Castor Daily Fundamental Report

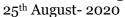
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Domestic Market Update:

- Most of the markets are closed today. Castor prices traded higher side in Rajkot market at Rs. 3800/q against Rs.3780/q in previous day. All India castor seed arrival is 3670 quintal which is higher from last day arrival of 1363 quintal.
- All India castor seed sowing as on 21 August, 2020 is 5.68 lakh hectares which was higher by 9.23% of last year corresponding period area of 5.20 Lakh hectares. If the sowing would be in same pace in coming weeks, record production of castor seed could be seen in second consecutive years.
- Castor seed Price would like to go up from Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 1100/- Uncertainty over kharif Crop the sowing of Castor would decline by 20-25 %. According to N.P. Patel, president Gujarat Seeds producers association, due to good amount of rainfall in Kutch & Saurashtra farmers would like to have two crops instead of Castor, whose gestation period is 6 months. This is the main reason for decline in the area under Castor.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 06th July 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.
- 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.

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• 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: 24/08/2020 | | | |
|----------------------|--------|------|------|------------------|-----------|------------|--------|
| Contract | +/-(%) | Open | High | Low | Clos e | Volum e | O. Int |
| 20-Sept | +0.30 | 3980 | 4012 | 3980 | 3990 | 4600 | 23925 |
| 20-Oct | +0.35 | 4024 | 4050 | 4024 | 4030 | 2225 | 2625 |
| 20-Nov | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:

| | Moulvot | P | | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Commodity/Center | Market | 24-Aug-20 | | 22-Aug-20 | | Change |
| | Castor Seed | Low | High | Low | High | |
| Gujarat | Patan | Closed | Closed | Closed | Closed | 1 |
| | Harij | Closed | Closed | Closed | Closed | 1 |
| | Rajkot | 3645 | 3800 | 3675 | 3780 | 20 |
| | Gondal | Closed | Closed | Closed | Closed | 1 |
| | Deesa | 3925 | 3950 | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Bhabar | 3900 | 3950 | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Mehsana | 3875 | 3900 | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Kadi | Closed | Closed | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Sabarkatha | 3900 | 3950 | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Gandhi Nagar | 3900 | 3950 | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Ahmedabad (Sanand) | NA | NA | NA | NA | - |
| | Halvad | Closed | Closed | 3700 | 3850 | - |
| | Junagadh | NA | NA | 3500 | 3810 | - |
| | Dhrol | NA | NA | 3100 | 3600 | - |
| Rajasthan | Jodhpur | 3650 | 3700 | 3700 | 3800 | -100 |
| | Sumerpur | 3850 | 3875 | Closed | Closed | - |

| Center | Market | Fig. in | Change | |
|---------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| | | 24-Aug-20 | 22-Aug-20 | Change |
| Gujarat | Patan | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Harij | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Rajkot | 60 | 175 | -115 |
| | Gondal | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Deesa | 750 | Closed | - |
| | Bhabar | 1760 | Closed | - |



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| | Mehsana | 525 | Closed | - |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| | Kadi | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Sabarkatha | 40 | Closed | - |
| | Gandhi Nagar | 375 | Closed | - |
| | Ahmedabad (Sanand) | NA | NA | - |
| | Halvad | Closed | 1125 | - |
| | Junagadh | NA | 62 | - |
| | Dhrol | NA | 1 | - |
| Rajasthan | Jodhpur | NA | NA | - |
| Kajasulan | Sumerpur | 160 | Closed | - |
| Total Arrivals | s/Above Markets | 3670 | 1363 | 230 7 |

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