

Domestic Market Update

- Castor markets showed firmed tone in physical markets amid higher supplies today. All India castor seed arrival is 18241 quintal which is higher from last day arrival of 14318 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 inround 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 18th 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: 04.11.2020			
Contract	+/- (%)	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
20-Nov	+1.58	4436	4524	4430	4512	8320	23170
20-Dec	+1.55	4500	4592	4500	4576	5970	13375
21-Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		4-Nov-20		3-Nov-20		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4500	4600	4350	4540	60
	Harij	4625	4675	4450	4525	150
	Rajkot	4025	4330	NA	NA	-
	Gondal	4405	4555	4075	4405	150
	Deesa	4625	4650	4450	4560	90
	Bhabar	4625	4650	4335	4525	125
	Mehsana	4600	4650	4475	4525	125
	Kadi	4535	4610	4440	4475	135
	Sabarkatha	4550	4600	4400	4425	175
	Gandhi Nagar	4600	4700	4500	4575	125
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	4325	4335	4325	4325	10
	Halvad	3950	4100	3875	4100	Unch
	Junagadh	NA	NA	3750	4300	-
	Dhrol	2500	3000	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4350	4375	4320	4340	35
	Sumerpur	4350	4400	4325	4350	50

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		4-Nov-20	3-Nov-20	
Gujarat	Patan	3000	2625	375
	Harij	3000	2250	750
	Rajkot	900	NA	-
	Gondal	750	1000	-250
	Deesa	375	300	75
	Bhabar	240	240	Unch
	Mehsana	1500	1275	225
	Kadi	4800	3236	1564
	Sabarkatha	200	160	40
	Gandhi Nagar	1350	900	450
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	10	1	9
	Halvad	1875	1875	Unch
	Junagadh	NA	56	-
	Dhrol	1	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	240	400	-160
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		18241	14318	3923

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

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