Domestic Market Update:

- **Firm sentiments recorded in castor seed cash markets on Wednesday with lower arrival, All India castor seed arrival today is 1040** quintal which is up by 206 quintal from last day arrival of 834 quintal.

- According to the AGMARK data, all India castor crop arrivals in the third week of November is reported at 3.17 Thousand MT which is 55 percent higher than last year arrivals of 6.57 thousand MT in the same time period. Lower arrivals in the domestic mandis may push the prices upward.

- 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 this year as compare to last year. However, in Rajasthan castor acreage has decreased to 1.54 lakh hectares from 2.64 lakh hectares last year.

- Gujarat castor acreage is reported at 7.40 lakh hectares which is 38.57 per cent higher than last year acreage of 5.34 lakh hectares. Farmers in Gujarat had re-sowed castor crop where damaged was observed due to rains. However, yield is expected to be lower than normal in those areas due to late sowing.

- According to Government 1st advance estimate, castor production in 2019-20 is estimated at 17.37 lakh tonnes.

- 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: 18/12/2019*	
Contract	**+/-**	**Open**	**High**	**Low**	**Close**	**Volume**	**O. Int**	
19-Dec	62	4254	4318	4286	4254	855	2215	
20-Jan	70	4284	4360	4280	4284.00B	6990	30230	
20-Feb	74	4348	4370	4320	4296.00B	590	4420	

Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		18-Dec-19		17-Dec-19		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	Closed	Closed	4100	4200	-
	Harij	4200	4250	4000	4100	**150**
	Rajkot	3500	3725	NR	NR	-
	Gondal	4080	4130	3505	3505	**625**
	Deesa	4050	4125	4100	4150	**-25**
	Bhabar	4075	4200	4050	4150	**50**
	Mehsana	4125	4200	4125	4150	**50**
	Kadi	4000	4175	4100	4115	**60**
	Sabarkatha	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Gandhi Nagar	4150	4200	4150	4200	**Unch**
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	3950	4250	3900	4150	**100**
	Junagadh	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4200	4250	4200	4240	**10**
	Sumerpur	4120	4150	4080	4100	**50**

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		18-Dec-19	17-Dec-19	
Gujarat	Patan	Closed	188	-
	Harij	150	225	**-75**
	Rajkot	15	NR	-
	Gondal	16	4	**12**
	Deesa	274	30	**244**
	Bhabar	144	120	**24**
	Mehsana	113	75	**38**
	Kadi	144	40	**104**
	Sabarkatha	NA	NA	-
	Gandhi Nagar	53	38	**15**
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	113	75	**38**
	Junagadh	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-

Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	20	40	**-20**
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		**1040**	**834**	**206**

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