

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **With increasing pace of maturity in castor crop in Gujarat higher arrivals** are expected by the end of this month (March). Inner tone remains weak as crop is better than last year. Importers for oil are not buying actively as they are waiting for stabilization in the market. Demand for seed is weak as crushers have restricted their purchasing. Cash market may dip Rs 100 from current level and may stabilize around Rs 2750/2800 per qtl. in April. April would be the best month for buying seed for stock purpose.
- **Castor oil export increased by 67.91 % to 14263.29 tonne during the week ended 13th March-2016.** India had exported 8494.36 tonne castor oil before the week under review. Ave export quote realized at the rate of \$1084.88 per tonne, higher by 2.07 % from last week ending 6th March-2016. As prices are ruling lower, export demand would continue with same pace. Availability is enough and seed supply from new crop to the plants would continue. Ave FoB quote would hinge in the range of \$1025 to \$1075 per tonne.
- **Castor seed all India average price decreased by 1.70 % to Rs 2974.82 per qtl week on week basis.** It was being traded at Rs 3026.49 per qtl. during the week ended 7th March-2016. Slight dip from current level is likely as pressure from new crop would increase. However, any major dip in cash market seems a remote possibility as farmers may prefer to retain stock than to sell it at lower price.
- **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:

- **Ave castor oil FoB quote increased slightly from \$1066 to \$1084 last week.** China, EU and US remained active at current price level. As importers are buying higher quantity, they may slow down oil buying in second half. Market experts say that castor oil stock is being made taking advantage of lower market price.
- **Castor oil in Rotterdam decreased from \$1190 to \$1160 per tonne in last one week and may trade down in the weeks ahead.**

Domestic market Outlook: Market is likely to trade steady to 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 16, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	172	0	172
Deesa	3641	0	3641
Kadi	17501	0	17501
Patan	24516	0	24516

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on March 14, 2016					
FED	Bhabhar	Deesa	Kadi	Patan	Total
5-Mar-16	-	-	-	-	-
5-Apr-16	81	111	1724	1977	3893
5-May-16	61	813	7630	5606	14110
5-Jun-16	-	824	3256	3009	7089
5-Jul-16	-	1594	6680	14363	22637
5-Aug-16	30	340	329	474	1173
Total	172	3682	19619	25429	48902

Castor Seed Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		17-Mar-16		16-Mar-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	2950	3050	2950	3000	50
	Harij	2950	3025	2950	3040	-15
	Rajkot	2640	3015	2665	2905	110
	Gondal	2750	3030	2700	3205	-175
	Deesa	2950	3030	2985	3045	-15
	Bhabar	3015	3040	3000	3025	15
	Mehsana	2950	3025	2975	3025	Unch
	Kadi	2900	3000	2900	3025	-25
	Sabarkatha	3000	3050	3000	3050	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	3000	3075	3000	3065	10
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	2920	2985	2750	3000	-15
	Halvad	2950	3000	2925	2975	25
	Junagadh	2725	3120	2900	3065	55
	Dhrol	2700	2915	2550	2800	115
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	2800	2900	2700	2900	Unch
	Sumerpur	2875	2900	2850	2875	25

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		17-Mar-16	16-Mar-16	
Gujarat	Patan	3750	3000	750
	Harij	1500	1500	Unch
	Rajkot	240	325	-85
	Gondal	540	536	4
	Deesa	480	1070	-590
	Bhabar	1650	1275	375
	Mehsana	640	720	-80
	Kadi	2560	3800	-1240
	Sabarkatha	600	525	75
	Gandhi Nagar	525	600	-75
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	8	16	-8
	Halvad	750	900	-150
	Junagadh	50	35	15
	Dhrol	230	24	206
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	75	50	25
	Sumerpur	640	640	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		14238	15016	-778

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

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