

### Domestic Market Update

- Castor markets showed weak tone in physical markets amid lower supplies today. All India castor seed arrival is 13658 quintal which is higher from last day arrival of 23305 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 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: 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
		7-Nov-20		6-Nov-20		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4500	4600	4550	4675	-75
	Harij	4575	4625	4575	4675	-50
	Rajkot	3900	4375	4100	4470	-95
	Gondal	4255	4455	4405	4605	-150
	Deesa	4400	4450	4550	4575	-125
	Bhabar	4425	4475	4550	4600	-125
	Mehsana	4450	4510	4550	4625	-115
	Kadi	NA	NA	4540	4570	-
	Sabarkatha	4450	4525	4550	4600	-75
	Gandhi Nagar	4450	4500	4550	4600	-100
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NR	NR	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	4250	4400	4200	4375	25
	Junagadh	3750	4425	4000	4300	125
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4430	4450	4430	4450	Unch
	Sumerpur	4450	4475	4450	4475	Unch

### Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		7-Nov-20	6-Nov-20	
Gujarat	Patan	3000	4200	-1200
	Harij	3375	5100	-1725
	Rajkot	600	550	50
	Gondal	800	850	-50
	Deesa	225	263	-38

	Bhabar	320	240	80
	Mehsana	1275	1650	-375
	Kadi	NA	5360	-
	Sabarkatha	240	240	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	825	1500	-675
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NR	NA	-
	Halvad	2625	3000	-375
	Junagadh	133	32	101
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	240	320	-80
<b>Total Arrivals/Above Markets</b>		<b>13658</b>	<b>23305</b>	<b>-9647</b>

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

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