

Domestic Market Update

- Weak sentiments showed in cash market today with lower arrival. All India daily arrival of castor seed today is 14600 quintal which is down by 348 quintal previous day arrival.
- 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 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 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: 23.11.2020			
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
		24-Nov-20		23-Nov-20		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4450	4550	4525	4600	-50
	Harij	4550	4625	4550	4610	15
	Rajkot	4205	4425	4240	4525	-100
	Gondal	4305	4430	4405	4530	-100
	Deesa	4450	4550	4575	4610	-60
	Bhabar	4500	4525	4575	4600	-75
	Mehsana	4500	4550	4550	4625	-75
	Kadi	4500	4530	4560	4675	-145
	Sabarkatha	4550	4575	4625	4650	-75
	Gandhi Nagar	4450	4525	4550	4600	-75
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	4300	4300	-
	Halvad	4375	4475	4350	4525	-50
	Junagadh	NA	NA	4000	4500	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4430	4450	4440	4460	-10
	Sumerpur	4340	4350	4430	4460	-110

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		24-Nov-20	23-Nov-20	
Gujarat	Patan	2250	3750	-1500
	Harij	2250	1125	1125
	Rajkot	650	980	-330
	Gondal	450	800	-350
	Deesa	300	188	113
	Bhabar	480	320	160
	Mehsana	1350	750	600
	Kadi	3240	2800	440

	Sabarkatha	240	200	40
	Gandhi Nagar	750	600	150
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	6	-
	Halvad	2400	3000	-600
	Junagadh	NA	103	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	240	320	-80
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		14600	14942	-342

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

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