564	Closed	-
		Kadi	Closed	Closed	-
		Other Gujarat	38232	Closed	-
	Total Arrival		-	-	-

Note: We have incorporated traded quantity of seed in particular mandis. It does not signify the total arrivals.

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