

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Seed market may trade slightly lower in the weeks ahead** due to improved arrivals from newly harvested crop. Pressure may be felt by the third week of March. Seed price may slip by Rs 75 to Rs100 per qtl. At this level buyers should start procuring seed for stock purpose. Future prospect for good return seems in the second half of the year. As oil export has been higher than normal pace, almost 80 percent old stock seems to be consumed so far.
- **Market fundamentals and recent developments hint that the year will** remain favorable for castor oil consumers as upside potential is very limited in the short to medium term. 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
- **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.
- **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 Decemebre-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 weak in the short term .

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

**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 25, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	604	0	604
Deesa	5368	0	5368
Kadi	28987	0	28987
Patan	37126	0	37126

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
		26-Feb-16		25-Feb-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	2800	3050	2800	3060	-10
	Harij	2950	3000	2965	2990	10
	Rajkot	2555	2910	2600	2975	-65
	Gondal	2880	3055	2750	3130	-75
	Deesa	2950	3025	2950	3010	15
	Bhabar	2965	3000	2975	3025	-25
	Mehsana	2950	3000	2975	3000	Unch
	Kadi	2900	3010	2925	3030	-20
	Sabarkatha	3000	3035	3000	3040	-5
	Gandhi Nagar	3000	3050	3000	3065	-15
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	2900	2955	2910	2955	Unch
	Halvad	2950	3050	2975	3035	15
	Junagadh	2700	2980	2900	3025	-45
	Dhrol	2500	2770	2555	2780	-10
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	2900	3000	2800	3000	Unch
	Sumerpur	2850	2900	2850	2900	Unch

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		26-Feb-16	25-Feb-16	
Gujarat	Patan	2250	2799	-549
	Harij	1350	1500	-150
	Rajkot	165	220	-55
	Gondal	199	111	88
	Deesa	560	419	141
	Bhabar	1800	1669	131
	Mehsana	320	320	Unch
	Kadi	2720	1880	840
	Sabarkatha	300	300	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	263	300	-38
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	35	76	-41
	Halvad	150	150	Unch
	Junagadh	110	60	50
	Dhrol	1	15	-14
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	20	16	4
	Sumerpur	560	400	160
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		10803	10235	568

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

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