

### Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **SEBI has sought explanation from commodities derivative exchange NCDEX** in the matter of castor seed contracts, whose futures trading was suspended with immediate effect yesterday. NCDEX has been asked to explain what were the factors that led to suspension of trading and also the measures that were being taken by the exchange while positions were built up in that commodity. The Securities and Exchange Board of India has also sought details about the risk management measures in place at the commodity exchange.
- **Now farmers may avoid selling seed below Rs600 per 20 kg and it** may support cash market to stay steady. According to a senior Sebi official no issues existed at the broker level amid talks of fallout from client level default on a few exchange brokers. Cash market should stabilize around Rs 2800/ 2850 per qtl.
- **Castor oil export from India decreases by 39.22 % to 4026.41tonne during the week ended 25th Jan-2016.** Average FoB quote realized during the week is lower by 4.01% from previous week at \$1258.49 per tonne. The gap between the highest and the lowest quotes is higher by \$700 per tonne.
- **As Per Gujarat Agriculture Directorate latest update castor seed production in** Gujarat may decrease by 13 % this year to 12.66 lakh tonne. Gujarat had produced 14.56 lakh tonne seed last year. It is second advance estimate by agri state directorate. In first adv estimate production were pegged at 14.68 lakh tonne. Lower production estimate may hamper declining trend in seed price.
- **Agriculture statistics Division, DES has released its 1st Adv estimates of Production** of food-grains for 2015-16 on 16.09.2015. It has estimated 19.44 lakh tonne seed production this year. The production target for 2015-16 has been fixed at 20.34 lakh ton. India has produced 19.63 lakh tonne castor seed in 2014-15 as per revised 1st Adv estimate. Private trade estimate for the year is much lower and is between 15 to 16 lakh tonne for 2015-16. However, it is too early to talk about the final size as sowing is just over.

### International Market Update:

- **China may plan to make inventory at current level while domestic farmers** would not sell seed at current price. Till then old stock might be used stored out in warehouses. So Agriwatch expects market to stay steady and it may move up April onward once again. Oil FoB quote may range \$950 to \$1000 per tonne in the near term.
- **India Castor oil in Rotterdam decreased from \$1345 to \$1284 per tonne** in last one week and may trade up in the weeks ahead. It was being traded at \$1530 per tonne in (Dec, 2nd week), 2015.

**Domestic market Outlook:** Market is likely to trade steady in the short term.

NCDEX Castor Futures							Date: 27.01.2016		
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Feb-16	-194.00	3264.00	3264.00	3051.00	3051.00	35000	-24250	283600	-13250
Mar-16	-196.00	3318.00	3181.00	3082.0	3082.0	43130	-17650	103560	17250
Apr-16	-199.00	3503.00	3510.00	3375.00	3375.00	29300	2450	42190	12350

**Note:** Castor Seed Contracts suspended on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan-2016

Spread	16-Jan	16-Feb	16-Mar
Patan			
Feb-16			
Mar-16			
Apr-16			

NCDEX Warehouse Stocks (in MT):- as on Jan 28, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	1773	30	1803
Deesa	17211	30	17241
Kadi	58710	947	59657
Patan	84636	392	85028

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on January 25, 2016					
FED	Bhabhar	Deesa	Kadi	Patan	Total
5-Feb-16	60	2324	4809	5850	13043
5-Mar-16	958	3098	11256	14161	29473
5-Apr-16	292	534	5782	8526	15134
5-May-16	393	4665	17776	18313	41147
5-Jun-16	30	1448	5972	7141	14591
5-Jul-16	40	6500	13842	29840	50222
5-Aug-16		432	969	1504	2905
Total	1773	19001	60406	85335	166515

Castor Seed Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		29-Jan-16		28-Jan-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	2900	3000	2750	3075	-75
	Harij	2950	2975	3000	3050	-75
	Rajkot	2655	2945	2800	3005	-60
	Gondal	2555	3005	2750	3155	-150
	Deesa	2975	3000	2975	3005	-5
	Bhabar	2975	3005	2990	3035	-30
	Mehsana	2925	2960	2950	2975	-15
	Kadi	2925	3010	3000	3025	-15
	Sabarkatha	2950	2975	3000	3050	-75
	Gandhi Nagar	3025	3075	3025	3125	-50
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	3050	3055	3050	3055	Unch
	Halvad	3000	3050	2975	3025	25
	Junagadh	2900	3070	2650	2945	125
	Dhrol	NA	NA	2805	3000	-
	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3200	3200	3220	3220
Sumerpur		2900	2900	2950	2950	-50

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		29-Jan-16	28-Jan-16	
Gujarat	Patan	675	1043	-368
	Harij	675	450	225
	Rajkot	250	410	-160
	Gondal	52	210	-158
	Deesa	800	80	720
	Bhabar	1192	870	322
	Mehsana	56	80	-24
	Kadi	880	880	Unch
	Sabarkatha	37.5	112.5	-75
	Gandhi Nagar	150	127.5	23
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	16	20	-4
	Halvad	300	225	75
	Junagadh	25	30	-5
	Dhrol	NA	15	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	24	20	4
	Sumerpur	160	320	-160
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		5292	4893	400

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

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