

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Castor seed planting is lagging behind by 26.54 % to 6.54 lakh ha as on 02.09.2016.** Indian farmers had planted 8.90 lakh ha in corresponding period last year. It is lower by 27.65 % from normal planting of 9.04 lakh ha in first week of Sept. Major decrease has been seen in Gujarat where area lags behind by 34 % to 4.27 lakh ha. It had covered 5.095 lakh ha last year till date.
- **Castor seed sowing area 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 accumulated stock and steady almost steady demand for castor oil. As per latest update by agriculture department, as on August 28, total sowing area 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 planted area 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 Sept, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	-	-	-
Deesa	-	-	-
Kadi	-	-	-
Patan	-	-	-

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on Sept, 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
		5-Sep-16		3-Sep-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	Closed	Closed	3450	3550	-
	Harij	Closed	Closed	3500	3575	-
	Rajkot	3075	3425	3075	3425	Unch
	Gondal	3155	3455	2905	3455	Unch
	Deesa	NR	NR	3375	3475	-
	Bhabar	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	Closed	Closed	3450	3500	-
	Kadi	Closed	Closed	3450	3525	-
	Sabarkatha	3525	3550	3500	3550	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	Closed	Closed	3475	3525	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	3420	3420	-
	Halvad	3200	3390	3180	3410	-20
	Junagadh	Closed	Closed	3200	3370	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	3000	3210	-
	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3300	3500	3365	3450
Sumerpur		3450	3525	3325	3375	150

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		5-Sep-16	3-Sep-16	
Gujarat	Patan	Closed	3413	-
	Harij	Closed	600	-
	Rajkot	290	270	20
	Gondal	445	245	200
	Deesa	NR	151	-
	Bhabar	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	Closed	600	-
	Kadi	Closed	1760	-
	Sabarkatha	113	75	38
	Gandhi Nagar	Closed	750	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	15	-
	Halvad	450	975	-525
	Junagadh	Closed	60	-
	Dhrol	NA	5	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	5	6	-2
	Sumerpur	80	80	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		1382	9005	-7623

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

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