

## Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Most markets remained closed on Friday due to Akshaya Tritiya.** No major trading activity reported from other markets. Seed price increased by Rs 25 per qtl. in Rajkot mandi. Future market traded lower. Major activities might be seen from next week.
- **FoB quotes for commercial grade is hovering around \$1360/62** per Tonne from western port. In Maharashtra it is being traded at Rs 8200 per qtl. Demand for oil continues to support market fundamentals. There is no report of meal export this week however, it is offered at Rs 550 per qtl. in Ahmedabad.
- **Agriwatch estimates 11.56 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 15.40 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 food-grains 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 11.5 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 once again. Castor oil commercial** is ruling at Rs 8200 per qtl. in Mumbai, Vashi market. Belgium too is active buyers. Domestic demand for oil has not been upto the mark and planters expect fresh demand from mid May. Price of castor oil in Rotterdam too have declined from \$1725 to \$1630 per metric tonne during last one and a half 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.

**Domestic market Outlook:** Weak tone in futures and cash market likely to continue.

NCDEX Castor Futures							Date: 02.05.2014		
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
May-14	0	4086	4135	4050	4083	61600	-35445	88940	-21275
June-14	2	4140	4190	4109	4147	46610	-4520	113360	10230
July-14	-10	4232	4284	4215	4242	11380	-9210	86710	11210

Spread	May-14	June-14	July-14	Aug-14
Spot/Deesa				
May-14				
June-14				
July-14				

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total	FED
	01.5.2014	01.5.2014	01.5.2014	28.4.2014
Bhabhar	2396	0	2396	2396
Deesa	29928	310	30238	29747
Kadi	43946	1474	45420	43625
Patan	48647	1466	50113	48486

## Castor Seed Daily Prices on 1.5.2014

Commodity	Center	Market	Price (Rs/Q)		Change
			2-May-14	1-May-14	
Castor Seed	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	3700	3700	Unch
	Gujarat	Rajkot	3825	3800	25
		Gondal	3830	3930	-100
		Patan	Closed	3910	-
		Deesa	Closed	3840	-
		Mehsana	Closed	Closed	-
		Kadi	Closed	Closed	-
		Ahmedabad	3900	3900	Unch

## Castor Seed Daily Arrivals:

Commodity	Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
			2-May-14	1-May-14	
Castor Seed	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	800	800	Unch
	Gujarat	Rajkot	1925	1850	75
		Gondal	1190	1195	-5
		Patan	Closed	14565	-
		Deesa	Closed	2699	-
		Mehsana	Closed	Closed	-
		Kadi	Closed	Closed	-
		Other Gujarat	8885	35691	-26806
	Total Arrival		12800	56800	-44000

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

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