

**Castor Domestic Fundamentals:**

- **With higher rainfall in major growing regions planting pace of castor seed** speeded up and it has cast bearish impact on seed price once again despite lower acreage. Demand for oil too from international buyers got affected with firmness in seed market. However, sentiment remains firm in the medium term as area is bound to decline by over 20 % this year.
- **As on 8th August, total coverage under castor seed was reported 1.52 lakh ha** against last year's coverage of 1.48 ha. Till fourth week of July normal area coverage is 1.99 lakh ha. Lower coverage and farmers sowing intention show the possibility of 25 % lower coverage in Gujarat. Area may decline 10 to 15 percent in Rajasthan too from seasons normal of 2.15 lakh ha. Out of total coverage Gujarat has covered 1.34 lakh ha till 8th August. It is lagging behind by 16.05 % from the covered area last year till date.
- **All India average price for castor seed decreased by 0.56 % from Rs 3168.62 to Rs 3150.58 per qtl** during the week ended 6<sup>th</sup> August-2016. It is lower by 9.96 % from the price registered in the first week of August, 2015. As prices are ruling lower, buyers remain active. Arrivals are comparatively 40 % 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.
- **India exported 8185 tonne castor oil during week ended 6<sup>th</sup> August-2016**, lower by 21.95 % from previous week. Average price realization increased by 5.84 % to \$1218.63 per tonne. It had exported 6711.95 tonne oil at an average price of \$ 1151.35 per tonne in the fourth week 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 bearish market trend.
- **Farmers may shift castor area to moong, moth, turmeric, cotton, chilly, peanuts and Urad** as prices of these commodities rule considerably higher this year. Govt. has fixed MSP for Pulses and it would buy it to make a buffer stock. So farmers are sure to get MSP for these crops. There is a common gossip in the market that area in Gujarat may decline by 30 percent. It will decrease in Telangana /AP by 4/5 % this year as farmers intend to grow pulses, cotton and turmeric due to attractive price.
- **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:**

- **China Remained the major buyers in July for castor oil buying 13914.15 tonne** at an average FoB of \$1051.76 per tonne. Netherland and France stand second and third position buying 1075 and 1020 tonne during the same period at an average FoB of \$1075 & 1019 per tonne. USA brought 5450 tonne castor oil at an average FOB of \$1117.83 per tonne.
- **Other countries brought 8792 tonne oil during July at an average price of \$1180.36 per tonne.** Major volume has been exported from Mundra and JNPT port.

**Domestic market Outlook:** Market is likely to trade steady to slightly weak in the short term due to rains.

NCDEX Castor Futures							Date: 13.02.2016		
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
<b>Feb-16</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Mar-16</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Apr-16</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**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 Aug, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	-	-	-
Deesa	-	-	-
Kadi	-	-	-
Patan	-	-	-

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on Aug, 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
		11-Aug-16		10-Aug-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3300	3475	3325	3470	5
	Harij	3450	3475	3375	3425	50
	Rajkot	3005	3310	2875	3255	55
	Gondal	3120	3355	3005	3330	25
	Deesa	3385	3460	Closed	Closed	-
	Bhabar	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	3375	3400	3350	3400	Unch
	Kadi	3350	3415	3350	3400	15
	Sabarkatha	3400	3425	3400	3410	15
	Gandhi Nagar	3375	3425	3375	3425	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	3225	3415	3130	3380	35
	Junagadh	3125	3275	3125	3250	25
	Dhrol	3000	3105	3155	3245	-140
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3250	3300	3275	3325	-25
	Sumerpur	3300	3325	3300	3350	-25

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		11-Aug-16	10-Aug-16	
Gujarat	Patan	2025	1352	674
	Harij	450	225	225
	Rajkot	210	300	-90
	Gondal	201	196	5
	Deesa	316	Closed	-
	Bhabar	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	225	150	75
	Kadi	227	392	-165
	Sabarkatha	75	90	-15
	Gandhi Nagar	150	188	-38
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	38	60	-23
	Junagadh	10	20	-10
	Dhrol	6	7	-1
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	60	75	-15
	Sumerpur	40	40	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		4033	3094	939

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

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