

**Castor Domestic Fundamentals:**

- **As on 15th July, total coverage under castor seed was reported only 40,000 ha** against last year's coverage of 74,000 ha. In second week of July. Normal area coverage is 85,000 ha. for the same period. Lower coverage and farmers sowing intention show the possibility of 25 % lower coverage in Gujarat.
- **Castor cash market trades firm despite decreased volume for oil export.** Lower area coverage so far and unattractive price backed by good rainfall have given ground for crop shifting in Gujarat, the major castor seed producing state. Fear of lower production this year and depleting old stock have started pushing market up.
- **Castor meal export has been decreasing despite lower seed price and higher crushing** due to better pace of oil export this year. In the first quarter starting from April-16, India exported only 80808 tonne castor meal, lower by 85.17% from first quarter of 2015. India had exported 1.79 lakh tonne castor extraction in first three months of 2015. South Korea imported 75700 tonne this year while other buyers include Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Japan. Average FoB quote in June decreased By \$3 to 70 per tonne. In June 2015 it was ruling at \$112.
- **India exported 7078.99 tonne castor oil during week ended 10th, July-2016**, lower by 17.54 % from previous week. However, average price realization increased by 3.21 % to \$1177.06 per tonne. It had exported 8584.37 tonne oil at an average price of \$ 1140.48 per tonne in the beginning of July. Export volume is unlikely to increase as most buyers have covered their two-three months need and they are in no hurry to buy aggressively in rising market price. So Agriwatch expects steady export in coming weeks.
- **All India average price for castor seed increased by 3.35 % from Rs 3029.5 to Rs 3131.09 per qtl** during the week ended 9<sup>th</sup> July-2016. It is lower by 5.65 % from the price registered in the first week of July, 2015. As prices are ruling lower, buyers remain active. Arrivals are comparatively 35 % lower this year due to unattractive price. Lower prevailing price of seed has discouraged farmers from releasing entire stock and they have preferred to retain around 40 % crop in anticipation of price hike, generally seen in third and 4th quarter of the year.
- **Castor seed market in Sumerpur located in region of Rajasthan traded unchanged.** Stockiest remained active as arrival is being reported at 250/350 bags per day. As price is ruling lower, buyers have started accumulating stock in anticipation of higher price in second half of the year.

**International Market Update:**

- **As usual China brought the highest quantity (2687 toonne), followed by Netherland 1177.46 T and Japan 600.84 T.** Buyers like UK, USA and Belgium too remains active buying over three hundred tonne. Thailand too brought 218.73 tonne and is stockpiling oil to sell it at higher price whenever oil price shoots up, expected in third quarter of this year. Besides, other countries brought 686 tonne oil during the week under review.
- **Average FoB quote for export for the month of June till date comes to \$1120 per tonne.** In coming months export volume may decrease as buyers have brought 15 % higher stock than normal volume. If prices increase, buying for import may decrease.

**Domestic market Outlook:** Market is likely to trade range bound to slightly firm.

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 July 16, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	-	-	-
Deesa	-	-	-
Kadi	-	-	-
Patan	-	-	-

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on July 11, 2016					
FED	Bhabhar	Deesa	Kadi	Patan	Total
5-Jul-16	-	-	-	-	-
5-Aug-16	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

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

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		18-Jul-16		16-Jul-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3125	3380	3250	3325	55
	Harij	3325	3390	2975	3325	65
	Rajkot	3005	3370	3025	3380	-10
	Gondal	3055	3430	3030	3255	175
	Deesa	3250	3300	3200	3330	-30
	Bhabar	3300	3350	3290	3340	10
	Mehsana	3275	3325	3250	3325	Unch
	Kadi	3300	3350	3275	3335	15
	Sabarkatha	3325	3350	3325	3350	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	3300	3350	3300	3350	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	3200	3200	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	3000	3180	3060	3210	-30
	Junagadh	2900	3275	3000	3230	45
	Dhrol	2770	3050	2760	3185	-135
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3000	3100	2950	3050	50
	Sumerpur	3400	3425	3300	3350	75

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		18-Jul-16	16-Jul-16	
Gujarat	Patan	3185	6000	-2816
	Harij	300	638	-338
	Rajkot	300	110	190
	Gondal	308	126	182
	Deesa	118	244	-126
	Bhabar	1350	1153	197
	Mehsana	525	450	75
	Kadi	1440	1760	-320
	Sabarkatha	113	113	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	225	150	75
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	1	NA	-
	Halvad	113	169	-56
	Junagadh	75	40	35
	Dhrol	2.5	3	Unch
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	38	38	Unch
	Sumerpur	240	240	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		8332	11232	-2900

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

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