

**Domestic Market Update:**

- Mostly Castor seed markets are open today after Makar Sankranti.
- All India Castor seed arrival today is 5251 quintals which is up by 3986 quintals from last day arrivals of 1265 quintals.
- Castor meal export during the month of November surged 68.59 per cent at 30,724 metric tonnes as compared to 18,224 metric tonnes a month ago. Shipment during April-November however dropped 37.7 per cent at 259,319 metric tonnes against 416,699 metric tonnes in the same period a year ago.
- According to traders, Castor seed production for next season is expected to sharply down at around 8-9 lakh tonnes only. They also pegged present Castor stocks in the country to be around 3-4 lakh tonnes against 7-8 lakh tonnes in the same period last year.
- All India Castor seed acreage in 2018 increased to 8.59 lakh hectares up by 5.15 per cent from last year acreage of 8.78 lakh hectares and 25 per cent down by normal area of 8.66 lakh hectares.
- As per the Ministry of Agriculture 1st Advance Estimates for 2018-19, Castor seed production is estimated at 15.17 lakh tonnes as compared to 15.68 lakh tonnes in 2017-18.
- Gujarat Agriculture Department in its first advance estimates for 2018- 19 estimated Castor crop to decline more than 20 per cent to 11.73 lakh tonnes versus 14.84 lakh tonnes.

NCDEX Castor Futures						Date: 16.1.2019	
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
Jan-19	<b>+64.00</b>	5176	5266	5224	5240	625	760
Feb-19	<b>+58.00</b>	5284	5350	5250	5314	13815	164560
Mar-19	<b>+56.00</b>	5358	5424	5332	5380	1370	10050

**Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:**

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		17-Jan-19		16-Jan-19		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	5000	5100	5000	5100	Unch
	Harij	Closed	Closed	5000	5075	-
	Rajkot	4815	4945	4875	4985	-40
	Gondal	4750	4980	4655	5080	-100
	Deesa	5025	5030	5000	5050	-20
	Bhabar	5000	5030	5000	5030	Unch
	Mehsana	4975	5050	5000	5040	10
	Kadi	5025	5080	5025	5045	35
	Sabarkatha	5000	5050	5050	5075	-25
	Gandhi Nagar	5025	5060	5025	5060	Unch

	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	4750	5050	4900	5250	-200
	Junagadh	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	5170	5180	5170	5180	Unch
	Sumerpur	4925	4950	4925	4950	Unch

## Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		17-Jan-19	16-Jan-19	
Gujarat	Patan	488	705	-218
	Harij	Closed	263	-
	Rajkot	200	170	30
	Gondal	200	86	114
	Deesa	320	720	-400
	Bhabar	971	700	271
	Mehsana	225	83	143
	Kadi	2160	1520	640
	Sabarkatha	120	80	40
	Gandhi Nagar	150	113	38
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	188	150	38
	Junagadh	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	23	23	Unch
	Sumerpur	400	640	-240
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		5444	5251	193

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

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