



Domestic Market Update:

- **Mixed sentiments recorded in castor seed price on Friday, all India castor seed arrival is 36831 quintal which is up by 13796 quintal from last day arrival of 23035 quintal.**
- Difficulty for Indian Domestic Castor Oil Industry after Domestic & International demand for Castor Oil gone down drastically. Due to slowdown in global economy as the aftereffects of Covid-19, the manufacturing & trading activities have gone down. This lead to drastic dedine in the International exports of Castor Oil. In 2018-19 we exported 5.7 lakh tons of Castor Oil, whereas this export came down to 5 lakh tons.
- During this current year reports of exports is not very encouraging. It is very remarkable that India is the largest producer of Castor in the world. And India is also the largest exporter of Castor in the international market. So in one sense India has established its near monopoly in International Castor Market.
- According to industry analyst the exports in April compared to March declined by 2.5% to 30000 tons. On the similar line there is very strong probability that exports would decline in May as well.
- According to market source, the export of castor oil in the month of May is likely to decline by 50% as compared to last month. According to director of SEA, the major reason for decline in export is slow down in the automobile sector.
- During the period of lockdown, drastically fall in oil production and trade has been observed. Basically castor oil is used to produce sebacic acid which is thereby use in plastic, lubricant, cosmetic, candles, paint Industry as raw material.
- Due to undergoing lockdown in many countries, manufacturing sector has been hit hard. Since the demand of castor oil amongst the major importing countries like China, Japan, USA and many European countries has weakened so in the coming months the export shipment would be impacted very harshly.
- India export almost 50% of its castor oil to China. But good news for castor farmers is that, the demand by pharmaceutical industry pretty much normal.
- The production of castor oil in indigenous crushing and processing units has declined to 35-40% of its total capacity which earlier used to be 70-80% of total capacity.
- In the domestic market also, the demand for castor oil has come down by 40-45% during the lockdown.
- On the other side, the arrival of Castor seed is increasing day by day in the mandis. In the largest producing state Gujarat, on 4 May, one lack bag arrived which increased to 1.10 lack bag on 5 May (75kg of each bag). In the Deesa Mandi, the price of Castor seed reduced to Rs.3600/qtl.

- According to Government 02nd advance estimate, castor production in 2019-20 is estimated at 21.6 lakh tonnes.
- 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.

NCDEX Castor Futures				Date: 20/05/2020			
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
20-Jun	-36	4080	4140	4040	4104	2935	10890
20-Jul	-28	4000	4076	4000	4042	2145	12975
20-Aug	-24	3926	3922	3922	3922		

Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		22-May-20		21-May-20		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3400	3500	NR	NR	-
	Harij	NR	NR	3475	3525	-
	Rajkot	3150	3555	3200	3555	Unch
	Gondal	3405	3580	3425	3580	Unch
	Deesa	3475	3515	3400	3550	-35
	Bhabar	3475	3510	3475	3550	-40
	Mehsana	3450	3500	3475	3515	-15
	Kadi	3400	3475	3450	3525	-50
	Sabarkatha	3500	3525	3500	3550	-25
	Gandhi Nagar	3475	3525	3525	3575	-50
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	-
	Halvad	3250	3400	3300	3450	-50
	Junagadh	3250	3500	3000	3425	75

	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	-
	Sumerpur	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	-

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		22-May-20	21-May-20	
Gujarat	Patan	23250	NR	-
	Harij	NR	7500	-
	Rajkot	1100	940	160
	Gondal	900	1000	-100
	Deesa	444	655	-211
	Bhabar	4160	6400	-2240
	Mehsana	1125	1500	-375
	Kadi	2960	2560	400
	Sabarkatha	480	480	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	1050	750	300
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	Closed	Closed	-
	Halvad	1350	1200	150
	Junagadh	12	50	-38
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	Closed	Closed	-
	Sumerpur	Closed	Closed	-
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		36831	23035	13796

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

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