

**Domestic Market Update:**

- Firm price sentiments recorded in castor seed market on Thursday all India castor seed arrival is 12314 quintal which is down by 3949 quintal from last day arrival of 16263 quintal.
- Castor Seed futures on the NCDEX are witnessing a range-bound movement but the counter continues to see buying support at lower levels are traders are wondering if there is likely to some negative impact on the sowing of the commodity in leading producing state of Gujarat. Gujarat kharif sowing continues rigorously. The latest data shows that total acreage under the crops stands at 40.88 lakh hectares as on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020, soaring by 48.16%.
- However, it is also evident that Castor acreage is likely getting affected as farmers prefer more of other crops. The benchmark NCDEX Castor Seed futures have been in a good nick recently, hitting a contract high above Rs 4000 per quintal before pulling off. The counter currently trades at Rs 3894 per quintal, up 0.52% on the day in a wild session that saw the prices move in a range of Rs 3910 - Rs 3866 per quintal.
- As Per the final estimates, castor output in the country will be lower by about 15,000 tons from 19.77 lakh tons reported in 2018-19.
- The latest data of Gujarat sowing shows that total acreage under the castor crops stands at 1900 hectares as on 06<sup>th</sup> July June 2020. From this it is clear that Castor acreage is likely getting affected as farmers prefer more of other crops.
- India's average castor seed productivity after the third and fourth survey has been revised down to 1,977 kg per hectare against 2,052 kg/ha estimated in the first estimate. This is due to some crop damage in Gujarat from untimely rains and strong winds. However, Rajasthan crop conditions were a little better than the first estimate.
- According to sowing data released by Ministry of Agriculture, India, Acreage under castor seed is 9.92 lakh hectares.
- Gujarat will continue to be the largest castor seed producer with an estimated output of 16.60 lakh tons or nearly 85 per cent of the country's output. The first estimate had put the Gujarat output at 17.44 lakh tons.
- Strong winds, rains and hailstorm in some tehsils of Banaskantha, Gandhinagar, Mehsana and Ahmedabad (districts) during March 2020 had slightly damaged the standing castor crop. Farmers have also gone slow on selling castor seed in the market primarily due to the lockdown and lower prices.
- Rajasthan, on the other hand, is set to see an improvement in the average yield, which is revised upward to 1,593 kg/ha after the fourth round of survey, as against the first estimate of 1,523 kg/ha, due to favorable weather conditions and availability of water for irrigation.
- Also the area under castor in Rajasthan is believed to be higher for 2019-20 at 1, 54,240 hectares per government estimates over last year's 1, 38,000 hectares. Meanwhile final production for the State is estimated to be 2.46 lakh tonnes as against the first estimate of 2.35 lakh tonnes.



NCDEX Castor Futures				Date: 06/08/2020			
Contract	+/- (%)	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
20-Aug	-1.17	3900	3900	3822	3894	9275	19135
20-Sept	-1.21	3912	3930	3858	3928	5635	9930
20-Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		06-Aug-20		05-Aug-20		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	3850	3970	3850	3975	-5
	Harij	3925	3950	3825	3900	50
	Rajkot	3700	3830	3675	3855	-25
	Gondal	3705	3905	3605	3855	50
	Deesa	3905	3950	3915	3965	-15
	Bhabar	3825	3900	3800	3875	25
	Mehsana	3875	3925	3875	3925	Unch
	Kadi	3900	4000	3950	4010	-10
	Sabarkatha	3950	4000	3950	3975	25
	Gandhi Nagar	3900	3950	3875	3900	50
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	3700	3875	3650	3825	50
	Junagadh	3450	3735	3250	3635	100
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3700	3850	3600	3800	50
	Sumerpur	3850	3875	3800	3850	25

## Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		6-Aug-20	5-Aug-20	
Gujarat	Patan	1520	2914	-1394
	Harij	1125	3000	-1875
	Rajkot	360	400	-40
	Gondal	600	282	318
	Deesa	299	107	192
	Bhabar	2800	4000	-1200
	Mehsana	675	750	-75
	Kadi	2480	2400	80
	Sabarkatha	280	240	40



	Gandhi Nagar	450	525	<b>-75</b>
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	900	750	<b>150</b>
	Junagadh	13	80	<b>-67</b>
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	11	15	<b>-4</b>
	Sumerpur	800	800	<b>Unch</b>
<b>Total Arrivals/Above Markets</b>		<b>12314</b>	<b>16263</b>	<b>-3949</b>

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

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