

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **India exported around 44710 tonne castor oil in the month of August, which is higher by 10.49 percent from July-2016.** During last three weeks castor oil export has been on higher side due to lower prevailing prices in domestic market. Prices of oil may move up as crop size is expected to be lower by 25 to 30 percent. Final Sowing status is awaited by the end of this month. As seed price is getting firmer, FoB quotes is likely to move up from current level.
- **All India average price for castor seed could not sustain at higher level and** decreased by 1.68 % from Rs 3243.70 to Rs3189.03 per qtl during the week ended 3rd Sept-2016. It is lower by 9.13 % from the price registered in the first week of Sept, 2015. As prices are ruling lower, buyers remain active. Arrivals are comparatively 50 % 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 26.57 % 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 the beginning of September normal planting of 9.04 lakh ha. Major decrease has been seen in Gujarat where area lags behind by 34 % to 4.73 lakh ha. It had covered 7.09 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.
- **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
		7-Sep-16		6-Sep-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3540	3700	3500	3575	125
	Harij	3640	3725	3550	3585	140
	Rajkot	3375	3525	3055	3405	120
	Gondal	3230	3580	NR	NR	-
	Deesa	3530	3640	3475	3555	85
	Bhabar	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	3500	3600	3510	3525	75
	Kadi	3550	3600	3550	3575	25
	Sabarkatha	3550	3575	3550	3575	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	3550	3625	3500	3575	50
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	3240	3400	Closed	Closed	-
	Junagadh	3250	3530	3200	3460	70
	Dhrol	2900	3125	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3450	3500	3310	3515	-15
	Sumerpur	3500	3540	3500	3550	-10

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		7-Sep-16	6-Sep-16	
Gujarat	Patan	8810	4500	4310
	Harij	900	750	150
	Rajkot	330	120	210
	Gondal	458	NR	-
	Deesa	678	136	542
	Bhabar	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	1275	750	525
	Kadi	2000	1750	250
	Sabarkatha	750	375	375
	Gandhi Nagar	1500	1125	375
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	750	Closed	-
	Junagadh	250	75	175
	Dhrol	1	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	413	2	410
	Sumerpur	240	400	-160
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		18354	9984	8370

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

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