

**Domestic Market Update:**

- All India castor seed markets traded steady with likely firm bias to continue as the markets were closed due to the occasion of Good Friday.
- All India Castor seed arrival today is 81173 which are up by 79226 quintals from last day arrivals of 1947 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
		20-Apr-19		19-Apr-19		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	5350	5400	Closed	Closed	-
	Harij	5350	5400	Closed	Closed	-
	Rajkot	4775	5370	Closed	Closed	-
	Gondal	5155	5305	Closed	Closed	-
	Deesa	5400	5600	Closed	Closed	-
	Bhabar	5325	5440	Closed	Closed	-
	Mehsana	5375	5410	Closed	Closed	-
	Kadi	5350	5425	Closed	Closed	-
	Sabarkatha	5300	5375	5425	5450	-75
	Gandhi Nagar	5350	5400	Closed	Closed	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	5380	5420	5405	5450	-30
	Halvad	5450	5750	Closed	Closed	-
	Junagadh	5120	5280	Closed	Closed	-
	Dhrol	4605	5205	4500	5185	20
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	5420	5450	5470	5500	-50
	Sumerpur	5250	5350	5300	5400	-50

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		20-Apr-19	19-Apr-19	
Gujarat	Patan	22500	Closed	-
	Harij	6750	Closed	-
	Rajkot	1100	Closed	-
	Gondal	2000	Closed	-
	Deesa	3560	Closed	-
	Bhabar	15200	Closed	-
	Mehsana	4875	Closed	-
	Kadi	8800	Closed	-
	Sabarkatha	1040	800	240
	Gandhi Nagar	2250	Closed	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	180	120	60
	Halvad	11250	Closed	-
	Junagadh	395	Closed	-
	Dhrol	23	12	11
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	450	375	75
	Sumerpur	800	640	160
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		81173	1947	79226

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

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