

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **As prices are ruling lower in cash markets, farmers have restricted** selling at current level. Prices in various cash markets are hovering around Rs 2850 to Rs 2950 per qtl. Overall sentiments remain weak.
- **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 Decemebr-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 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 27, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	604	0	604
Deesa	5227	0	5227
Kadi	27592	0	27592
Patan	35637	0	35637

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
		29-Feb-16		27-Feb-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	2800	3025	2800	3050	-25
	Harij	2950	2990	2950	3000	-10
	Rajkot	2505	2965	2650	2950	15
	Gondal	2855	3080	2880	3055	25
	Deesa	2950	3000	2950	3000	Unch
	Bhabar	2925	2950	2960	2995	-45
	Mehsana	2950	2990	2950	3000	-10
	Kadi	2925	2980	2925	2980	Unch
	Sabarkatha	2950	3000	2950	3000	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	2975	3050	2975	3050	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	2750	2915	2925	2975	-60
	Halvad	2850	3000	2950	3025	-25
	Junagadh	NR	NR	2700	2975	-
	Dhrol	2630	2740	NR	NR	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3150	3150	3000	3050	100
	Sumerpur	2950	2950	2900	2950	Unch

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		29-Feb-16	27-Feb-16	
Gujarat	Patan	3000	3000	Unch
	Harij	900	1125	-225
	Rajkot	125	250	-125
	Gondal	225	242	-17
	Deesa	327	327	Unch
	Bhabar	2250	2250	Unch
	Mehsana	240	240	Unch
	Kadi	1600	1600	Unch
	Sabarkatha	375	225	150
	Gandhi Nagar	338	300	38
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	95	40	55
	Halvad	300	188	113
	Junagadh	NR	90	-
	Dhrol	15	NR	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	16	20	-4
	Sumerpur	400	400	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		10206	10297	-91

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

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