

Domestic Market Update:

- All India castor seed markets traded firm with higher arrival due to fresh demand and lower production.
- All India Castor seed arrival today is 52577 which are up by 2115 quintals from last day arrivals of 50461 quintals.
- 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.
- According to the latest second advance estimates by Ministry of Agriculture, Castor seed production for 2018-19 is estimated to decline by 21.37 per cent at 11.77 lakh tonnes as compared to 14.97 lakh tonnes last year. The target set by government for 2018-19 castor seed production is 18.31 lakh tonnes.
- As per trade sources, the decline in the all India castor production is mainly due to lower crop estimates from Gujarat because of deficient rainfall during monsoon 2018 in key Castor growing districts of Mehsana, Patan, and Surendra nagar districts.
- Castor seed acreage in Gujarat during 2018 was reported around 5.33 lakh hectares as against 5.95 lakh hectares in Kharif 2017. The seasonal normal Castor acreage in Gujarat is 6.48 lakh tonnes.
- As per the latest revised second advance estimates for 2018-19 crop by the Department of Agriculture Gujarat, Castor seed production is estimated to decline by 35.24 per cent at 9.61 lakh tonnes as against 14.84 lakh tonnes during 2017-18.
- As per market sources, Rajasthan Castor seed production for 2018-19 crop is likely to decline at 1.47 lakh tonnes as compared to 1.66 lakh tonnes during 2017-18.

NCDEX Castor Futures						Date: 12.04.2019	
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
Apr-19	-22.00	6030	6102	5988	6008	2995	779
May-19	+52.00	6100	6234	6100	6174	70470	195595
Jun-19	+60.00	6210	6318	6204	6264	5750	31935

**Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:**

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		12-Apr-19		11-Apr-19		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	5900	5975	5850	5950	25
	Harij	5850	5875	5800	5850	25
	Rajkot	5550	5815	5360	5755	60
	Gondal	5205	5855	5180	5855	Unch
	Deesa	5800	5925	5800	5850	75
	Bhabar	5800	6000	5625	5700	300
	Mehsana	5850	5900	5750	5800	100
	Kadi	5875	5950	5825	5900	50

	Sabarkatha	5850	5900	5750	5775	125
	Gandhi Nagar	5875	6000	5825	5900	100
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	5870	5965	5810	5940	25
	Halvad	5775	5850	5350	5650	200
	Junagadh	5250	5720	5250	5465	255
	Dhrol	4900	5385	NA	NA	-
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	5850	5870	5830	5840	30
	Sumerpur	5680	5760	5650	5700	60

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		12-Apr-19	11-Apr-19	
<b>Gujarat</b>	Patan	8250	7875	375
	Harij	3000	2250	750
	Rajkot	780	720	60
	Gondal	1217	828	389
	Deesa	4400	4000	400
	Bhabar	8360	8400	-40
	Mehsana	2475	2025	450
	Kadi	16000	17600	-1600
	Sabarkatha	1280	1600	-320
	Gandhi Nagar	2025	2400	-375
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	160	250	-90
	Halvad	3000	900	2100
	Junagadh	550	331	219
	Dhrol	2	NA	-
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	278	323	-45
	Sumerpur	800	960	-160
<b>Total Arrivals/Above Markets</b>		<b>52577</b>	<b>50461</b>	<b>2115</b>

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

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