

Domestic Market Update:

- Mixed trends are extended in castor physical markets today after slow pace of arrivals today. All India castor seed arrival is 7130 quintal which is lower from last day arrival of 8155 quintal.
- As per Haresh Vyas, MD of Solvent Extraction of India, Castor seed price will trade in the range bound in coming months. Around 60% of Castor seed available with farmers, prices will hover in the range and seed will be available throughout the year.
- All India castor seed sowing as on 28 August, 2020 is 6.52 lakh hectares which was higher by 1.08% of last year corresponding period area of 6.45 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.
- 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.
- 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 4070 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.
- 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.
- 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: 02.09/2020			
Contract	+/- (%)	Open	High	Low	Clos e	Volum e	O. Int
20-Sept	-0.05	4010	4050	4006	4032	3930	15430
20-Oct	+0.05	4056	4094	4056	4076	3765	13280
20-Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		2-Sep-20		1-Sep-20		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	Closed	Closed	3900	3950	-
	Harij	Closed	Closed	3900	3950	-
	Rajkot	3500	3825	3500	3895	-70
	Gondal	3705	3855	3705	3905	-50
	Deesa	Closed	Closed	3900	3950	-
	Bhabar	4025	4050	4050	4075	-25
	Mehsana	Closed	Closed	3900	3945	-
	Kadi	3900	3985	3950	4010	-25
	Sabarkatha	3925	3950	3925	3975	-25
	Gandhi Nagar	3925	3950	3900	3950	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	3800	3900	3750	3850	50
	Junagadh	NA	NA	3825	3860	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	3700	3800	3600	3700
Sumerpur		3800	3825	3825	3850	-25

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		2-Sep-20	1-Sep-20	
Gujarat	Patan	Closed	1125	-
	Harij	Closed	1500	-
	Rajkot	800	250	550
	Gondal	750	700	50



	Deesa	Closed	225	-
	Bhabar	320	480	-160
	Mehsana	Closed	563	-
	Kadi	3200	2080	1120
	Sabarkatha	400	160	240
	Gandhi Nagar	600	525	75
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	900	375	525
	Junagadh	NA	12	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	160	160	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		7130	8155	-1025

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