

- **Weak tone witnessed in Castor Physical market after lackluster demand. Low crush margin and lower castor oil demand are affecting to the castor seed prices.** New crop is entering now at maturity stages, especially early sown crop and would start hitting the market from next months, so market is expected to dip from current level. Peak arrival season may be seen in April as usual and preliminary indication shows that yield would be better than last year. So impact of lower area coverage may be nullified by higher yield. However, weather condition in March and April would remain crucial and stake holders need to have a close eye on weather development in growing belts like Rajasthan, Gujarat and MP. Overall outlook remains bearish.
- **As per recent second advanced estimates of Haryana agriculture department, castor seed crop production, Area and Yield for the season 2016/17 are estimated at 1.3(000 Tonnes), 1 (000 hect.) and 1267 (kgs./ hect.).**
- **Castor oil export decreased by 20.87 percent to 35608 MT in Novemer-2016/17 against 45002 MT in 2015/16 season in the same period of time.** India shipped 21.18% lower castor oil while comparing to 47112 MT in October month during 2016/17 record. Export pace is expected to go down as availability of oil is higher. 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.
- **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. Castor oil demand is lagging due to slow buying in China ahead of week-long New Year holidays later this month.

NCDEX Castor Futures							Date: 20.01.2017		
Contract	+/- (%)	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	OI	Change	P. close
Feb-17	-0.90	4094	4125	4056	4061	11390	24970	-37	4098
Mar-17	-0.77	4143	4167	4100	4105	5050	17650	-32	4137
Apr-17	-0.46	4191	4200	4147	4147	930	2060	-19	4166

(Stock wise delivery will be updated in March as it is not available)

Spread	17-Jan	17-Feb	17-Mar
Patan			
Feb-17			
Mar-17			
Apr-17			

NCDEX Warehouse Stocks (in MT):- as on 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2017			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	0	122	122
Deesa	121	273	394
Kadi	495	636	1131
Patan	910	1312	2222

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2017					
FED	Bhabhar	Deesa	Kadi	Patan	Total
5-Jul-17	-	-	161	51	-
5-Aug-17	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	161	51	-

**Castor Seed Prices at Key Spot Markets:**

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		21-Jan-17		20-Jan-17		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3750	3850	3800	3850	Unch
	Harij	3800	3850	3825	3875	-25
	Rajkot	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Gondal	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Deesa	3755	3830	3775	3930	-100
	Bhabar	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	3790	3810	3825	3850	-40
	Kadi	3800	3860	3825	3925	-65
	Sabarkatha	3800	3825	3825	3900	-75
	Gandhi Nagar	3750	3825	3825	3875	-50
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	3625	3775	3800	3910	-135
	Junagadh	NR	NR	NR	NR	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3650	3700	3800	3820	-120
	Sumerpur	3650	3675	3700	3730	-55

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		21-Jan-17	20-Jan-17	
Gujarat	Patan	5250	3750	1500
	Harij	450	450	Unch
	Rajkot	NR	NR	-
	Gondal	NR	NR	-
	Deesa	511	720	-209
	Bhabar	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	525	375	150
	Kadi	2120	2560	-440
	Sabarkatha	38	113	-75
	Gandhi Nagar	600	300	300
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	150	150	Unch
	Junagadh	NR	NR	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	41	83	-41
	Sumerpur	80	160	-80
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		9765	8660	1105

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

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