

**Castor Domestic Fundamentals:**

- **All India average price for castor seed continued to decrease by 0.03 % from Rs 3154.02 to Rs 3152.94 per qtl during the week ended 13<sup>th</sup> August-2016.** It is lower by 6.18 % from the price registered in the second week of August, 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 30 % crop in anticipation of price hike, generally seen in third and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year. Overall outlook remains firm.
- **As on 12<sup>th</sup> August, total coverage under castor seed was reported 2.67 lakh ha** against last year's coverage of 3.37 lakh ha. in corresponding period. Till second week of August normal area coverage is 4.27 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 season's normal of 2.15 lakh ha. Overall area coverage is lagging behind by 20.77% so far.
- **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 Remains 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.
- **Major buyers are not aggressive right now as they have sufficient stock to take care of their immediate needs.** So sudden spike in seed market is unlikely despite lower planting progress so far.

**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
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 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
		16-Aug-16		13-Aug-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3400	3500	3400	3500	Unch
	Harij	3450	3525	3425	3515	10
	Rajkot	3005	3320	2850	3330	-10
	Gondal	2750	3355	3005	3355	Unch
	Deesa	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Bhabar	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	3375	3425	3375	3425	Unch
	Kadi	3400	3465	3400	3465	Unch
	Sabarkatha	3425	3435	3400	3400	35
	Gandhi Nagar	3400	3475	3400	3475	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	3160	3370	Closed	Closed	-
	Junagadh	3125	3375	3250	3350	25
	Dhrol	2945	3135	NR	NR	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3100	3100	3050	3260	-160
	Sumerpur	3375	3375	3300	3350	25

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		16-Aug-16	13-Aug-16	
Gujarat	Patan	4125	3375	750
	Harij	450	525	-75
	Rajkot	150	200	-50
	Gondal	197	202	-5
	Deesa	NR	NR	-
	Bhabar	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	525	375	150
	Kadi	800	800	Unch
	Sabarkatha	188	150	38
	Gandhi Nagar	525	338	188
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	300	Closed	-
	Junagadh	650	50	600
	Dhrol	0.5	NR	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	19	6	13
	Sumerpur	160	240	-80
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		8089	6261	1828

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