



### Domestic Market Update:

- Castor seed cash markets traded firm with lower arrival on Thursday.
- All India Castor seed arrival today is 50316 which are down by 1709 quintals from last day arrivals of 52025 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 Surendranagar 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: 26.04.2019		
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
19-May	-140.00	5748	5772	5634	5640	66955	105540
19-Jun	-130.00	5900	5910	5782	5790	53625	182980
19-Jul	-130.00	6016	5992	5878	5880	1355	3095

**Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:**

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		26-Apr-19		25-Apr-19		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	5350	5450	5500	5600	-150
	Harij	5075	5500	5575	5610	-110
	Rajkot	5300	5445	5355	5555	-110
	Gondal	4805	5430	5405	5605	-175
	Deesa	5250	5525	5200	5325	200
	Bhabar	5450	5500	5450	5600	-100
	Mehsana	5425	5475	5575	5600	-125
	Kadi	5475	5540	5500	5660	-120
	Sabarkatha	5400	5450	5500	5600	-150
	Gandhi Nagar	5400	5450	5600	5650	-200
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	5340	5425	5470	5570	-145
	Halvad	5175	5450	5100	5400	50
	Junagadh	5000	5365	5125	5425	-60
	Dhrol	4600	5180	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	5460	5470	5610	5620	-150
	Sumerpur	5425	5440	5600	5600	-160

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		26-Apr-19	25-Apr-19	
Gujarat	Patan	9375	11625	-2250
	Harij	3375	3375	Unch
	Rajkot	470	560	-90
	Gondal	651	1500	-849
	Deesa	3240	4400	-1160
	Bhabar	8840	9600	-760
	Mehsana	1275	1875	-600
	Kadi	9840	8800	1040
	Sabarkatha	1200	1200	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	1875	1875	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	240	240	Unch
	Halvad	3375	3000	375
	Junagadh	343	426	-83

	Dhrol	4	NA	-
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	338	240	<b>98</b>
	Sumerpur	2000	1600	<b>400</b>
<b>Total Arrivals/Above Markets</b>		<b>46441</b>	<b>50316</b>	<b>-3876</b>

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

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