

### Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Castor cash seed markets traded mixed on Saturday.**
- **Pressure continues on seed market as inner tone remains weak.** However, fear of rains and hailstorm in castor producing region may delay harvesting activities and it may support cash market to some extent in short term. It's a temporary phenomenon. 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.
- **India exported 14035.49 T castor oil during week ended 28<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **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.
- **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 sebacic 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 .

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 03, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	373	0	373
Deesa	4453	0	4453
Kadi	26273	0	26273
Patan	32388	0	32388

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on February 29, 2016					
FED	Bhabhar	Deesa	Kadi	Patan	Total
5-Mar-16	151	461	3435	2999	7046
5-Apr-16	221	241	2806	2961	6229
5-May-16	202	1182	10034	7820	19238
5-Jun-16	-	904	3637	3269	7810
5-Jul-16	-	1745	7291	17293	26329
5-Aug-16	30	340	389	1133	1892
Total	604	4873	27592	35475	68544

Castor Seed Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		5-Mar-16		4-Mar-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	2825	2900	2750	3000	-100
	Harij	2850	2875	2850	2875	Unch
	Rajkot	2640	2875	2525	2880	-5
	Gondal	NA	NA	2780	3030	-
	Deesa	NR	NR	2800	2875	-
	Bhabar	2850	2885	2850	2875	10
	Mehsana	2800	2850	2800	2850	Unch
	Kadi	2800	2915	2800	2850	65
	Sabarkatha	2850	2900	2850	2875	25
	Gandhi Nagar	2850	2925	2875	2925	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	2755	2805	-
	Halvad	2825	2875	2800	2900	-25
	Junagadh	2750	3005	2750	2900	105
	Dhrol	NR	NR	2465	2750	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Sumerpur	2800	2800	2775	2775	25

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		5-Mar-16	4-Mar-16	
Gujarat	Patan	3750	2250	1500
	Harij	1350	1125	225
	Rajkot	410	225	185
	Gondal	NA	172	-
	Deesa	NR	2329	-
	Bhabar	3600	2175	1425
	Mehsana	440	360	80
	Kadi	1760	1840	-80
	Sabarkatha	225	375	-150
	Gandhi Nagar	413	413	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	89.6	-
	Halvad	188	188	Unch
	Junagadh	18	10	8
	Dhrol	NR	1	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NR	NR	-
	Sumerpur	560	560	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		12713	12111	602

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