

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Cash market trades mixed on Friday amid normal trading activities.** Export demand is weak at this point of time. The year (Jan to Dec) may end up with 4 lakh tonne oil export, lower by 15 percent from last year. Arrival pressure from new crop is awaited and production is expected to be higher by at least by 3 lakh tonne from previous year (as per trade figures). Private holding is higher than expectation and bearish outlook is a visible possibility in the weeks to come.
- **The main reason for current firmness is stock holding. Major portion of stock is** in strong hands and stakeholders are dragging market up in their own interest. Overall sentiment remains bearish and market may dip after current month's settlement. Price is artificially at higher level and demand has decreased in the past weeks.
- **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.

International Market Update:

- **In the month of Nov India exported 6839.27 MT castor seed cake at** an average price of \$145.11 per tonne. Taiwan emerged as a major buyer in the month of Nov.
- **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 .

NCDEX Price Date:20.12.2014

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Dec-14	12	4739	4781	4692	4760	8690	370	347400	94250
Jan-15	20	4774	4834	4715	4791	113790	90270	57400	2300
Feb-15	-44	4595	4597	4538	4553	21940	16150	56120	1570

Spread	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15
Spot/Deesa				
Dec-14	78			
Jan-15		36		
Feb-15			-177	

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total	FED
	18-Dec-14	18-Dec-14	18-Dec-14	15-Dec-14
Bhabhar	1199	0	1199	1199
Deesa	25850	542	26392	24756
Kadi	82315	2664	84979	76039
Patan	84673	3493	88166	72990

Castor Seed Daily Prices on 18 December 2014

Commodity	Center	Market	Price (Rs/Q)		Change
			19-Nov-14	18-Nov-14	
Castor Seed	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	4100	4080	20
		Jodhpur	4100	4100	UNCH
	Gujarat	Rajkot	4240	4250	-10
		Gondal	4180	NR	UNCH
		Patan	4655	4525	130
		Deesa	4645	4660	-15
		Mehsana	4405	4375	30
		Kadi	4415	4425	-10
		Ahmedabad	4610	4600	10

Castor Seed Daily Arrivals

Commodity	Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
			19-Nov-14	18-Nov-14	
Castor Seed	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	80	212	-132
		Jodhpur	240	160	80
	Gujarat	Rajkot	380	265	115
		Gondal	248	NR	-
		Patan	5235	5780	-545
		Deesa	2078	2002	76
		Mehsana	571	560	11
		Kadi	1644	1360	284
		Other Gujarat	7844	2033	5811
	Total Arrival		18320	12372	5948

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

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