

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Cash market trades mixed on Monday despite firmness in futures trade.** Trading activities were seen at below normal level at the onset of year end. Despite bearish outlook in the medium term some players who has larger portion of old stock may try to drag market artificially up in the month of January.
- **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 2 to 2.5 lakh tonne from previous year(as per trade figures).
- **The main reason for current firmness is stock holding.** Major portion of stock is in strong hands and stake holders 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 seed in Gujarat mandi traded Rs 250 per tonne lower than previous week** to Rs 44500 per tonne. Castor meal quote bulk at kandla was registered at Rs 8100 per tonne, almost lower by Rs 200 per tonne during the week.
- **Commercial grade oil price traded at 87500 per tonne, almost Rs 1000 higher than previous week.** Fob quote for castor oil at Kandla was quoted at \$1450 per tonne, lower by \$20 per tonne.
- **Meal price too have decreased by \$5 per tonne to \$135 per tonne during the week** under review. Castor meal quote bulk at kandla was registered at Rs 8100 per tonne, almost lower by Rs 200 per tonne during the week.
- **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:

- **Castor meal export has decreased considerably in the second week of December** and demand for meal is likely to decrease further as prices are ruling higher. Only need based buying is on the card. Bulk buying is expected in March –April, the peak arrival season and likely lower price.
- **FOB quotes In Kandla has decreased considerably from \$1470 to \$1450 per tonne** in last two weeks and it is likely to rule in the range of \$1440 to \$1445 in the remaining week of December..
- **Demand from China, EU, US and Japan is expected to remain weak till January.** Major players would buy only need based buying until arrival gets its peak. Total export of oil this year may decreased to 4 lakh tonne from January to December) Overall market sentiment remains steady to slightly firm in Dec.

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

NCDEX Price Date:22.12.2014									
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Jan-15	140	4784	4944	4750	4944	178220		322910	
Feb-15	103	4552	4718	4505	4652	60670		72050	
March-15	97	4460	4619	4441	4590	13860		27740	

Spread	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15
Spot/Deesa				
Jan-15	274			
Feb-15		284		
March-15			66	

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total	FED
	20-Dec-14	20-Dec-14	20-Dec-14	15-Dec-14
Bhabhar	1199	0	1199	1199
Deesa	27428	0	27428	24756
Kadi	86095	813	86908	76039
Patan	84673	3493	88166	72990

Castor Seed Daily Prices on 22 December 2014

Commodity	Center	Market	Price (Rs/Q)		Change
			22-Dec-14	20-Dec-14	
Castor Seed	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	4175	4150	25
		Jodhpur	4050	4100	-50
	Gujarat	Rajkot	4240	4220	20
		Gondal	4180	4130	50
		Patan	4625	4655	-30
		Deesa	4675	4625	50
		Mehsana	4250	4350	-100
		Kadi	Closed	4425	-
		Ahmedabad	4650	4625	25

Castor Seed Daily Arrivals

Commodity	Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
			22-Dec-14	20-Dec-14	
Castor Seed	Rajasthan	Sumerpur	260	160	100
		Jodhpur	80	200	-120
	Gujarat	Rajkot	425	280	145
		Gondal	321	68	253
		Patan	4005	4880	-875
		Deesa	1714	2040	-326
		Mehsana	566	572	-6
		Kadi	Closed	1960	-
		Other Gujarat	7369	11800	-4431
	Total Arrival		14740	21960	-7220

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

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