

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Castor cash markets firm up on increasing fear of lower output in some parts** of Gujarat and Rajasthan from normal expectation. Farmers in Kutchh are complaining of lower yield than last year while farmers in Rajasthan too are getting 10 percent lower yield than normal. There is a growing consensus that castor production may be in range of 14 lakh tonne.
- **Besides, farmers are unwilling to sell seed at current price. Demand for castor oil is good and it has lent support to the cash market fundamentals.** Stockiests are active and have started purchasing seed at higher price. Market may trade firm in the near term.
- **India exported 8494.36 T castor oil during week ended 6th March-2016** at an average price of \$1062.91 per tonne. It is lower by 54.88% from previous week. Price realization too decreased by 6.82 % from last week. The minimum and maximum prices were registered at \$1618 and 837.80 per tonne. Castor oil export would continue to grow as prices are lower and availability is higher. Even before arrival pressure.
- **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 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 Decemeb-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.

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 10, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	172	0	172
Deesa	3971	0	3971
Kadi	21717	0	21717
Patan	29122	0	29122

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on March 7, 2016					
FED	Bhabhar	Deesa	Kadi	Patan	Total
5-Mar-16	-	-	-	-	-
5-Apr-16	151	111	2555	2227	5044
5-May-16	192	1102	9731	7397	18422
5-Jun-16	-	824	3517	3199	7540
5-Jul-16	-	1614	7140	16137	24891
5-Aug-16	30	340	389	1133	1892
Total	373	3991	23332	30093	57789

Castor Seed Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		10-Mar-16		9-Mar-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	2900	3075	2800	2950	125
	Harij	2975	3025	2905	2975	50
	Rajkot	2600	2950	2665	2805	145
	Gondal	2735	3055	2755	3030	25
	Deesa	2985	3075	2900	3025	50
	Bhabar	3000	3050	2925	3000	50
	Mehsana	2960	2990	2875	2965	25
	Kadi	2850	2900	2875	2980	-80
	Sabarkatha	3000	3025	2900	2950	75
	Gandhi Nagar	3025	3060	2925	2975	85
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	2770	2925	2790	2895	30
	Halvad	2600	2800	2800	2875	-75
	Junagadh	2865	2950	2740	3030	-80
	Dhrol	2560	2750	2580	2700	50
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	2920	2920	2850	2850	70

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		10-Mar-16	9-Mar-16	
Gujarat	Patan	4125	3750	375
	Harij	1350	1500	-150
	Rajkot	210	310	-100
	Gondal	380	163	217
	Deesa	496	144	352
	Bhabar	2625	3000	-375
	Mehsana	560	400	160
	Kadi	1200	1600	-400
	Sabarkatha	450	450	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	525	488	38
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	20	56	-36
	Halvad	600	150	450
	Junagadh	20	25	-5
	Dhrol	4	26	-22
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	560	560	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		13125	12622	504

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

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