

Domestic Market Update

- Castor markets showed weak tone in physical markets amid higher supplies today. All India castor seed arrival is 15056 quintal which is higher from last day arrival of 13658 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
		9-Nov-20		7-Nov-20		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4425	4525	4500	4600	-75
	Harij	4350	4500	4575	4625	-125
	Rajkot	NA	NA	3900	4375	-
	Gondal	4155	4330	4255	4455	-125
	Deesa	4350	4400	4400	4450	-50
	Bhabar	4350	4450	4425	4475	-25
	Mehsana	4350	4425	4450	4510	-85
	Kadi	4330	4400	NA	NA	-
	Sabarkatha	4300	4425	4450	4525	-100
	Gandhi Nagar	4350	4400	4450	4500	-100
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NR	NR	-
	Halvad	3950	4375	4250	4400	-25
	Junagadh	3500	4250	3750	4425	-175
	Dhrol	3500	3755	0	0	3755
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4300	4320	4430	4450	-130
	Sumerpur	4250	4300	4450	4475	-175

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		9-Nov-20	7-Nov-20	
Gujarat	Patan	4200	3000	1200
	Harij	2250	3375	-1125
	Rajkot	NA	600	-
	Gondal	500	800	-300
	Deesa	225	225	Unch
	Bhabar	320	320	Unch

	Mehsana	750	1275	-525
	Kadi	3520	NA	-
	Sabarkatha	160	240	-80
	Gandhi Nagar	600	825	-225
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NR	-
	Halvad	2250	2625	-375
	Junagadh	35	133	-98
	Dhrol	6	0	6
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	240	240	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		15056	13658	1398

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

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