

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Castor cash seed markets traded mixed on Saturday and are likely to 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 26, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	604	0	604
Deesa	5227	0	5227
Kadi	27592	0	27592
Patan	35768	0	35768

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
		27-Feb-16		26-Feb-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	2800	3050	2800	3050	Unch
	Harij	2950	3000	2950	3000	Unch
	Rajkot	2650	2950	2555	2910	40
	Gondal	2880	3055	2880	3055	Unch
	Deesa	2950	3000	2950	3025	-25
	Bhabar	2960	2995	2965	3000	-5
	Mehsana	2950	3000	2950	3000	Unch
	Kadi	2925	2980	2900	3010	-30
	Sabarkatha	2950	3000	3000	3035	-35
	Gandhi Nagar	2975	3050	3000	3050	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	2925	2975	2900	2955	20
	Halvad	2950	3025	2950	3050	-25
	Junagadh	2700	2975	2700	2980	-5
	Dhrol	NR	NR	2500	2770	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3000	3050	2900	3000	50
	Sumerpur	2900	2950	2850	2900	50

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		27-Feb-16	26-Feb-16	
Gujarat	Patan	3000	2250	750
	Harij	1125	1350	-225
	Rajkot	250	165	85
	Gondal	242	199	43
	Deesa	327	560	-233
	Bhabar	2250	1800	450
	Mehsana	240	320	-80
	Kadi	1600	2720	-1120
	Sabarkatha	225	300	-75
	Gandhi Nagar	300	263	38
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	40	35.2	5
	Halvad	188	150	38
	Junagadh	90	110	-20
	Dhrol	NR	1	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	20	20	Unch
	Sumerpur	400	560	-160
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		10297	10803	-506

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

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