



Domestic Market Update:

- **Mostly castor mandi are traded mixed today with higher arrival. All India castor seed arrival today is 10042 qtl which is up by 640 qtl from last day arrival of 1711 qtl.**
- **In what is being termed as the biggest locust swarm attack in over two decades**, several parts of North Gujarat have seen crops like castor, cumin and mustard take a major hit. 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 mandi may push the prices upward.
- **Castor, cumin and mustard have seen the highest impact, being the major crops in North Gujarat. Of these, Banaskantha** district has seen most impact due to its proximity to Rajasthan's desert region from where the locusts have entered Gujarat. Meanwhile, despite witnessing presence of locusts, the Kutch district has seen little to no damage to the crop.
- 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: 13/1/2020				
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int	
20-Jan	-42	4152	4154	4068	4120	3235	10650	
20-Feb	-42	4192	4200	4102	4152	7685	22900	
20-Mar	-24	4204	4198	4150	4180	1130	7290	

Castor Seed Weekly Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)		Change
		08th to 13th Jan 2020	02nd Jan-07th Jan 2020	
Gujarat	Patan	4130	4130	0
	Harij	4185	4260	-75
	Rajkot	4004	3977	27
	Gondal	4022	4050	-28
	Deesa	4098	4100	-2
	Bhabar	4124	4100	24
	Mehsana	4087	4120	-33
	Kadi	4125	4151	-26
	Sabarkatha	4120	0	4120
	Gandhi Nagar	4100	4150	-50
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	0	0	0
	Halvad	4084	4115	-31
	Junagadh	1368	0	1368
	Dhrol	0	0	0
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4196	4180	16
	Sumerpur	4075	4090	-15

Castor Seed Cumulative Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	08th to 13th Jan 2020	02nd Jan-07th Jan 2020	Change
Gujarat	Patan	1725	1200	525
	Harij	638	1013	-375
	Rajkot	295	310	-15
	Gondal	255	273	-18
	Deesa	1409	1084	325
	Bhabar	1280	664	616
	Mehsana	256	274	-18
	Kadi	2404	1280	1124
	Sabarkatha	80	0	80
	Gandhi Nagar	375	315	60
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	0	0	0
	Halvad	1388	3150	-1763
	Junagadh	19	0	19
	Dhrol	0	0	0
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	0	0	0
	Sumerpur	560	480	80
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		10682	10042	640



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