



Domestic Market Update:

- **Mixed sentiments recorded in castor seed price on Thursday all India castor seed arrival is 26075 quintal which is down by 715 quintal from last day arrival of 26790 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/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.

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
		04-Jun-20		03-Jun-20		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	NR	NR	3450	3550	-
	Harij	3550	3600	NR	NR	-
	Rajkot	3275	3525	3100	3500	25
	Gondal	3455	3630	3400	3550	80
	Deesa	3550	3600	3475	3545	55
	Bhabar	3490	3575	3475	3550	25
	Mehsana	3500	3550	3475	3515	35
	Kadi	3500	3615	3425	3500	115
	Sabarkatha	3525	3550	3525	3560	-10
	Gandhi Nagar	3600	3625	3500	3575	50
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	Closed	Closed	3250	3400	-
	Junagadh	NA	NA	3000	3570	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3150	3475	3150	3450	25
	Sumerpur	3450	3500	3450	3500	Unch

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal	Change
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		4-Jun-20	3-Jun-20	
Gujarat	Patan	NR	6750	-
	Harij	9000	NR	-
	Rajkot	720	1050	-330
	Gondal	600	1500	-900
	Deesa	2250	1526	724
	Bhabar	5840	5600	240
	Mehsana	750	900	-150
	Kadi	3840	4000	-160
	Sabarkatha	800	880	-80
	Gandhi Nagar	675	1125	-450
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	Closed	1500	-
	Junagadh	NA	302	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	56	-
	Sumerpur	1600	1600	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		26075	26790	-715

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

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