

Domestic Market Update:

- Overall castor seed cash markets are closed on Wednesday due to strike against E-auction.
- All India arrival of castor seed today is 4326 quintal which is lower by 4687 quintal from last day arrival of 9013 quintals.
- All India average castor price is around Rs.3865/quintal which is higher by 4.75% from last week price of Rs.3686/quintal and up by 22% from same period last year price of Rs.3169/quintal.
- Castor seed area as on 28th July is around 2.41 lakh hectares which is up by 45% normal area as on date of 1.66 lakh hectares and also up by 131% from last year area till date of 1.04 lakh hectares. The main reason for increasing area is expectation of higher return in coming season of 2017-18 as stock is getting thinner day by day, also it is reported that 2.5-3 lakh bags of castor seed is destroyed in Banaskantha and Patan districts of Gujarat which also affect to push the price in northward in coming months.
- Castor meal export in June, 17 is around at 62,516 MT and traded at USD 59/T @ Indian port (FOB) versus 19141 MT of last month at US\$63/T and 132,771 MT of June 2016 at US\$70/T. Expectation of hike in price in coming months is the main reason for higher export. Exports for the period of Jan-June are reported up by 64% at 499,140 MT.
- According to the Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA), Castor seed production in 2016/17 is expected to stand down by around 25% to 10.55 lakh tonss compared to 14 lakh tonss in previous year. While, castor seed production for 2016/17 is placed down at 15.54 lakh tonss against previous year record i.e. 17.52 lakh tons as per the second advance estimates by the ministry of agriculture department.

International Market Update:

- Castor Oil prices ended higher by 3.0% on good demand from global markets, higher demand from China, EU and other Asian nation supported the prices in global market. Exports in June are reported higher by 13.2% versus last month but lower by 15% y/y. Oil prices over Rotterdam recovered by 4.5% during the week on thin pipeline amidst good buying activity. Stockiest are taking advantage of lower prices which has ruling due to new tax policy. Prices at Rotterdam are quoting at \$ 1,750 per MT versus \$ 1,675 per MT of last week.

NCDEX Castor Futures						Date: 16.08.2017	
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
Aug-17	-47.00	4567	4558	4520	4520	860	1550
Sept-17	-7.00	4652	4672	4591	4650	27120	78020
Oct-17	-23.00	4746	4746	4667	4719	2190	4930

NCDEX Warehouse Stocks (in MT):- as on 14th August, 2017			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	2073	0	2073
Deesa	4011	101	4112
Kadi	15370	0	15370
Patan	28118	333	28451

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on 14th August, 2017					
FED	Bhabhar	Deesa	Kadi	Patan	Total
5-Sep-17	455	1972	3368	10375	16170
5-Oct-17	1083	646	5938	14621	22288
5-Nov-17	414	849	5652	2789	9704
5-Dec-17	121	91	352	81	645
5-Jan-18	-	81	30	91	202
5-Feb-18	-	372	30	162	564
Total	2073	4011	15370	28119	49573

Castor Seed Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		16-Aug-17		12-Aug-17		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4200	4300	4300	4400	-100
	Harij	4175	4350	4300	4350	Unch
	Rajkot	Closed	Closed	3840	4245	-
	Gondal	3955	4155	3980	4230	-75
	Deesa	4125	4355	4350	4360	-5
	Bhabar	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Mehsana	Closed	Closed	4300	4350	-
	Kadi	4350	4450	4350	4460	-10
	Sabarkatha	Closed	Closed	4400	4425	-
	Gandhi Nagar	Closed	Closed	4400	4450	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	4075	4100	-
	Halvad	Closed	Closed	4000	4275	-
	Junagadh	Closed	Closed	3750	4050	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4200	4300	4400	4450	-150
	Sumerpur	Closed	Closed	4250	4300	-

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		16-Aug-17	12-Aug-17	
Gujarat	Patan	1875	4500	-2625
	Harij	525	900	-375
	Rajkot	Closed	120	-
	Gondal	105	339	-234
	Deesa	321	189	132
	Bhabar	NA	NA	-
	Mehsana	Closed	375	-
	Kadi	1440	1876	-436
	Sabarkatha	Closed	113	-
	Gandhi Nagar	Closed	300	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	1	-
	Halvad	Closed	150	-
	Junagadh	Closed	35	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	60	75	-15
	Sumerpur	Closed	40	-
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		4326	9013	-4687

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

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