

Domestic Market Update

- Castor markets showed firmed tone in physical markets amid lower supplies today. All India castor seed arrival is 13837 quintal which is higher from last day arrival of 15056 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: 10.11.2020	
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
		10-Nov-20		9-Nov-20		
	Castor Seed		Low	High	Low	
Gujarat	Patan	4450	4525	4425	4525	Unch
	Harij	4450	4550	4350	4500	50
	Rajkot	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Gondal	4255	4455	4155	4330	125
	Deesa	4400	4500	4350	4400	100
	Bhabar	4450	4500	4350	4450	50
	Mehsana	4525	4575	4350	4425	150
	Kadi	4475	4510	4330	4400	110
	Sabarkatha	4500	4525	4300	4425	100
	Gandhi Nagar	4450	4500	4350	4400	100
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	4330	4330	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	4050	4250	3950	4375	-125
	Junagadh	3500	4450	3500	4250	200
Dhrol	3400	3850	3500	3755	95	
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4350	4370	4300	4320	50
	Sumerpur	4350	4400	4250	4300	100

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		10-Nov-20	9-Nov-20	
Gujarat	Patan	3000	4200	-1200
	Harij	3000	2250	750
	Rajkot	NA	NA	-
	Gondal	559	500	59
	Deesa	188	225	-38
	Bhabar	400	320	80

	Mehsana	1125	750	<b>375</b>
	Kadi	1920	3520	<b>-1600</b>
	Sabarkatha	240	160	<b>80</b>
	Gandhi Nagar	600	600	<b>Unch</b>
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	10	NA	-
	Halvad	2400	2250	<b>150</b>
	Junagadh	75	35	<b>40</b>
	Dhrol	1	6	<b>-5</b>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	320	240	<b>80</b>
<b>Total Arrivals/Above Markets</b>		<b>13837</b>	<b>15056</b>	<b>-1219</b>

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

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