

- **Firm tone witnessed in the castor physical market on higher demand amid low supplies. Stockiest and millers are active in the market further to buy raw materials.** On the other hand, farmers are not interested to release their holding stocks at the current market prices. They are waiting for Rs. 4300/100 kg. Castor seed futures prices are trading in premium compared to spot market prices, which influenced traders to increase buying activities for the purpose of inventory. In the long run, prices may go up in the long term as lower production estimates of this season.
- **Lower castor seed production for 2016/17 is estimated by the different industry body. According to new released estimate of the Solvent Extractor's Association of India, India is likely to produce 25% down castor seed to 10.23 Lakh tonnes in 2016/17 against 14 lakh tonnes in 2015/16 as farmers have shifted castor seed area towards other lucrative crops.** As per Nielsen India, castor seed production may stand at 10.67 million tonnes lower than previous year estimates i.e. 14.23 million bags. Despite good yield, production estimates of castor seed is lower on account of lower acreage. According to the report, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Andhra and Telangana & other states grow 8.61 million tonnes, 1.23 million tonne, 64,000 million Tonnes and 19000 million tonnes respectively. While, total area of the states like Gujarat, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and other states is placed at 5.65 lakh hectares, 1.70 lakh hectares, 78,000 hectares respectively in 2016/17.
- **India exported castor meal higher at 30312 tonnes in February 2017 than 5263 tonnes in January 2017.** However, Castor meal exports volume is expected to go down in upcoming month on lower demand majorly in international markets. Average castor meal exports ( April 2016 to February 2017) is registered higher at 414311 T against 367979 T in previous year during the same period of time. FOB quotes for meal stood down by 12.30% to \$57/T in February 2017 against \$65/T during the corresponding period of last year. South Korea bought 333576 tonne meal during April- February 2017.
- **Castor oil export of India decreased by 3.44 percent to 34380 MT during December-2016/17 season against 35608 MT in 2015/16 season in the same period of time.** Total coffee exports of 2016/17 so far is registered down by 30.39% to 378146 as compared to 543274 MT in the same period of time in last year. Export pace is expected to go down as availability of oil is higher and slow buying activities in international market. India exported castor oil at Rs.272.74 crore per tonne in December-2016, down by 4.22% from previous month record. Total FoB quote of this season 2016/17 stood at Rs. 2652.70 crore compared to Rs. 4198.19 crore in previous season.

#### International Market Update:

A little demand were seen in some of European countries which may support further castor prices. China is remained slow in buying activities of Castor oil as industrial production of the country is slow on account of pollution clean drive.

NCDEX Castor Futures							Date: 16.03.2017		
Contract	+/(%)	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	OI	Change	P. close
Mar-17	+1.40	4385.00	4411.00	4364.00	4411.00	820	660	+61.00	4350.00
Apr-17	+3.99	4400.00	4561.00	4398.00	4561.00	99980	100450	+175.00	4386.00
May-17	+4.00	4469.00	4632.00	4468.00	4632.00	30090	34540	+178.00	4454.00



NCDEX Warehouse Stocks (in MT):- as on 16th March, 2017			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	2196	182	2378
Deesa	8353	688	9041
Kadi	14223	1238	15461
Patan	35942	4098	40040

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on 13th March, 2017					
FED	Bhabhar	Deesa	Kadi	Patan	Total
5-Jul-16	-	121	495	668	1284
5-Aug-16	1266	4077	7039	17283	29665
5-Sep-16	626	3507	4919	14659	23711
Total	1892	7705	12453	32610	54660

### Castor Seed Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		17-Mar-17		16-Mar-17		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4175	4300	4100	4175	125
	Harij	4275	4330	4100	4150	180
	Rajkot	3875	4025	3850	3950	75
	Gondal	4000	4030	4000	4030	Unch
	Deesa	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	-
	Bhabar	3990	4015	3990	4015	Unch
	Mehsana	4150	4210	4050	4125	85
	Kadi	4225	4300	4100	4200	100
	Sabarkatha	4200	4225	4100	4150	75
	Gandhi Nagar	4250	4325	4050	4150	175
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	4110	4150	4115	4350	-200
	Halvad	3800	4000	3750	3975	25
	Junagadh	3800	4050	3900	4080	-30
	Dhrol	3370	3765	3565	3740	25
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4170	4170	4110	4110	60
	Sumerpur	4050	4100	4050	4100	Unch

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		17-Mar-17	16-Mar-17	
Gujarat	Patan	4500	3000	1500
	Harij	1800	1350	450
	Rajkot	450	700	-250
	Gondal	1271	NA	-
	Deesa	Closed	Closed	-
	Bhabar	NR	NR	-
	Mehsana	750	750	Unch
	Kadi	5040	3280	1760
	Sabarkatha	450	375	75
	Gandhi Nagar	1500	1125	375
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	52	20	32
	Halvad	263	225	38
	Junagadh	40	10	30
	Dhrol	14	36	-22
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	30	49	-19
	Sumerpur	400	400	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		16560	11320	5240

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

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