



### Domestic Market Update:

- Mostly castor seed markets traded weak with lower arrival on Thursday.
- All India arrival of castor seed today is 5324 which are down by 36 quintal from last day arrival of 5360 quintals.
- Monthly demand from local as well overseas buyers is 20-25% higher than last year and stock in pipeline is lower, which may also push the seed price towards northward direction till the pressure of new crop hits in the markets.
- Castor seed prices is likely to trade firm in coming week of December as demand from local buyers is higher than supply in the markets. Daily requirement of traders is around 5-6 lakh bags however daily supply is only 2-2.5 lakh bags.
- Castor seed area as on 06th October-2017 is around 8.44 lakh hectares which is down by 16.19% normal area as on date of 10.07 lakh hectares and down by 1.79% from last year area till date of 8.59 lakh hectares.
- India's Castor production is estimated at around 13.96-lakh tonnes, according to the first advance estimate of the government for the year 2017-18. This is, however, lower than the fourth advanced estimate of 2016-17 crop of 14.21-lakh tonnes.

NCDEX Castor Futures						Date: 21.12.2017	
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
<b>Feb-18</b>	-5.00	4490	4520	4434	4497	8570	12730
<b>Mar-17</b>	-34.00	4543	4564	4500	4564	170	540
<b>Apr-18</b>	-57.00	4584	4584	4584	4584	--	10

NCDEX Warehouse Stocks (in MT):- As on 20 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
<b>Bhabhar</b>	313	0	<b>313</b>
<b>Deesa</b>	5587	0	<b>5587</b>
<b>Kadi</b>	9010	0	<b>9010</b>
<b>Patan</b>	22337	40	<b>22377</b>

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on 18th December, 2017					
FED	Bhabhar	Deesa	Kadi	Patan	Total

<b>5-Jan-18</b>	-	81	20	10	<b>111</b>
<b>5-Feb-18</b>	-	302	50	475	<b>827</b>
<b>5-Mar-18</b>	-	3023	2880	14129	<b>20032</b>
<b>5-Apr-18</b>	-	2040	3904	4551	<b>10495</b>
<b>5-May-18</b>	-	101	851	1383	<b>2335</b>
<b>5-Jun-18</b>	303	50	1284	1770	<b>3407</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>5597</b>	<b>8989</b>	<b>22318</b>	<b>37207</b>

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

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		21-Dec-17		20-Dec-17		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4300	4400	4350	4400	Unch
	Harij	4350	4475	NR	NR	-
	Rajkot	3990	4215	4010	4205	10
	Gondal	3905	4205	3805	4255	-50
	Deesa	4250	4325	4325	4325	Unch
	Bhabar	4290	4310	4325	4350	-40
	Mehsana	4275	4300	4300	4325	-25
	Kadi	4150	4340	4250	4400	-60
	Sabarkatha	4250	4325	4325	4350	-25
	Gandhi Nagar	4300	4350	4325	4375	-25
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	4100	4310	4100	4325	-15
	Junagadh	3750	4205	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4320	4340	4350	4360	-20
	Sumerpur	4175	4200	4200	4250	-50

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		21-Dec-17	20-Dec-17	
<b>Gujarat</b>	Patan	1500	2250	<b>-750</b>
	Harij	113	NR	-
	Rajkot	225	180	<b>45</b>
	Gondal	118	167	<b>-49</b>
	Deesa	1000	400	<b>600</b>



	Bhabar	200	320	<b>-120</b>
	Mehsana	225	225	<b>Unch</b>
	Kadi	1288	1280	<b>8</b>
	Sabarkatha	75	38	<b>38</b>
	Gandhi Nagar	225	225	<b>Unch</b>
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	83	113	<b>-30</b>
	Junagadh	30	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	83	83	<b>Unch</b>
	Sumerpur	160	80	<b>80</b>
<b>Total Arrivals/Above Markets</b>		<b>5324</b>	<b>5360</b>	<b>-36</b>

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

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