

### Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **With easy supply side on castor seed front and higher rate of crushing** on increased oil demand from overseas market castor meal export may cross last year's level of 458406 tonne by the end of current financial year-2016. In last 11 months India has exported 433770 tonne meal and around 40 to 45 thousand tonne is expected in March-2016.
- **Pressure from new crop is expected by the end of this month and this means** more supply for crushing. In 2013-14 India had exported 5.33 lakh tonne. Castor meal. In new season it can break the past record as seed prices are ruling lower with ample availability.
- **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
Patan			
Feb-16			
Mar-16			
Apr-16			

NCDEX Warehouse Stocks (in MT):- as on Feb 08, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	373	0	373
Deesa	3991	0	3991
Kadi	23332	0	23332
Patan	30093	0	30093

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
		8-Mar-16		7-Mar-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	2700	2950	Closed	Closed	-
	Harij	2840	2875	Closed	Closed	-
	Rajkot	2550	2620	Closed	Closed	-
	Gondal	2755	2905	Closed	Closed	-
	Deesa	2850	2910	Closed	Closed	-
	Bhabar	2875	2910	Closed	Closed	-
	Mehsana	2825	2860	Closed	Closed	-
	Kadi	2850	2950	Closed	Closed	-
	Sabarkatha	2875	2900	Closed	Closed	-
	Gandhi Nagar	2875	2925	Closed	Closed	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	2750	2860	Closed	Closed	-
	Halvad	2750	2850	Closed	Closed	-
	Junagadh	2625	2900	Closed	Closed	-
	Dhrol	2500	2700	Closed	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	2750	2825	2700	2800	25
	Sumerpur	2840	2840	2800	2800	40

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		8-Mar-16	7-Mar-16	
Gujarat	Patan	3750	Closed	-
	Harij	1350	Closed	-
	Rajkot	580	Closed	-
	Gondal	483	Closed	-
	Deesa	480	Closed	-
	Bhabar	3000	Closed	-
	Mehsana	440	Closed	-
	Kadi	1280	Closed	-
	Sabarkatha	450	Closed	-
	Gandhi Nagar	300	Closed	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	16	Closed	-
	Halvad	225	Closed	-
	Junagadh	10	Closed	-
	Dhrol	7	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	120	140	-20
	Sumerpur	640	560	80
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		13131	700	12431

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