

Castor Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- **Mixed price trend were featured in castor seed physical market due to ups and downs in demand and supply.** However, overall average prices of castor seeds is ruling on higher side in Sep month so far. Higher prices attracts domestic buyers further to enhance crushing process to extract oil and oil meal in expectation to gain more profit. On the other hand, arrivals are in mixed trend as growers are expecting further higher prices. In August, arrivals was comparatively 50% lower due to unattractive price and retention.
- **According to the government data, total 8.15 lakh hectares or 71% of castor sowing area has been covered against 10.83 lakh hac last year during the same period of time.** It is 24.74 % lower than corresponding period last year. Normal coverage area as on date stood at 10.42 lakh hectares. Continuous rains in growing region have delayed sowing by two weeks for early maturity varieties. As sowing has got delayed, area decline may increase over 30 percent this year by the end of September.
- **According to recent released IBIS data, India shipped approx. 1187.165 tonne castor oil during the period** started from 5th Sep 2016 to 9th September 2016 with a total FOB price Rs.9.014 crore mostly from Mundra port via sea mode in India. USA, Italy, Turkey, China, Vietnam Japan Russia are the main buyer for Indian castor oil. India shipped around 44710 tonne castor oil in the month of August, which is higher by 10.49 percent from July-2016. However, latest data of current month is awaited. 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.
- **Agricultural Statistics Division, Directorate of Economics & Statistics, India has published its fourth adv estimate for food grains on 2nd August-2016 and estimated 16.50 lakh tonne castor seed production for 2015-16 crop year, to be marketed in MY 2016-17.** It has decreased production estimate from 17.75 to 16.50 lakh tonne in fourth Adv estimate. The production target for the year had been fixed at 20.34 lakh tonne. India had produced 18.70 lakh tonne castor seed last year as per final estimate by DES. Against this, private estimates hinge in the range of 14 to 15 lakh tonne for this year.
- **Lower coverage and farmers sowing intention show the possibility of 25 % lower coverage in Gujarat.** Area may decline 10 to 15 percent in Rajasthan too from season's normal of 2.15 lakh ha. Overall area coverage is lagging behind by 20.77% so far. Farmers have shifted castor area to moong, moth, turmeric, cotton, chilly, peanuts and Urad as prices of these commodities rule considerably higher this year. Govt. has fixed MSP for Pulses and it would buy it to make a buffer stock. So farmers are sure to get MSP for these crops. There is a common gossip in the market that area in Gujarat may decline by 30 percent. It will decrease in Telangana /AP by 4/5 % this year as farmers intend to grow pulses, cotton and turmeric due to prevailing attractive price.

International Market Update:

- **South Korea imported 173,460 tons of castor meal during April-August 2016.** While, Taiwan bought total - 3403 tonnes of castor meal during April-August 2016.

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
		19-Sep-16		17-Sep-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3600	3750	3675	3775	-25
	Harij	3625	3725	3555	3680	45
	Rajkot	3355	3555	3355	3565	-10
	Gondal	3330	3555	3205	3580	-25
	Deesa	3585	3720	3650	3680	40
	Bhabar	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	3625	3685	3625	3675	10
	Kadi	3625	3735	3625	3730	5
	Sabarkatha	3700	3725	3700	3750	-25
	Gandhi Nagar	3700	3750	3675	3725	25
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	3605	3605	3605	3605	Unch
	Halvad	3400	3590	3515	3635	-45
	Junagadh	3325	3575	3300	3560	15
	Dhrol	3225	3430	3225	3475	-45
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3550	3645	3400	3550	95
	Sumerpur	3525	3575	3500	3575	Unch

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		19-Sep-16	17-Sep-16	
Gujarat	Patan	4212	3000	1212
	Harij	675	1000	-325
	Rajkot	315	390	-75
	Gondal	126	274	-148
	Deesa	900	277	623
	Bhabar	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	750	1875	-1125
	Kadi	1924	1920	4
	Sabarkatha	300	300	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	900	900	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	1	5	-4
	Halvad	1500	1350	150
	Junagadh	100	165	-65
	Dhrol	5	8	-3
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	22	6	16
	Sumerpur	160	160	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		11890	11629	261

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

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