

Domestic Market Update:

- According to Ministry of Agriculture, Castor seed acreage during current season as on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 was down at 3.59 lakh hectares as against 4.70 lakh hectares same period last year.
- Castor seed prices firmed up by Rs 54 to Rs 4,826 per quintal in futures trade today as investors created bets on emerging physical markets lead. operators were raising their holdings on the back of positive physical markets sentiments, where prices remained higher on keen demand from soap, paint and lubricant industries amid a pause in arrivals from growing belts, which marked up the up move in castor seed prices here in futures trade
- Castor seed prices went up by a whopping Rs 53 to Rs 4,697 per quintal in futures trade today on expansion of bets by participants amid surging trend at the physical markets.
- Rise in castor seed prices in futures trade was mostly attributed to widening of holdings by participants, taking positive leads from physical markets, where prices strengthened on paucity of stocks against frantic demand from soap, paint and lubricant industries.
- Lower sentiments recorded in cash markets with lower arrival.
- All India Castor seed arrival is 769 quintals which is down by 10805 quintals from last day arrival of 11574 quintals.
- All India castor seed sowing as on 10<sup>th</sup> Aug-2018 was 0.63 lakh hectares which is down by around 50% from last year corresponding period area of 1.25 lakh hectares and around 42% down by normal area of corresponding period. Lower area is reported from the states of Telangana, Gujarat and Telangana, while higher acreage is only reported from Andhra Pradesh.

NCDEX Castor Futures						Date: 29.08.2018	
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
Sep-18	-0.24	4599	4641	4575	4593	53740	89090
Oct-18	-0.13	4667	4705	4641	4660	22860	75970

**NCDEX Warehouse Stocks (in MT):- As on 14<sup>th</sup> Aug,2018**

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total
Bhabhar	3689	0	3689
Deesa	6488	363	6851
Kadi	6950	385	7335
Patan	31281	3053	34334

NCDEX Castor EDD Wise Stock Position (Qty in MT) on 13<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2018

FED	Bhabhar	Deesa	Kadi	Patan	Total
5-Sept-2018	--	--	61	--	
5-Oct-18	1803	373	857	5210	7458
5-Nov-18	903	3387	3302	15757	21033
5-Dec-18	456	890	362	2436	7094
5-Jan-19	486	607	1143	3709	5164
5-Feb-19	41	1140	1165	3420	4039
<b>Total</b>	<b>3668</b>	<b>6094</b>	<b>6778</b>	<b>29291</b>	<b>44788</b>

## Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		29-Aug-18		28-Aug-18		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4375	4475	4375	4425	50
	Harij	4410	4425	4350	4425	Unch
	Rajkot	3950	4270	4055	4290	-20
	Gondal	4160	4300	4150	4300	Unch
	Deesa	4375	4425	4400	4500	-75
	Bhabar	4400	4425	4400	4425	Unch
	Mehsana	4375	4425	4375	4415	10
	Kadi	4350	4440	4375	4425	15
	Sabarkatha	4450	4475	4375	4460	15
	Gandhi Nagar	4425	4450	4425	4450	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	4370	4370	-
	Halvad	4200	4400	4150	4375	25
	Junagadh	4000	4300	4000	4240	60
	Dhrol	3400	3500	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4505	4510	4505	4510	Unch
	Sumerpur	4300	4350	4300	4350	Unch

## Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		29-Aug-18	28-Aug-18	
Gujarat	Patan	2250	3000	-750
	Harij	525	225	300
	Rajkot	90	210	-120
	Gondal	350	400	-50
	Deesa	200	160	40
	Bhabar	2040	1400	640

	Mehsana	300	337.5	<b>-38</b>
	Kadi	1200	1280	<b>-80</b>
	Sabarkatha	240	160	<b>80</b>
	Gandhi Nagar	525	750	<b>-225</b>
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	2	-
	Halvad	150	113	<b>38</b>
	Junagadh	70	94	<b>-24</b>
	Dhrol	3	NA	-
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	98	98	<b>Unch</b>
	Sumerpur	80	80	<b>Unch</b>
<b>Total Arrivals/Above Markets</b>		<b>8121</b>	<b>8308</b>	<b>-188</b>

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

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