

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Castor seed sowing may decline by 24 to 30 per cent in the year 2016-17** as farmers are shifting towards groundnut, spices and pulses. Since the beginning of the year(Feb)castor prices have been reeling under extreme pressure due to higher production and steady in castor oil.As per the agriculture department, as on August 28, total sowing of castor seed has reached to 5.76 lakh hectares, down by 24 per cent from 7.73 lakh hectares in corresponding period last year. India's total sowing was about 1.13 million hectares in 2015-16.
- **India exported 7125.08 tonne castor oil during week ended 28th Aug-2016.** It is lower by 35.62 percent from 4th week of July-2016.India had exported 11609.17 tonne oil in third week of August. Export of castor oil has been almost stagnant in the past few years from India and this has laid pressure on castor oil prices. As prices are ruling lower export is likely to continue with same pace despite old accumulated stock. Prices are unlikely to move up in the near term until export volume increases.
- **All India average price for castor seed recovered smartly by 6.12 % from Rs 3104 to Rs3294.06 per qtl** during the week ended 27th August-2016. It is lower by 5.74 % from the price registered in the fourth week of August, 2015. As prices are ruling lower, buyers remain active. Arrivals are comparatively 50 % lower in August due to unattractive price and retention.
- **Castor seed planting is lagging behind by 24.37 % to 5.74 lakh ha as on 26.08.2016.**Indian farmers had planted 7.75 lakh ha in corresponding period last year. It is lower by 27 % from August's normal planting of 8.00 lakh ha. Major decrease has been seen in Gujarat where area lags behind by 34 % to 3.27 lakh ha. It had covered 5.05 lakh ha last year till date.
- **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
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 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
		31-Aug-16		30-Aug-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3450	3525	3400	3500	25
	Harij	3475	3500	3475	3525	-25
	Rajkot	3025	3375	3055	3410	-35
	Gondal	3155	3405	3255	3430	-25
	Deesa	3350	3415	NA	NA	-
	Bhabar	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	3410	3425	3425	3450	-25
	Kadi	3400	3475	3400	3460	15
	Sabarkatha	3450	3460	3450	3475	-15
	Gandhi Nagar	3425	3475	3425	3475	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	3210	3345	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	3305	3475	3225	3450	25
	Junagadh	3200	3430	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3044	3116	3048	3125
Sumerpur		3350	3350	3350	3350	Unch

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		31-Aug-16	30-Aug-16	
Gujarat	Patan	2250	3750	-1500
	Harij	375	600	-225
	Rajkot	65	70	-5
	Gondal	197	109	88
	Deesa	114	NA	-
	Bhabar	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	750	1275	-525
	Kadi	1416	877.6	538
	Sabarkatha	300	225	75
	Gandhi Nagar	338	375	-38
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	3	NA	-
	Halvad	113	150	-38
	Junagadh	60	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	40	34	6
	Sumerpur	160	80	80
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		6180	7545	-1366

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