

**Castor Domestic Fundamentals:**

- **Steady to firm sentiments witnessed in major castor seed cash markets on Saturday. Mostly market remained closed in Gujarat.** Castor oil export decreased by 7.37% to 11609.17 tonne during week ended 21st August-2016. Total castor oil export in August till 21st has reached at 32327.56 tonne against 29589.56 tonne in the corresponding period July-2016. Overall castor oil export is 16 % up from July and pace of export volume is likely to stay steady in coming weeks too. India has exported oil at an average FoB of \$1191.54 per tonne. As seed price in domestic markets continues to improve, average price may go up in coming weeks.
- **All India average price for castor seed recovered slightly by 1.01 % from Rs 2835.09 to Rs 2806.7 per qtl during the week ended 19<sup>th</sup> August-2016.** It is lower by 16.56 % from the price registered in the third week of August, 2015. As prices are ruling lower, buyers remain active. Arrivals are comparatively 45 % lower in August due to unattractive price and retention. Lower prevailing price of seed has discouraged farmers from releasing entire stock and they have preferred to retain around 30-35 % crop in anticipation of price hike, generally seen in third and 4th quarter of the year
- **Castor seed planting is lagging behind by 15.33 % to 4.25 lakh ha as on 19.08.2016.** Indian farmers had planted 5.02 lakh ha in corresponding period last year. It is lower by 30.16 % from mid August's average planting of 6.15 lakh ha. Major decrease has been seen in Gujarat where area lags behind by around 1 lakh ha to 2.12 lakh ha. It had covered 3.03 lakh ha last year till date.
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- **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 firm in the short to medium term.

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
		27-Aug-16		26-Aug-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3400	3500	3400	3500	Unch
	Harij	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	-
	Rajkot	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	-
	Gondal	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	-
	Deesa	3400	3450	3435	3435	15
	Bhabar	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	-
	Kadi	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	-
	Sabarkatha	3450	3475	3450	3475	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	3450	3500	Closed	Closed	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	-
	Junagadh	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3420	3420	3025	3145
Sumerpur		3350	3350	3350	3350	Unch

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		27-Aug-16	26-Aug-16	
Gujarat	Patan	1125	1500	-375
	Harij	Closed	Closed	-
	Rajkot	Closed	Closed	-
	Gondal	Closed	Closed	-
	Deesa	19	13	6
	Bhabar	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	Closed	Closed	-
	Kadi	Closed	Closed	-
	Sabarkatha	113	75	38
	Gandhi Nagar	225	Closed	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	Closed	Closed	-
	Junagadh	Closed	Closed	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	38	15	23
	Sumerpur	160	160	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		1679	1763	-84

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