

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Downward pressure continues on cash seed markets ahead** of new crop. Arrivals have started. However buyers are unwilling to buy as inner tone remains weak. Major buyers expect market to come down by Rs 200 per qtl more from current level. However, it remains to be seen whether farmers release stock at lower price. Pressure may continue on market and it may trade lower in the rest of weeks
- **Traders/stockiests are waiting for production and demand data to be released** in Ahmadabad on 13 February-2016 in global castor conference. Production is expected to increase this year from 13 to 15 lakh tonne this year.
- **In a latest move NCDEX has banned at least four members to take any fresh position till ongoing investigation about their role in manipulation in castor seed contracts.** These are trading members of Mid India Commodities, Investsmart Commodities, Neer-Ocean Multitrade and Leo Global Commodities. NCDEX has suspended trading in all castor seed contracts last week and decided to settle them on the closing price of January 27. If any members and its firm are found guilty of violations of regulations of the exchange shall be strictly dealt with in accordance with the provisions.
- **India exported 10014.14 tonne castor oil during the week ended 7th Feb -2016.** Average price realized at the rate of \$1193.83 per tonne. Price realization has decreased 1.8% in comparison to last week. However, volume remains almost same as last week. Export demand is likely to continue as prices are ruling at lower level. Buyers are taking advantage of emerging scenario, as crop too is higher this year.
- **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 to slightly weak 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 27th Jan-2016

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

NCDEX Warehouse Stocks (in MT):- as on Feb 9, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	946	0	946
Deesa	9768	0	9768
Kadi	38248	0	38248
Patan	55326	0	53326

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on February 8, 2016					
FED	Bhabhar	Deesa	Kadi	Patan	Total
5-Mar-16	393	2042	9483	8839	20757
5-Apr-16	221	291	3951	4467	8930
5-May-16	302	3239	12663	12755	28959
5-Jun-16	30	1045	4071	5064	10210
5-Jul-16		3134	8707	22790	34631
5-Aug-16		350	859	1353	2562
Total	946	10101	39734	55268	106049

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		10-Feb-16		9-Feb-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3000	3050	2975	3050	Unch
	Harij	3025	3040	3025	3060	-20
	Rajkot	2660	3060	NA	NA	-
	Gondal	2755	3055	2705	3030	25
	Deesa	2975	3025	2965	3040	-15
	Bhabar	3000	3050	2975	3050	Unch
	Mehsana	2990	3015	2975	3025	-10
	Kadi	2900	3055	2900	3050	5
	Sabarkatha	3050	3075	3050	3100	-25
	Gandhi Nagar	3000	3075	3025	3085	-10
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	2885	2940	2880	2975	-35
	Halvad	2950	3025	2925	3000	25
	Junagadh	2900	3150	2900	3155	-5
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3050	3050	3000	3000	50
	Sumerpur	2850	2900	2850	2900	Unch

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		10-Feb-16	9-Feb-16	
Gujarat	Patan	675	600	75
	Harij	825	675	150
	Rajkot	592	NA	-
	Gondal	154	150	4
	Deesa	800	873	-73
	Bhabar	1125	975	150
	Mehsana	120	80	40
	Kadi	1600	1600	Unch
	Sabarkatha	225	188	38
	Gandhi Nagar	165	263	-98
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	24	24.8	-1
	Halvad	225	225	Unch
	Junagadh	25	25	Unch
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	16	20	-4
	Sumerpur	40	40	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		6611	5738	873

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

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