

Domestic Market Update:

- **Castor seed** markets are closed from last few weeks due to sluggish trading activity, traders are waiting to firming in prices. Major markets are closed due to Diwali holiday.
- **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 are lower than the average stocks** which might give support to the falling prices.
- **According to latest sowing report as on 27th September 2019, all India Castor sowing is reported 9.38 lakh hectares** in 2019 which is 6.95 per cent higher than last year acreage of 8.77 lakh hectares in the same time period. Higher castor acreage is reported in Gujarat at 7.02 lakh hectares this year as compare to 5.22 lakh hectares last year in the same time period. However, in Rajasthan castor acreage has decreased to 1.54 lakh hectares from 2.64 lakh hectares last year.
- **Despite higher sowing acreage in Gujarat, there is fear of damage in the standing castor crop in some districts due to** excess rains.
- **As per market sources, castor oil exports in the month of September 2019 is 40.927 thousand MT which is 10.33** per cent lower than August exports of 45.645 thousand MT. On a cumulative basis, exports were 2.36 Lakh MT from April to Aug 2019 which is 12.27 per cent lower than last year exports of 2.69 Lakh MT during the same period.
- **Government orders to investigate heavy lifting in castor seed in NCDX; In view of the difficulties in NCDX, BSC has made** 03 new contracts available for trading in castors, whose delivery center will be Patan {Gujarat}. Castor seed prices fell again in last couple of day's trading session. For the last few days or so, in only 7 trading sessions, castor seed has dropped 30 percent from its upper level. On the other hand, on the day when the castor seed futures were launched on the BSE, the purchase of castors on NCDEX was seen, but yesterday once again on the third trading day of the week, the castor has started the reverse. In such a situation, traders say that the exchange changed the rules repeatedly, imposed margins and then removed, which created a panic situation in the market, which broke the price and also had an impact on the spot business. It has caused a huge loss to businessmen and farmers. They say that if they estimate, there is a loss of about 500-600 crores. The traders have accused the officials of the exchange of collusion.

NCDEX Castor Futures				Date: 26.10.2019			
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
19-Oct	+18	4360	4380	4352	4376	630	685
19-Nov	+24	4418	4458	4418	4456	8320	71340
19-Dec	+18	4482	4516	4482	4510	2230	12185

Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		4-Nov-19		2-Nov-19		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4200	4300	4230	4375	-75
	Harij	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Rajkot	3375	4300	NA	NA	-
	Gondal	4300	4330	3955	4330	Unch
	Deesa	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Bhabar	4375	4450	4350	4450	Unch
	Mehsana	4425	4450	4400	4450	Unch
	Kadi	4325	4375	4310	4360	15
	Sabarkatha	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Gandhi Nagar	4250	4300	4250	4300	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	4350	4600	4350	4600	Unch
	Junagadh	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4100	4100	4100	4100
Sumerpur		4300	4300	4300	4300	Unch

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		4-Nov-19	2-Nov-19	
Gujarat	Patan	23	39	-17
	Harij	NA	NA	-
	Rajkot	36	NA	-
	Gondal	34	34	Unch
	Deesa	NA	NA	-
	Bhabar	400	600	-200
	Mehsana	56	56	Unch
	Kadi	120	40	80
	Sabarkatha	NA	NA	-
	Gandhi Nagar	75	75	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	75	75	Unch
	Junagadh	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-

	Sumerpur	40	40	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		859	959	-101

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

Disclaimer

The information and opinions contained in the document have been compiled from sources believed to be reliable. The company does not warrant its accuracy, completeness and correctness. Use of data and information contained in this report is at your own risk. This document is not, and should not be construed as, an offer to sell or solicitation to buy any commodities. This document may not be reproduced, distributed or published, in whole or in part, by any recipient hereof for any purpose without prior permission from the Company. IASL and its affiliates and/or their officers, directors and employees may have positions in any commodities mentioned in this document (or in any related investment) and may from time to time add to or dispose of any such commodities (or investment). Please see the detailed disclaimer at © 2019 Indian Agribusiness Systems Ltd.