

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Castor seed cash market traded weak on Thursday** due to higher arrivals and weak market sentiments. 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 4106 to 4115. They expect more decline in this week..
- **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 8340 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 \$1645 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: 03.03.2014		
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
April-14	-55	4159	4179	4102	4106	40650	-8540	100800	-9400
May-14	-61	4221	4244	4165	4167	57010	9540	114840	7260
June-14	-60	4294	4314	4233	4236	13140	5635	42520	1820

Spread	Apr-14	May-14	June-14	July-14
Spot/Deesa	61			
April-14		60		
May-14			69	
June-14				-

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total	FED
	2.4.2014	2.4.2014	2.4.2014	31.3.2014
Bhabhar	2396	0	2396	2386
Deesa	24350	673	25023	24208
Kadi	41819	100	41919	41728
Patan	43577	301	43878	42981

Castor Seed Daily Prices on 03.4.2014

Commodity	Center	Market	Price (Rs/Q)		Change
			3-Apr-14	2-Apr-14	
Castor Seed	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	3775	3775	Unch
	Gujarat	Rajkot	3940	3950	-10
		Gondal	3930	3955	-25
		Patan	4005	4035	-30
		Deesa	4045	4025	20
		Mehsana	3950	4025	-75
		Kadi	3950	Closed	-
		Ahmedabad	4025	4000	25

Castor Seed Arrivals on 03.4.2014

Commodity	Center	Market	Fig. in per bags(80kg)		Change
			3-Apr-14	2-Apr-14	
Castor Seed	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	720	640	80
	Gujarat	Rajkot	1075	750	325
		Gondal	635	531	104
		Patan	7810	8067	-257
		Deesa	4881	4564	317
		Mehsana	640	4564	-3924
		Kadi	3200	Closed	-
		Other Gujarat	17759	5524	12235
	Total Arrival		36720	24640	12080

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

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