

**Castor Domestic Fundamentals:**

- **Castor seed cash market continues to reel under pressure due** to weak inner tone and plants restricted buying despite lower arrival and release by farmers. As oil importers have covered their three months need, they are unwilling to strike fresh deal at higher price. It may put pressure on cash seed market. Agriwatch expects market to hover near current level till June.
- **Likely good rainfall this year is expected to reduce castor area in Gujarat and Rajasthan** and farmer's would prefer to shift from castor to other lucrative crops. Despite intention of lower area coverage, depending on good rainfall, yield would increase and it would compensate lower area coverage. However, higher than normal rainfall may affect crop under growth and flowering stages and may reduce crop size.
- **Cash market is expected to stabilize near Rs 2900/3000 per qtl. June** onward rainfall would be the major price driving factor. Old seed stock is almost consumed and farmer's retention due to lower price this year would not allow market to crash from current level.
- **India exported 8931.40MT castor oil during week ended 1<sup>st</sup> May-2016** at an average price of \$1187.98 per MT. It is lower by 26.505% from previous week. However, price realization has increased by 3.59% from last week. The maximum and minimum prices were registered at \$4417.01 and 508.08 per MT. Castor oil export would continue to stay steady as prices are lower than normal expectation and availability is higher. Major importers like China followed by USA and Netherlands are stocking oil taking advantage of lower price.
- **All India average price for castor seed decreased by 7.20 % from Rs 3558.35 to Rs 3301.88 perqtl** during the week ended on 30th April-2016. However, it is higher by 9.44% from the price registered during the second week of April. When we compare average price of seed from April-2015, it rules lower by 5.35 % from current average price (Rs3301.88 per qtl.). Decrease in demand for seed at higher level restricted firm tone during the week under review. However, more dip is unlikely as pace for seed arrivals in markets has declined.
- **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.

**International Market Update:**

- **Ave castor oil FoB quote increased slightly from \$1079 to \$1052 last week.** China and U.S remained active at current price level. **Castor oil in Rotterdam decreased from \$1204 to \$1200 per tonne in last one month and may trade down in the weeks ahead.**
- **Castor oil importers have made inventory this year taking advantage of** lower price and higher availability and they are in no hurry to buy oil in bulk quantity as they are aware of higher stock. So firmness is unlikely in the short to medium 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 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 May 06, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
<b>Bhabhar</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Deesa</b>	463	0	<b>463</b>
<b>Kadi</b>	3920	0	<b>3920</b>
<b>Patan</b>	1934	0	<b>1934</b>

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on May 02, 2016					
FED	Bhabhar	Deesa	Kadi	Patan	Total
<b>5-May-16</b>	-	130	1882	1158	<b>3170</b>
<b>5-Jun-16</b>	-	20	1191	1145	<b>2356</b>
<b>5-Jul-16</b>	-	323	2922	2648	<b>5893</b>
<b>5-Aug-16</b>	-	121	99	201	<b>421</b>
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>594</b>	<b>6094</b>	<b>5152</b>	<b>11840</b>

**Castor Seed Prices at Key Spot Markets:**

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		7-May-16		6-May-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3100	3150	3000	3180	-30
	Harij	3090	3140	3100	3150	-10
	Rajkot	2900	3175	2750	3200	-25
	Gondal	2805	3205	2905	3205	Unch
	Deesa	3060	3140	3050	3150	-10
	Bhabar	3100	3125	3125	3170	-45
	Mehsana	3110	3120	3100	3150	-30
	Kadi	3100	3175	3075	3170	5
	Sabarkatha	3100	3125	3150	3200	-75
	Gandhi Nagar	3100	3150	3100	3165	-15
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	3000	3090	2790	3100	-10
	Halvad	3100	3150	2900	3150	Unch
	Junagadh	2750	3190	2540	3200	-10

	Dhrol	2710	2860	2680	3050	<b>-190</b>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	3000	3060	2900	2985	<b>75</b>
	Sumerpur	3000	3050	3050	3100	<b>-50</b>

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		7-May-16	6-May-16	
<b>Gujarat</b>	Patan	16500	20935	<b>-4435</b>
	Harij	3000	3000	<b>Unch</b>
	Rajkot	480	500	<b>-20</b>
	Gondal	629	375	<b>254</b>
	Deesa	2612	2696	<b>-84</b>
	Bhabar	3375	3260	<b>115</b>
	Mehsana	1125	1200	<b>-75</b>
	Kadi	4000	3228.8	<b>771.2</b>
	Sabarkatha	750	1125	<b>-375</b>
	Gandhi Nagar	900	975	<b>-75</b>
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	80	55	<b>25</b>
	Halvad	900	1000	<b>-100</b>
	Junagadh	90	200	<b>-110</b>
	Dhrol	24	225	<b>-201</b>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	38	286	<b>-248</b>
	Sumerpur	800	800	<b>Unch</b>
<b>Total Arrivals/Above Markets</b>		<b>35303</b>	<b>39861</b>	<b>-4558</b>

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