

**Castor Domestic Fundamentals:**

- **Market fundamentals and recent developments hint that the year will** remain favorable for castor oil consumers as upside potential is very limited. Speculators have burnt their fingers and would prefer to remain sidelined in futures if futures contracts are re-launched. Under current condition castor business may revert to fundamental good demand -supply equations.
- **The recent events leading to the banning of the castor contracts by commodity** exchange has the potential to change the rules of the game. Price discovery would no longer be easy and transparent.
- **Agricultural Statistics Division, Directorate of Economics & Statistics, India** has revised its Second Adv estimate for foodgrains and estimated 17.27 lakh tonne castor seed production for 2015-16 crop year, to be marketed in MY 2016-17. The production target for the year had been fixed at 20.34 lakh tonne. India had produced 18.70 lakh tonne castor seed last year as per final estimate by DES. Against this private estimates hinges in the range of 14 to 15 lakh tonne for this year.
- **India exported 14035.49 T castor oil during week ended 21st Feb-2016** at an average price of \$1162.67 per tonne. It is higher by 35% from previous week. However price realization increased only by 0.96 % from last week. The minimum and maximum prices were registered at \$3374 and 679.80 per tonne. Castor oil export would continue to grow as prices are lower and availability is higher.
- **With declining seed prices and increasing crushing of castor seed meal** export continues to rise week on week basis. India exported 41700.99 tonne castor meal during week ended 14th Feb-2016 at an average price of \$136.95 per tonne. The highest price received at \$578.34 per tonne while the lowest bid was \$84.42 per tonne.
- **Total area under Castor crop in Gujarat for the year 2015-16 is 781,000** hectares as per the Government's estimates. It has increased by 6 % as compared to the previous year, which was 734,000 hectares according to Government's estimates.
- **Total area under Castor crop in India for the year 2015-16 is 1,136,300 hectares.** Estimated total production of Castor Seeds in India for the year 2015-16 would be 13,97,000 tonnes (Area as per Government Area Estimates) Average yield for the year 2015-16 is 1229 kg/hectare

**International Market Update:**

- **Price Of Indian FSG castor oil to China main port decreased from \$1200 to \$960 per tonne** in a very short time, commencing from early Decemehr-2015. The present price level, the lowest in 8 years has encouraged use of castor oil in different ranges of applications. China may increase its application of castor oil in different products like sebacis acid, HCO/12HSA, adhesive, printing ink etc.
- **Castor oil in Rotterdam decreased from \$1284 to \$1190 per tonne** in last one week and may trade down in the weeks ahead.

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

NCDEX Castor Futures							Date: 13.02.2016		
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
<b>Feb-16</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Mar-16</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Apr-16</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Spread	16-Jan	16-Feb	16-Mar
<b>Patan</b>			
<b>Feb-16</b>			
<b>Mar-16</b>			
<b>Apr-16</b>			

NCDEX Warehouse Stocks (in MT):- as on Feb 22, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	846	0	846
Deesa	6232	0	6232
Kadi	32343	0	32343
Patan	40992	0	40992

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on February 22, 2016					
FED	Bhabhar	Deesa	Kadi	Patan	Total
5-Mar-16	393	1679	6470	6093	14635
5-Apr-16	221	241	2877	3482	6821
5-May-16	202	1293	10606	8552	20653
5-Jun-16	-	934	3637	3897	8468
5-Jul-16	-	1745	8214	17835	27794
5-Aug-16	30	340	539	1133	2042
Total	846	6232	32343	40992	80413

Castor Seed Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		23-Feb-16		22-Feb-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	2900	3040	2750	3025	15
	Harij	3000	3025	3000	3075	-50
	Rajkot	2600	2930	2620	2955	-25
	Gondal	2830	3130	2780	3105	25
	Deesa	2975	3025	3000	3000	25
	Bhabar	2950	3025	Closed	Closed	-
	Mehsana	2950	3000	2950	3000	Unch
	Kadi	2900	3000	Closed	Closed	-
	Sabarkatha	3000	3025	2975	3000	25
	Gandhi Nagar	3000	3075	3000	3075	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	2870	2950	2850	2950	Unch
	Halvad	2900	3025	2875	2975	50
	Junagadh	2875	3040	2850	2975	65
	Dhrol	2530	2690	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NR	NR	2800	2900	-
	Sumerpur	2900	2900	2925	2925	-25

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		23-Feb-16	22-Feb-16	
Gujarat	Patan	1875	1875	Unch
	Harij	750	750	Unch
	Rajkot	308	404	-96
	Gondal	243	127	116
	Deesa	667	560	107
	Bhabar	1425	Closed	-
	Mehsana	240	200	40
	Kadi	2008	Closed	-
	Sabarkatha	150	225	-75
	Gandhi Nagar	375	263	113
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	6	4	2
	Halvad	225	225	Unch
	Junagadh	80	20	60
	Dhrol	3	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NR	NA	-
	Sumerpur	400	800	-400
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		8756	5453	3303

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

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