

**Domestic Market Update:**

- All Castor cash markets traded firm with lower arrivals.
- All India Castor seed arrival today is 19602 which are down by 208 quintals from last day arrivals of 19810 quintals.
- Expected decline in production in Gujarat by 20 to 25 per cent during the current season have kept market sentiments slightly on the higher side. Moreover higher exports as compared to last year also supported the commodity.
- All India Castor seed acreage in 2018 increased to 9.18 lakh hectares up by 5.05 per cent from last year acreage of 8.74 lakh hectares and 25 per cent down by normal area of 10.51 lakh hectares.
- As per the Ministry of Agriculture, first advance estimates for 2018-19, Castor production is estimated to decline at 15.17 lakh tonnes as against the target of 18.31 lakh tonnes. Castor production during 2017-18 was estimated at 15.68 lakh tonnes.
- According to market sources, the current season Castor production is expected to decline at around 12.50 lakh tonnes as against 14.20 lakh tonnes produced last year.
- Castor seed acreage in Gujarat during 2018 was reported around 5.33 lakh hectares as against 5.95 lakh hectares in Kharif 2017. A decline of 10.42 per cent due to deficient monsoon rainfall in 2018 in major castor growing belts of Gujarat. The seasonal normal Castor acreage in Gujarat is 6.48 lakh tonnes.

NCDEX Castor Futures						Date: 08.3.2019	
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
Mar-19	-52.00	5240	5258	5186	5196	23110	90445
Apr-19	-56.00	5312	5332	5262	5266	22355	75925
May-19	-66.00	5400	5400	5336	5336	2320	26185

**Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:**

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		11-Mar-19		9-Mar-19		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	5125	5160	5000	5125	35
	Harij	5050	5100	4975	5025	75
	Rajkot	4900	5010	4815	5000	10
	Gondal	4580	5055	4630	5055	Unch
	Deesa	5075	5125	5050	5125	Unch
	Bhabar	5050	5100	5075	5100	Unch
	Mehsana	5050	5115	5050	5100	15

	Kadi	5075	5100	5085	5090	<b>10</b>
	Sabarkatha	5125	5150	5125	5150	<b>Unch</b>
	Gandhi Nagar	5090	5125	5075	5110	<b>15</b>
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	4950	5070	5050	5060	<b>10</b>
	Halvad	4950	5200	4925	5125	<b>75</b>
	Junagadh	4900	5060	4875	5010	<b>50</b>
	Dhrol	4100	4770	NA	NA	-
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	5230	5240	5180	5190	<b>50</b>
	Sumerpur	4950	4990	4950	4980	<b>10</b>

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		11-Mar-19	9-Mar-19	
<b>Gujarat</b>	Patan	3375	4125	<b>-750</b>
	Harij	825	450	<b>375</b>
	Rajkot	400	175	<b>225</b>
	Gondal	384	120	<b>264</b>
	Deesa	1160	1800	<b>-640</b>
	Bhabar	4592	5760	<b>-1168</b>
	Mehsana	1125	975	<b>150</b>
	Kadi	3600	4000	<b>-400</b>
	Sabarkatha	960	400	<b>560</b>
	Gandhi Nagar	1350	675	<b>675</b>
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	50	20	<b>30</b>
	Halvad	600	300	<b>300</b>
	Junagadh	25	22	<b>3</b>
	Dhrol	8	NA	-
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	188	188	<b>Unch</b>
	Sumerpur	960	800	<b>160</b>
<b>Total Arrivals/Above Markets</b>		<b>19602</b>	<b>19810</b>	<b>-208</b>

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

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