

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Cash market trades mixed on normal trading activities in major trading hubs** in Rajasthan and Gujarat. Lower demands for oil and its other products remain restrictive for market fundamentals. Arrival from new crop is likely to increase by mid January and stake holders may release stock from new months. It may pressurize price of seed in the weeks ahead.
- **There is a gossip in the market that major portion of stock is in strong hands** and they are buying only to drag price up at this point of time. Crushing activity is reported lower and it is hardly 35 to 40 thousand tonne per month, way behind from normal crushing of 75 to 80 thousand a month. This implies that oil demand is much lower at this point of time.
- **Castor oil export from India is bound to dip by 15 percent in comparison** to last year as major buyers like China has reduced its buying considerably in 2014. Market participants expect around 4 lakh tonne castor oil export in current MY while India has exported 4.79 lakh tonne oil last year (2013).
- **Castor Meal Export (FAS), Ex –Kandla traded up by \$5** to \$140 per tonne as compared to last week. It is 22.86 percent higher from the price of Dec 2013.
- **Castor seed oil export price has decreased slightly in last four weeks** and it is now being quoted at \$1470 per tonne. New castor crop would start hitting the market by the end of December but it would not impact the price due to lower volume of arrivals.
- **Area under castor seed was recorded at 10.35 lakh ha. on 10th Oct ,2014** against 9.84 lakh ha covered in last year. It is 52 thousand ha higher than last year. Area in Gujarat was recorded at 7.33 lakh ha against 6.22 lakh ha last year. However, area has decreased in Rajasthan from 1.92 to 1.49 lakh ha this year. Area in Andhra Pradesh has increased slightly from 1000 ha to 45 thousand ha this year. However in Telengana it has decreased from 83 to 66 thousand ha. this year. In other states.

International Market Update:

- **In the second week of December India exported 232.49 thousand tonne of meal MT** at an average price of \$123 per tonne. Taiwan emerged as a major buyer in the month of December too..
- **Buyers from EU, China and Japan are expected to restrict their buyings** and only need based buying may be seen in the near term. Buyers are trying to analyse new crop size and improvement in arrivals at this point of time.
- **Last week FOB quotes in Kandla hovered at \$1470 per tonne.** It may stay steady from current level. No fresh trade was reported at this level today. Demand for oil has decreased considerably in last two months.

Domestic market Outlook: Market is expected to stay steady to slightly weak.

NCDEX Price Date:17.12.2014

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Dec-14	59	4675	4731	4652	4731	14500	-5170	20130	-5250
Jan-15	35	4711	4759	4703	4750	72250	-71780	341900	-350
Feb-15	-4	4557	4592	4546	4573	5470	-12120	56400	185

Spread	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15
Spot/Deesa				
Dec-14	111			
Jan-15		19		
Feb-15			-174	

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total	FED
	16-Dec-14	16-Dec-14	16-Dec-14	15-Dec-14
Bhabhar	1199	0	1199	1199
Deesa	24797	900	25697	24756
Kadi	77033	5327	82360	76039
Patan	79565	4596	84161	72990

Castor Seed Daily Prices on 17 December 2014

Commodity	Center	Market	Price (Rs/Q)		Change
			17-Nov-14	16-Dec-14	
Castor Seed	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	4050	4050	Unch
		Jodhpur	NR	NR	-
	Gujarat	Rajkot	4080	4175	-95
		Gondal	4180	4155	25
		Patan	4580	4575	5
		Deesa	4620	4805	-185
		Mehsana	4350	4450	-100
		Kadi	4450	4350	100
		Ahmedabad	4650	4625	25

Castor Seed Daily Arrivals

Commodity	Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
			17-Nov-14	16-Dec-14	
Castor Seed	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	100	160	-60
		Jodhpur	NR	NR	-
	Gujarat	Rajkot	250	275	-25
		Gondal	181	118	63
		Patan	4477	3540	937
		Deesa	1726	2482	-756
		Mehsana	400	320	80
		Kadi	1200	1120	80
		Other Gujarat	6166	9745	-3579
	Total Arrival		14500	17760	-3260

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

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