

Domestic Market Update:

- Castor seed markets are traded firm today with higher arrival.
- All India Castor seed arrival today is 5994 quintals which is up by 550 quintals from last day arrivals of 5444 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: 18.1.2019	
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
Feb-19	+28.00	5268	5286	5238	5286	21025	154885
Mar-19	+28.00	5344	5360	5310	5360	10395	23345
Apr-19	+20.00	5414	5426	5378	5426	450	865

Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		18-Jan-19		17-Jan-19		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	5000	5100	5000	5100	Unch
	Harij	5075	5100	Closed	Closed	-
	Rajkot	4805	4965	4815	4945	20
	Gondal	4855	5055	4750	4980	75
	Deesa	5000	5050	5025	5030	20
	Bhabar	5000	5040	5000	5030	10
	Mehsana	5000	5025	4975	5050	-25
	Kadi	5000	5050	5025	5080	-30
	Sabarkatha	5050	5075	5000	5050	25
	Gandhi Nagar	5075	5100	5025	5060	40

Rajasthan	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	4800	5150	4750	5050	100
	Junagadh	4750	4900	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	4130	4680	NA	NA	-
	Jodhpur	5100	5150	5170	5180	-30
	Sumerpur	4850	4900	4925	4950	-50

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		18-Jan-19	17-Jan-19	
Gujarat	Patan	863	488	375
	Harij	225	Closed	-
	Rajkot	180	200	-20
	Gondal	250	200	50
	Deesa	240	320	-80
	Bhabar	940	971	-31
	Mehsana	263	225	38
	Kadi	2000	2160	-160
	Sabarkatha	120	120	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	150	150	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	188	188	Unch
	Junagadh	15	NA	-
	Dhrol	6	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	75	23	53
	Sumerpur	480	400	80
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		5994	5444	550

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

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