

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Castor seed market traded mixed on Saturday despite firm sentiments at futures on Friday.** Sluggish demand for castor seed products and lower export volume in August and during mid Sept remain discouraging factors despite recent crop loss in Gujarat. Seed availability is ample and Agriwatch expect market to move down first. Final sowing /resowing status would be clear by the end of this month and it may hint directional clue of the cash and futures market.
- **Almost 90 percent area under castor seed has been covered so far. As on 12th Sept,** area was recorded at 9.27 lakh ha. against 7.55 lakh ha last year till corresponding period. Overall area so far is around 1.7 lakh ha. higher than last year in sept first week. Sowing of castor seed is continues in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh and some parts of Rajasthan.
- **Castor seed x-mandi price in Gujarat has declined from Rs 40900 per tonne to Rs 40500 per tonne** at previous trading session. Fresh buying at this level is expected and it may support price to some extent. Despite decline in prices, it is still higher from the price prevalent in Sept, 2013, almost 17.82 percent lower than current price.
- **Castor meal FOR is being quoted at Rs 6200 per tonne, moderately lower** (Rs 6250 per tonne) than previous week. It is – 0.79 percent lower than last week and 9.96 percent higher than the price realized during August 2014. FOB Quote for Castor oil first grade at Kandla has decreased from \$1430 to \$1415 per tonne in last two days. However, it is almost 18.18 percent higher than the price realised in August 2013. Castor meal export price for bulk quantity too has increased slightly from \$107 to \$108 per tonne. It is higher by 11.46 percent from August, 2013.
- **Market is expected to face short supply of seed in Nov. Out of 15.8 lakh tonne** seed available for crushing almost 9.2 lakh tonne seed has been crushed so far. Around 3 lakh tonne seed is available with big players who would prefer releasing seed in parts or may retain it for three –four months from now. Govt has released fourth adv. Estimate of food grains for 2013-14 on 14, August, 2014. The govt. has estimated 16.89 lakh tonne production this year against the target of 15.81 lakh tonne. Govt. Production target for 2014-15 has been set at 16.65 lakh tonne.

International Market Update:

- **There is no report of castor oil export this week.** FOB quote at Kandla is hovering near \$1405 per tonne. However, unconfirmed sources say that quote may move up as seed prices are ruling higher at this point of time.
- **However, price of castor oil in Rotterdam too has decreased from \$1729 to \$1720 per metric tonne** during last one week. Buyers like EU, USA and China remain sidelined.

Domestic market Outlook: Market is expected to trade steady to slightly week.

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Oct-14	0	4265	4318	4241	4278	152190	-16000	179930	1570
Nov-14	1	4316	4375	4296	4330	45130	4575	91690	1320
Dec-14	0	4373	4433	4362	4392	12220		70910	

Spread	Sept-14	Oct-14	Nov-9714	Dec-14
Spot/Deesa				
Oct-14	135			
Nov-14		52		
Dec-14			62	

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total	FED
	19.9.2014	19.9.2014	19.9.2014	15.9.2014
Bhabhar	10	0	10	10
Deesa	17000	10	17010	20183
Kadi	35896	152	36048	41869
Patan	40489	142	40631	42287

Castor Seed Daily Prices on 20 September 2014

Commodity	Center	Market	Price (Rs/Q)		Change
			20-Sep-14	19-Sep-14	
Castor Seed	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	3850	3875	-25
		Jodhpur	3800	3800	Unch
	Gujarat	Rajkot	3835	3835	Unch
		Gondal	3880	3905	-25
		Patan	NR	4060	-
		Deesa	Closed	4125	-
		Mehsana	4050	4025	25
		Kadi	4000	4030	-30
		Ahmedabad	4250	4100	150

Castor Seed Daily Arrivals.

Commodity	Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
			20-Sep-14	19-Sep-14	
Castor Seed	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	240	80	160
		Jodhpur	160	160	Unch
	Gujarat	Rajkot	425	560	-135
		Gondal	351	428	-77
		Patan	NR	2480	-
		Deesa	Closed	2247	-
		Mehsana	360	240	120
		Kadi	480	880	-400
		Other Gujarat	5584	3565	2019
		Total Arrival		7600	10640

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

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