

- **Firm tone witnessed in Castor physical on improved demand.** Some of the sellers are releasing their old stocks on the current market prices. While, some of them started to hold their crops in expectation of further hike in prices. Arrivals are seen in mixed trend today. In long run, prices in both of the markets of Gujarat and Rajasthan is likely to increase on the projection of lower crop size for the season.
- **According to the sources, total 8.40 lakh hectares of castor sowing area has been covered as on 13th October 2016 with a decline of 24.18% against 11.08 lakh hectares during corresponding period last year and 10.36 lakh Ha in 2014.** Normal coverage area of five years average stood at 12.51 lakh Ha. While, sowing area is recorded at 8.35 lakh Ha. and 8.30 lakh Ha. respectively as on 29th September 2016 and 22nd September 2016. Continuous rains in growing region have delayed sowing by two weeks for early maturity varieties. Delay in sowing may cause increased decline in area.
- **As per sources, Andhra Pradesh has covered total 0.34 lakh hectare of Castor sowing as on 12th October 2016 which is 43% of this season.** Sowing area was covered near 0.46 lakh hectare and 0.48 lakh hectare in the corresponding period of time in 2015 and 2014 respectively. Normal sowing area stood at 0.80 lakh hectares as on 12th October 2016 while targeted area of Castor seed is mentioned at 0.80 for the same period of time.
- **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 September 23,2016 total sowing area of castor seed has reached to 10.83 lakh hectares, down by 2.3 per cent against last year record in the corresponding period of time. India's total planted area was about 1.13 million hectares in 2015-16.
- **Rajasthan too is lagging behind by 13.63% to 1.71 lakh ha as on 13th Oct 2016 against 1.98 lakh Ha.** in previous year in the same period of time. However, coverage area is running slightly ahead in AP and Telangana. Overall coverage area is expected to fall by 25 to 30 % this year as farmers have shifted to pulses and other lucrative crops.
- **India exported total 42269 tonnes castor meal in September 2016 higher than 20301 tonnes in August 2016.** As seed price is ruling lower, export volume is expected to go up in October-2016 as well. Average castor meal exports ( April 2016 to September 2016) is registered down at 222137 T against 252037 T in previous year during the same period of time. FOB quotes for meal has decreased at \$69/T in September 2016 from \$110 per tonne in last year during the same period of time. South Korea bought 213847 tonne meal during April- Sep 2016 at an average price of \$101.65 per tonne.

#### International Market Update:

- **USA is the main the major buyers in September for castor oil buying 308.44 kgs at an average CIF value in \$ 2500.15 total for the month through the Mumbai Air source.**

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 27<sup>th</sup> Jan-2016**

Spread	16-Jan	16-Feb	16-Mar
Patan			
Feb-16			
Mar-16			
Apr-16			

**NCDEX Warehouse Stocks (in MT):- as on Oct, 2016**

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	-	-	-
Deesa	-	-	-
Kadi	-	-	-
Patan	-	-	-

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on Oct, 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
		24-Oct-16		22-Oct-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3575	3650	3575	3650	Unch
	Harij	3625	3660	3550	3625	35
	Rajkot	3300	3500	3275	3455	45
	Gondal	3005	3480	NA	NA	-
	Deesa	3545	3600	3555	3595	5
	Bhabar	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	3560	3585	3550	3575	10
	Kadi	Closed	Closed	3575	3635	-
	Sabarkatha	3600	3625	3575	3600	25
	Gandhi Nagar	3575	3615	3550	3600	15
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Halvad	3350	3475	3300	3475	Unch
	Junagadh	NA	NA	3000	3410	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3580	3580	3300	3500
Sumerpur		3440	3440	3450	3450	-10

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal	Change
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		24-Oct-16	22-Oct-16	
<b>Gujarat</b>	Patan	5250	3750	1500
	Harij	600	600	Unch
	Rajkot	350	230	120
	Gondal	463	NA	-
	Deesa	680	540	140
	Bhabar	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	1125	1500	-375
	Kadi	Closed	2560	-
	Sabarkatha	75	75	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	450	900	-450
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NR	NR	-
	Halvad	150	150	Unch
	Junagadh	NA	140	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	53	17	36
	Sumerpur	160	80	80
<b>Total Arrivals/Above Markets</b>		<b>9356</b>	<b>10542</b>	<b>-1186</b>

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