

Castor Domestic Fundamentals:

- **Castor seed market is likely to stay steady to slightly firm as fresh buying interest** was seen from plants in Gujarat and Maharashtra. Arrival have declined 60 % and fear of lower production due to lower acreage lends support to market fundamental. Seed may continue to trade in the range of Rs 3400 to Rs 3500 per qtl. in the near term. Export demand for oil stayed steady and global buyers remain active. Agriwatch expects firmness in the medium term.
- **This means total available stock is around 10 lakh tonne.** Over one lakh tonne seed crushing would continue till March -next year. Thus 7 to 7.5 lakh tonne seed would be crushed by the end of March-2017. It would drag down carry out below 3 lakh tonne. This would lend support to cash market fundamental.
- **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.
- **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.

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
		9-Sep-16		8-Sep-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3500	3700	3530	3725	-25
	Harij	3640	3660	3640	3700	-40
	Rajkot	3205	3480	3255	3550	-70
	Gondal	3005	3555	3005	3580	-25
	Deesa	3545	3630	3575	3670	-40
	Bhabar	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	3575	3600	3500	3625	-25
	Kadi	3550	3630	3575	3660	-30
	Sabarkatha	3600	3650	3675	3690	-40
	Gandhi Nagar	3550	3625	3500	3600	25
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	3555	3555	3555	3555	Unch
	Halvad	3250	3455	3250	3500	-45
	Junagadh	3250	3475	3250	3555	-80
	Dhrol	3050	3290	NA	NA	-
	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3350	3400	3400	3450
Sumerpur		3450	3525	3450	3525	Unch

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		9-Sep-16	8-Sep-16	
Gujarat	Patan	7550	8999	-1448
	Harij	900	900	Unch
	Rajkot	140	230	-90
	Gondal	826	578	248
	Deesa	508	862	-354
	Bhabar	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	900	1500	-600
	Kadi	3536	4160	-624
	Sabarkatha	375	225	150
	Gandhi Nagar	1125	750	375
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	2	2	Unch
	Halvad	1125	900	225
	Junagadh	80	100	-20
	Dhrol	5	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	15	38	-23
	Sumerpur	240	240	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		17328	19483	-2155

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

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