

Castor Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- **Castor seed prices in physical market witnessed widely firm tone due to good buying activities.** Exporters are remaining active in the market on improved demand by importers. Overall prices in both of the markets of Gujarat and Rajasthan showed higher side in Sep month so far. Higher prices attract domestic buyers further to enhance crushing process to extract oil and oil meal in expectation to gain more profit. Cumulative arrivals are recorded higher as on date as the stockiest want to book the profit on the current level. Sellers have released just double stocks in the Sumerpur market of Rajasthan as compared previous day record. Arrival in Sumerpur is being reported to 150/160 bags of today. Cash markets trade firm as fear of lower acreage and crop size has strengthened inner tone and farmers /stockiest may prefer to retain stock till the end of the year. It may push seed price up from current level despite steady oil exports .
- **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			

<i>Feb-16</i>			
<i>Mar-16</i>			
<i>Apr-16</i>			

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
		21-Sep-16		20-Sep-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3725	3825	3650	3840	-15
	Harij	3800	3840	3800	3875	-35
	Rajkot	3405	3645	3405	3590	55
	Gondal	3005	3655	3005	3600	55
	Deesa	3700	3805	3655	3760	45
	Bhabar	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	3700	3760	3700	3750	10
	Kadi	3750	3825	3700	3775	50
	Sabarkatha	3800	3840	3750	3790	50
	Gandhi Nagar	3750	3825	3725	3775	50
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	3505	3505	-
	Halvad	3400	3590	3450	3590	Unch
	Junagadh	3150	3585	3400	3625	-40
	Dhrol	3250	3510	3225	3475	35
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	3450	3500	-
	Sumerpur	3600	3650	3550	3625	25

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		21-Sep-16	20-Sep-16	
Gujarat	Patan	6000	5560	440
	Harij	1125	1125	Unch
	Rajkot	305	295	10
	Gondal	392	553	-161
	Deesa	957	854	102
	Bhabar	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	1500	975	525
	Kadi	3360	2600	760
	Sabarkatha	375	225	150
	Gandhi Nagar	1650	1125	525
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	1	-
	Halvad	975	1500	-525
	Junagadh	60	55	5
	Dhrol	5	8	-3
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	38	-
	Sumerpur	160	80	80
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		16864	14994	1870

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

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