

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Major cash markets in Gujarat remained closed due to Akshaya Tritiya.** No major trade from other centers was reported. 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 1st 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.

Domestic market Outlook: Market is likely to trade range bound 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 May 07, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	0	0	0
Deesa	463	0	463
Kadi	3920	0	3920
Patan	1914	0	1914

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

Castor Seed Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		9-May-16		7-May-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	Closed	Closed	3100	3150	-
	Harij	Closed	Closed	3090	3140	-
	Rajkot	2750	3125	2900	3175	-50
	Gondal	2755	3205	2805	3205	Unch
	Deesa	Closed	Closed	3060	3140	-
	Bhabar	Closed	Closed	3100	3125	-
	Mehsana	Closed	Closed	3110	3120	-
	Kadi	Closed	Closed	3100	3175	-
	Sabarkatha	3100	3150	3100	3125	25
	Gandhi Nagar	Closed	Closed	3100	3150	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	2865	3070	3000	3090	-20
	Halvad	Closed	Closed	3100	3150	-
	Junagadh	2800	3145	2750	3190	-45
	Dhrol	Closed	Closed	2710	2860	-
	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3100	3250	3000	3060
Sumerpur		3050	3110	3000	3050	60

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		9-May-16	7-May-16	
Gujarat	Patan	Closed	16500	-
	Harij	Closed	3000	-
	Rajkot	675	480	195
	Gondal	578	629	-51
	Deesa	Closed	2612	-
	Bhabar	Closed	3375	-
	Mehsana	Closed	1125	-
	Kadi	Closed	4000	-
	Sabarkatha	375	750	-375
	Gandhi Nagar	Closed	900	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	4	80	-76
	Halvad	Closed	900	-
	Junagadh	200	90	110
	Dhrol	Closed	24	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	53	38	15
	Sumerpur	800	800	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		2685	35303	-32618

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

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