

**Domestic Market Update:**

- Steady to firm trends are seen in castor physical markets today amid heavy pace of arrivals today. All India castor seed arrival is 14260 quintal which is higher from last day arrival of 13835 quintal.
- Overall Kharif acreage under castor seed as on 11<sup>th</sup> September is reported lower by 15.68% this year area of 7.39 lakh hectares against 8.76 lakh hectares in 2019-20. Area of castor seed is declined in all major producing states like Gujarat, Rajasthan, AP and Telangana.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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: 17.09/2020 |       |        |        |
|----------------------|---------|------|------|------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Contract             | +/- (%) | Open | High | Low              | Close | Volume | O. Int |
| 20-Sept              | +0.00   | 4170 | 4180 | 4110             | 4122  | 13430  | 26995  |
| 20-Oct               | +0.39   | 4218 | 4226 | 4154             | 4156  | 1415   | 630    |
| 20-Nov               | -       | -    | -    | -                | -     | -      | -      |

### Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:

| Commodity/Center | Market             | Price (Rs/ Quintal) |      |           |      | Change |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------|-----------|------|--------|
|                  |                    | 17-Sep-20           |      | 16-Sep-20 |      |        |
|                  | Castor Seed        | Low                 | High | Low       | High |        |
| Gujarat          | Patan              | 3950                | 4040 | 3900      | 3975 | 65     |
|                  | Harij              | 3900                | 4025 | 3950      | 4025 | Unch   |
|                  | Rajkot             | 3500                | 3925 | 3500      | 3820 | 105    |
|                  | Gondal             | 3705                | 3905 | 3705      | 3880 | 25     |
|                  | Deesa              | 4075                | 4100 | 4075      | 4100 | Unch   |
|                  | Bhabar             | 4000                | 4050 | 3900      | 3950 | 100    |
|                  | Mehsana            | 3950                | 4010 | 3925      | 3970 | 40     |
|                  | Kadi               | 4000                | 4085 | 3950      | 4040 | 45     |
|                  | Sabarkatha         | 4000                | 4050 | 3950      | 4000 | 50     |
|                  | Gandhi Nagar       | 4000                | 4025 | 3950      | 3975 | 50     |
|                  | Ahmedabad (Sanand) | NA                  | NA   | NA        | NA   | -      |
|                  | Halvad             | 3850                | 4000 | 3750      | 3910 | 90     |
|                  | Junagadh           | NA                  | NA   | NA        | NA   | -      |
|                  | Dhrol              | NA                  | NA   | NA        | NA   | -      |
| Rajasthan        | Jodhpur            | 3980                | 4000 | 3980      | 4000 | Unch   |
|                  | Sumerpur           | 3900                | 3915 | 3900      | 3915 | Unch   |

| Center  | Market     | Fig. in Quintal |           | Change |
|---------|------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
|         |            | 17-Sep-20       | 16-Sep-20 |        |
| Gujarat | Patan      | 1350            | 1875      | -525   |
|         | Harij      | 1350            | 2250      | -900   |
|         | Rajkot     | 630             | 740       | -110   |
|         | Gondal     | 650             | 1050      | -400   |
|         | Deesa      | 675             | 375       | 300    |
|         | Bhabar     | 400             | 320       | 80     |
|         | Mehsana    | 750             | 825       | -75    |
|         | Kadi       | 4400            | 2720      | 1680   |
|         | Sabarkatha | 640             | 640       | Unch   |



|                              |                    |       |       |      |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|------|
|                              | Gandhi Nagar       | 900   | 900   | Unch |
|                              | Ahmedabad (Sanand) | NA    | NA    | -    |
|                              | Halvad             | 1875  | 1500  | 375  |
|                              | Junagadh           | NA    | NA    | -    |
|                              | Dhrol              | NA    | NA    | -    |
| Rajasthan                    | Jodhpur            | NA    | NA    | -    |
|                              | Sumerpur           | 640   | 640   | Unch |
| Total Arrivals/Above Markets |                    | 14260 | 13835 | 425  |

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