

**Domestic Market Update:**

- Weak sentiments recorded in castor cash markets today with lower arrival as major markets were closed today due to Akshay Tritiya.
- All India Castor seed arrival is 2472 quintals which is down by 44350 quintals from last day arrival of 46821 quintals.
- Castor seed prices drifted lower by Rs 20 to Rs 4,146 per quintal in futures trade on Friday as participants liquidated holdings in line with a weakening trend in spot markets, cutting down of holdings by participants, tracking a weak trend at the spot markets due to muted demand from soaps, paints and other consuming industries amid pick up in supplies from growing belts, mainly pulled down castor seed futures prices.
- According to the Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA), Castor seed production in 2017-18 is expected to stand up by around 34% to 14.3 lakh tons compared to 13.96 lakh tons of govt. estimates. The survey conducted by SEA revealed that the area under castor increased by a tad 2.9 per cent from 7, 99,540 hectares in 2016-17 to 8, 22,790 hectares as per the State governments' estimates for the 2017-18 kharif seasons.
- Castor seed area as on 06<sup>th</sup> 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.

NCDEX Castor Futures						Date: 18.04.2018	
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
<b>Apr-18</b>	+8.00	4078	4104	4086	1710	1710	1830
<b>May-18</b>	-1.00	4100	4120	4095	4097	15490	72160
<b>June-18</b>	-7.00	4250	4170	4142	4142	6050	17530

NCDEX Warehouse Stocks (in MT):- As on 17 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2018			
Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
<b>Bhabhar</b>	1762	304	<b>2066</b>
<b>Deesa</b>	453	424	<b>877</b>
<b>Kadi</b>	4697	273	<b>4970</b>
<b>Patan</b>	9040	1987	<b>11027</b>

NCDEX Castor FED Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on 17 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018					
FED	Bhabhar	Deesa	Kadi	Patan	Total
<b>5-Mar-18</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>5-Apr-18</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>5-May-18</b>	-	101	851	1282	<b>2234</b>
<b>5-Jun-18</b>	283	40	1154	1609	<b>2803</b>
<b>5-Jul-18</b>	101	-	494	545	<b>1039</b>
<b>5-Aug-18</b>	71	-	466	161	<b>627</b>
<b>5-Sep-18</b>	20	-	280	20	<b>300</b>
<b>5-Oct-18</b>	1287	312	1451	4605	<b>6368</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>1762</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>4696</b>	<b>8222</b>	<b>13371</b>
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**Castor Seed Prices at Key Spot Markets:**

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		18-Apr-18		17-Apr-18		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	Closed	Closed	3760	3810	-
	Harij	Closed	Closed	3750	3800	-
	Rajkot	3450	3820	3400	3755	65
	Gondal	Closed	Closed	3405	3780	-
	Deesa	Closed	Closed	3840	3870	-
	Bhabar	Closed	Closed	3775	3810	-
	Mehsana	Closed	Closed	3775	3810	-
	Kadi	Closed	Closed	3825	3870	-
	Sabarkatha	Closed	Closed	3800	3825	-
	Gandhi Nagar	Closed	Closed	3750	3800	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	Closed	Closed	3780	3815	-
	Halvad	Closed	Closed	3600	3825	-
	Junagadh	Closed	Closed	4000	4025	-
	Dhrol	3255	3515	3180	3500	15
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3940	3950	3920	3930	20
	Sumerpur	3850	3870	3825	3850	20

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		18-Apr-18	17-Apr-18	
Gujarat	Patan	Closed	13500	-
	Harij	Closed	3000	-
	Rajkot	1500	1650	-150
	Gondal	Closed	137	-
	Deesa	Closed	2074	-
	Bhabar	Closed	8000	-
	Mehsana	Closed	3750	-
	Kadi	Closed	6560	-
	Sabarkatha	Closed	2000	-
	Gandhi Nagar	Closed	1875	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	Closed	48	-
	Halvad	Closed	3000	-

	Junagadh	Closed	240	-
	Dhrol	74	67	7
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	98	120	-23
	Sumerpur	800	800	Unch
<b>Total Arrivals/Above Markets</b>		<b>2472</b>	<b>46821</b>	<b>-44350</b>

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

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