

Castor Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- **Mixed trend were seen in most of the markets after ups and downs in demand.** Arrivals are not in full pace due to cash problem and lower price. Demand from importing countries are also less which is affecting on castor seed prices. Lower cash flow in cash market and weak trading activities are affecting price of seed at this point of time. Buyers /sellers both have preferred to stay away from market as they still hope market to improve. However some of the needy farmers are selling their stocks against cheque or online payments. However, emerging scenario hints market to trade range bound despite normal flow of oil export. Old accumulated stock is being used. There is no hope for market to back on right track soon.
- **India exported total 41451 tonnes castor meal in November 2016 higher than 31025 tonnes in October 2016.** As seed price is ruling lower, export volume is expected to go up in December-2016 as well. Average castor meal exports (April 2016 to November 2016) is registered down at 294613 T against 337814 T in previous year during the same period of time. FOB quotes for meal has increased at \$101/T in November 2016 from \$87 per tonne in last year during the same period of time. South Korea bought 278157 tonne meal during April- Nov 2016. India castor oil export in November month dropped at 35,608 metric tonnes against 45,002 metric tonnes same period a year ago.
- **Seed stock in Gujarat and Rajasthan is said to be lower by 25 % this year** at this point of time. As stockiest are waiting for improvement in price, arrival of seed is lower. New crop would hit market from end January and its impact may be felt on price. Cash crunch too is affecting normal trading activities. Overall outlook remains flat and seed market would continue to trade range bound.,
- **Major buyers have fulfilled its 80 % requirements and they are in position** to wait for new crop, likely to hit market by Jan end. Fresh buying is expected from March onward. However, crop size is expected to be lower this year, castor seed price should move up from current level.
- **According to the sources, total 8.40 lakh hectares of castor sowing area in India 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.

International Market Update:

- Turkey and Saudi were the main buyers for Indian castor oil during 21st November 2016 26th November 2016.

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 Dec, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	-	-	-
Deesa	-	-	-
Kadi	-	-	-
Patan	-	-	-

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on Dec, 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-Dec-16		23-Dec-16		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3600	3700	3575	3650	50
	Harij	3540	3625	3555	3625	Unch
	Rajkot	3350	3435	3350	3470	-35
	Gondal	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Deesa	3535	3615	3575	3600	15
	Bhabar	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	3575	3585	3575	3600	-15
	Kadi	3585	3640	3600	3640	Unch
	Sabarkatha	3575	3600	3575	3610	-10
	Gandhi Nagar	3550	3600	3550	3600	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	3375	3525	3350	3495	30
	Junagadh	3000	3555	3500	3600	-45
	Dhrol	3050	3420	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3630	3630	3610	3610	20
	Sumerpur	3425	3425	3425	3425	Unch

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		24-Dec-16	23-Dec-16	
Gujarat	Patan	3750	3000	750
	Harij	450	398	53
	Rajkot	65	35	30
	Gondal	NR	NR	-
	Deesa	102	400	-298
	Bhabar	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	225	225	Unch
	Kadi	680	960	-280
	Sabarkatha	113	75	38
	Gandhi Nagar	188	150	38
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	90	38	53
	Junagadh	50	NA	-
	Dhrol	2	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	34	56	-23
	Sumerpur	80	80	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		5827	5416	411

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