

### Domestic Market Update

- Castor markets showed mixed tone in physical markets amid weak supplies today. All India castor seed arrival is 13616 quintal which is lower from last day arrival of 17367 quintal.
- Due to the imminent second wave of corona in Europe, the importing countries would stock castor seeds for any future issue in the supply chain. And due to overstocking done by China of all agricultural products, there seems to be a clear cut message that in coming months the prices of Castor would stay strong. Farmers are also aware of this, that's why they are not ready to sell their produce below MSP and till the time they get a good return.
- According to Government 1st advance estimate, castor production in 2020-21 is estimated at 17.24 lakh tonnes. Last year total production of seed was reported at 18.49 lakh tonnes which was a record in the decade.
- Due to the corona pandemic there is a news in round that it is going to have a very adverse impact over export of Castor, whereas the government data displays a different story. Last year between January to August the export was 3.89 lakh million tonnes, which during the current year in the same period increased to 4.15 lakh million tonnes. So in total the export of castor has increased vis e vis last year.
- Overall Kharif acreage under castor seed as on 18<sup>th</sup> September is reported lower by 14.94% this year area of 7.74 lakh hectares against 9.10 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.



NCDEX Castor Futures				Date: 29.10/2020			
Contract	+/- (%)	Open	High	Low	Clos e	Volum e	O. Int
20-Nov	+0.68	4380	4490	4380	4420	8360	23495
20-Dec	+0.54	4450	4550	4450	4476	3710	12105
21-Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		29-Oct-20		28-Oct-20		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4175	4275	4150	4250	25
	Harij	4225	4275	4225	4300	-25
	Rajkot	4000	4250	4000	4220	30
	Gondal	4155	4255	4155	4255	Unch
	Deesa	4250	4325	4200	4250	75
	Bhabar	4280	4330	4250	4300	30
	Mehsana	4250	4300	4250	4300	Unch
	Kadi	4250	4310	4285	4340	-30
	Sabarkatha	4250	4275	4250	4275	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	4300	4325	4250	4300	25
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	4180	4180	-
	Halvad	3950	4075	3950	4100	-25
	Junagadh	3750	4160	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	Closed	Closed	4200	4230	-
	Sumerpur	4175	4200	4175	4200	Unch

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		29-Oct-20	28-Oct-20	
Gujarat	Patan	2250	3000	-750
	Harij	1500	2250	-750
	Rajkot	1100	1500	-400
	Gondal	650	600	50
	Deesa	375	375	Unch
	Bhabar	320	240	80
	Mehsana	1125	1200	-75
	Kadi	3200	4640	-1440
	Sabarkatha	160	160	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	600	750	-150
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	2	-
	Halvad	1875	2250	-375
	Junagadh	61	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	Closed	NA	-
	Sumerpur	400	400	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		13616	17367	-3751

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

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