



### 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 404098 which are up by 3179 quintals from last day arrivals of 38920 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: 16.04.2019		
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
19-May	108	6022	6028	5802	6042	126465	176555
19-Jun	122	6120	6120	5898	6142	55625	83345
19-Jul	86	6100	6100	5952	6200	845	475

**Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:**

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		16-Apr-19		15-Apr-19		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	5500	5550	5600	5650	-100
	Harij	5450	5650	5500	5675	-25
	Rajkot	5250	5550	5250	5630	-80
	Gondal	5350	5500	5055	5630	-130
	Deesa	5625	5775	5650	5800	-25
	Bhabar	5600	5700	5625	5750	-50
	Mehsana	5550	5625	5675	5730	-105
	Kadi	5625	5750	5700	5740	10
	Sabarkatha	5550	5625	5500	5650	-25
	Gandhi Nagar	5550	5600	5600	5700	-100
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	5400	5475	5470	5525	-50
	Halvad	5625	5800	5550	5825	-25
	Junagadh	4500	5440	5055	5425	15
	Dhrol	4850	5355	4725	5320	35
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	5710	5720	5740	5760	-40
	Sumerpur	5450	5550	5600	5700	-150

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		16-Apr-19	15-Apr-19	
Gujarat	Patan	9000	8625	375
	Harij	3000	3000	Unch
	Rajkot	780	710	70
	Gondal	2000	1650	350
	Deesa	4400	4000	400
	Bhabar	12800	10252	2548
	Mehsana	3750	2250	1500
	Kadi	10400	8720	1680
	Sabarkatha	2000	1840	160
	Gandhi Nagar	2625	2250	375
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	160	240	-80
	Halvad	3750	3750	Unch
	Junagadh	954	220	734
	Dhrol	2	19	-17
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	338	338	Unch

	Sumerpur	960	1600	<b>-640</b>
<b>Total Arrivals/Above Markets</b>		<b>56919</b>	<b>49464</b>	<b>7455</b>

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

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