

### Domestic Market Update:

- **Mixed sentiments recorded in castor seed price on Wednesday, all India castor seed arrival is 26790 quintal which is up by 6025 quintal from last day arrival of 34050 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 lakh bag arrived which increased to 1.10 lakh bag on 5 May ( 75kg of each bag). In the Deesa Mandi, the price of Castor seed reduced to Rs.3600/ql.

- According to Government 02<sup>nd</sup> 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.

NCDEX Castor Futures				Date: 04/06/2020			
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
		03-Jun-20		02-Jun-20		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3450	3550	NR	NR	-
	Harij	NR	NR	3475	3525	-
	Rajkot	3100	3500	NR	NR	-
	Gondal	3400	3550	Closed	Closed	-
	Deesa	3475	3545	3510	3535	10
	Bhabar	3475	3550	3525	3560	-10
	Mehsana	3475	3515	3475	3515	Unch
	Kadi	3425	3500	3450	3510	-10
	Sabarkatha	3525	3560	3500	3560	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	3500	3575	3500	3550	25
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	3250	3400	3150	3425	-25
	Junagadh	3000	3570	3250	3525	45
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3150	3450	3400	3400	50
	Sumerpur	3450	3500	3450	3475	25



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