

### Domestic Market Update

- Due to Bharat band on 8<sup>th</sup> December-2020, arrivals are negligible in the mandis.
- 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 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.

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
		8-Dec-20		7-Dec-20		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	Closed	Closed	4400	4475	-
	Harij	Closed	Closed	4460	4500	-
	Rajkot	NA	NA	4055	4375	-
	Gondal	Closed	Closed	4305	4405	-
	Deesa	4500	4575	4500	4550	25
	Bhabar	4400	4450	4400	4475	-25
	Mehsana	4440	4475	4425	4475	Unch
	Kadi	4440	4450	4400	4450	Unch
	Sabarkatha	NA	NA	4500	4525	-
	Gandhi Nagar	Closed	Closed	4400	4450	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	Closed	Closed	4250	4400	-
	Junagadh	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	Closed	Closed	4300	4350	-
	Sumerpur	Closed	Closed	4275	4300	-

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		8-Dec-20	7-Dec-20	
Gujarat	Patan	Closed	2625	-
	Harij	Closed	750	-
	Rajkot	NA	500	-
	Gondal	Closed	550	-
	Deesa	188	225	-38
	Bhabar	300	560	-260
	Mehsana	375	750	-375
	Kadi	280	960	-680

	Sabarkatha	NA	160	-
	Gandhi Nagar	Closed	525	-
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	Closed	750	-
	Junagadh	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	Closed	NA	-
	Sumerpur	Closed	240	-
<b>Total Arrivals/Above Markets</b>		<b>1143</b>	<b>8595</b>	<b>-7453</b>

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

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