

Castor Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- **Castor seed prices strongly improved in all the physical markets after improved demand and smooth cash flow.** Overseas enquiries are also influencing prices to rise. Now, buyers /sellers prefer to sell their holding stocks at the current market price. As per the Solvent Extractor's Association, the production of castor seed in India is likely to decline by 19% to 11.30 lakh tonnes for the season 2016/17 as compared to previous year record i.e. 14 lakh tonnes. We expects castor seed prices to go up in the long run. As per sources, National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Ltd. (NCDEX) have already introduced new contracts for future trading in Castor seed.
- **Castor oil export increased slightly by 0.19 percent in Novemer-2016. India exported 35608 tonne castor oil** in November 2016/17 season against 45002 tonne in November-2015/2016. India shipped lower castor oil if comparing to month on month basis at 47112 MT in October 2016/17. Export pace is expected to go down as availability of oil is higher and price is comparatively low on account of cash problem. We are expecting same trend in the upcoming week.
- **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.
- **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: 07.01.2017		
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Feb-16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Castor Seed Contracts are opened now. Prices will be updated from Monday.

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

NCDEX Warehouse Stocks (in MT):- as on Jan, 2016			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	-	-	-
Deesa	-	-	-
Kadi	-	-	-
Patan	-	-	-

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on Jan, 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
		7-Jan-17		6-Jan-17		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3700	3800	3675	3775	25
	Harij	3700	3750	3700	3725	25
	Rajkot	3505	3745	3025	3630	115
	Gondal	NR	NR	3430	3755	-
	Deesa	3705	3735	3625	3715	20
	Bhabar	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	3725	3760	3700	3735	25
	Kadi	3725	3805	3700	3765	40
	Sabarkatha	3750	3775	3650	3675	100
	Gandhi Nagar	3750	3785	3715	3750	35
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	3605	3640	-
	Halvad	3400	3610	3350	3510	100
	Junagadh	3650	3755	3475	3685	70
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3600	3650	3500	3600	50
	Sumerpur	3575	3600	3525	3560	40

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		7-Jan-17	6-Jan-17	
Gujarat	Patan	2400	3000	-600
	Harij	150	150	Unch
	Rajkot	180	145	35
	Gondal	NR	532	-
	Deesa	72	80	-8
	Bhabar	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	225	225	Unch
	Kadi	2240	1040	1200
	Sabarkatha	75	38	38
	Gandhi Nagar	150	113	38
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	6	-
	Halvad	225	53	173
	Junagadh	70	50	20
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	41	65	-24
	Sumerpur	160	80	80
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		5988	5575	413

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

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