

Castor Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- Castor seed prices in physical market declined widely on account of lower trading activities.**
 Exporters are in wait and watch condition as prices are comparatively very high. On Long run, prices in both of the markets of Gujarat and Rajasthan is likely to increase on lower crop for the season. Cumulative arrivals are in mixed trend as some of the farmers are still waiting for good prices. Sellers hold today's stocks in the Sumerpur market of Rajasthan as compared to previous day record. Arrival in Sumerpur is being reported to remain same arrival as 150/160 bags compare to previous day.
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
		22-Sep-16		21-Sep-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3605	3795	3725	3825	-30
	Harij	3700	3790	3800	3840	-50
	Rajkot	3405	3605	3405	3645	-40
	Gondal	3005	3655	3005	3655	Unch
	Deesa	3685	3740	3700	3805	-65
	Bhabar	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	3675	3750	3700	3760	-10
	Kadi	3700	3775	3750	3825	-50
	Sabarkatha	3775	3825	3800	3840	-15
	Gandhi Nagar	3700	3750	3750	3825	-75
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	3645	3645	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	3350	3620	3400	3590	30
	Junagadh	3150	3675	3150	3585	90
	Dhrol	NA	NA	3250	3510	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3550	3610	3555	3630	-20
	Sumerpur	3575	3625	3600	3650	-25

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		22-Sep-16	21-Sep-16	
Gujarat	Patan	7314	6000	1314
	Harij	900	1125	-225
	Rajkot	350	305	45
	Gondal	781	392	389
	Deesa	952	957	-5
	Bhabar	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	900	1500	-600
	Kadi	3120	3360	-240
	Sabarkatha	375	375	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	900	1650	-750
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	2	NA	-
	Halvad	1125	975	150
	Junagadh	110	60	50
	Dhrol	NA	5	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	38	66	-29
	Sumerpur	160	160	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		17027	16930	97

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

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