

Domestic Market Update:

- Castor seed prices ruling lower than expectation causes strikes in Harij mandi. Dull activity witnessed due to bearish outlook in castor seed
- **Despite the imposition of special 20 per cent margin on short position, prices are moving downwards due to technical selling.** Some brokers had failed to pay additional mark-to-market margins after downward movement in October-December contracts over three trading sessions, compelling the exchange's clearing house to use these traders' collaterals to settle their pay-out obligations.
- **However, according to the market participants, at present all India castor stock is lower than the average stocks which might give support to the falling prices.**
- **As per the Ministry of Agriculture, current Kharif castor acreage as on 27th September 2019 up by 6.96 per cent** at 9.38 lakh hectares as compared to 8.77 lakh hectares last year same period. Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Haryana and Rajasthan castor area is down from last year on the other hand major producing state Gujarat area under castor seed up by 34.48% to 7.02 lakh hectares till date.
- **Cash Castor oil and seed markets dropped on Friday due to speculation in future markets.** All India castor seed arrival today is 348 quintals which is down by 276 quintals from last day arrival of 624 quintals.
- **Banaskantha, Patan, Mehsana, Sabarkantha, Gandhinagar and Aravalli in north Gujarat region account for 3.51 lh** of castor acreage this season. That is more than half of the entire crop area in the state. Kutch region, which is a single district but have geographical features distinct from other regions of the state, is second with 1.33 lh under castor cultivation this year. With 1.03 lh, Saurashtra, the region formed by 11 districts, is third. Patan has emerged as the single largest castor district with farmers having sown this long-duration crop in 94,800 hectare. It is followed by Banaskantha with 93,300 ha and Mehsana (87,100 ha). Surendranagar in Saurashtra has reported castor sowing in 69,700 ha, the fourth highest in the state. Morbi (22,900 ha) is the other Saurashtra district which has seen significant sowing of the oilseed.
- **All India weekly castor seed price traded firm by 1.32% from last week and currently moving in the range of Rs. 4950-4960/quintal**, also up by 22.5% from last year price of Rs.4048/quintal. Castor seed prices is likely to trade up in coming weeks due to lower production aspects by Agriwatch.
- **Castor seed prices softened due to lower demand at higher prices, however, due to lower outstanding stock of castor seed**, selling of stockiest is coming down at a lower price, while the arrival of new crop will be made only in January, February. Therefore, the prices of castor seed should not be traded as much as now. According to the Directorate of Agriculture of Gujarat, castor seed has been sown in 3.45 lakh hectares in the state as compared to only 1.94 lakh hectares by this time last year. Castor seed is sown in 5.64 lakh hectares in Gujarat. There has been good rainfall in the state in August, so the total sowing is expected to be more.
- **As per the Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA), all India castor seed production estimate for 2018-19 is 11.27 Lakh MT** which is 21.35 per cent lower than the 2017-18 production estimate of 14.33 Lakh MT. However, according to the AGCON, castor production estimate is 9.13 Lakh MT for 2018-19.

NCDEX Castor Futures				Date: 04.10.2019			
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
19-Oct	-166	4454	4322	4276	4288	22665	31060
19-Nov	-116	4378	4422	4332	4396	77480	76270
19-Dec	-104	4418	4470	4372	4450	30230	11420

Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		4-Oct-19		3-Oct-19		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4000	4100	4100	4350	-250
	Harij	Closed	Closed	4125	4250	-
	Rajkot	NR	NR	3500	4280	-
	Gondal	NR	NR	3955	4230	-
	Deesa	NR	NR	4000	4000	-
	Bhabar	4100	4150	4100	4150	Unch
	Mehsana	4200	4300	4250	4250	50
	Kadi	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Sabarkatha	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Gandhi Nagar	4150	4200	4200	4250	-50
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	4200	4400	4250	4375	25
	Junagadh	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sumerpur		4050	4050	4000	4300	-250

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		4-Oct-19	3-Oct-19	
Gujarat	Patan	150	375	-225
	Harij	Closed	38	-
	Rajkot	NR	10	-
	Gondal	NR	15	-
	Deesa	NR	NA	-
	Bhabar	NA	NA	-
	Mehsana	38	19	19
	Kadi	NA	NA	-
	Sabarkatha	NA	NA	-
	Gandhi Nagar	45	75	-30
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	75	53	23
	Junagadh	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-



Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	40	40	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		348	624	-276

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

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