

Domestic Market Update

- All India castor seed prices traded weak with higher arrival. Total arrival of castor seed today is 8158 quintal which is up by 510 quintals from previous day arrival of 7648 quintals.
- All the Edible oil players are of the opinion that during 1st half of 2021 the Castor Prices would remain strong. It is expected that due to less usage of certified seeds the productivity of Castor might go down by 10 % in current season.
- Further it is also expected that between January to September there would be an increase of 5% in Castor Oil price, taking the exports during the year up by 5%. Meanwhile, the prices if castor would stay strong till arrival of new castor crop begins from February end. Earlier due to COVID-19, it was expected that there would be a decline of 10% in Castor exports.
- But due to overstocking by China, the export of Castor has gone up by 12% during January to September. During current year the Castor Exports has been 2.14 Lakh tonnes where as last year corresponding period, total export was 1.85 lakh tonnes.
- Due to less availability of Hybrid Castor seeds the productivity this year might go down by 10%. Last year, per hectare productivity was 2200 Kgs, which is expected to go down to 1900-2000Kgs. As per government data, during current year the sowing of Castor has gone down by 16%. But there has been late sowing also, which got impacted due to rainfall leading to damage to 10% of the total sowing area.
- During Rabi season, since the prices of other crops is higher than castor, so farmers would prefer to shift to crops other than castor. If this happens the sowing area of Castor might go down by 20-25%.
- Moreover, since there has been increased in Castor exports along with reduction in sowing area by 16% so the castor prices would stay strong till the arrival of new castor crop. In coming 2 months, the prices of Castor might go up to Rs.4300/ to Rs. 4500/quintal.
- The castor export between January to September has gone up by 10-12%. In the overall export data for castor, exports to China has gone up by 17%, to Europe it has gone down by 1-2%.
- 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.
- The estimated production of Castor in current year was 22 Lakh tonnes, out of which 13 Lakh tonnes has already arrived in market. So by the time new Castor crop arrival after February, the total availability of Castor for Industries is only 8.5-9 Lakh tonnes.

NCDEX Castor Futures				Date: 09.12.2020			
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
		19-Dec-20		18-Dec-20		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4300	4350	4300	4375	-25
	Harij	4250	4350	Closed	Closed	-
	Rajkot	3805	4170	4055	4250	-80
	Gondal	4205	4330	4205	4330	Unch
	Deesa	4280	4330	4300	4375	-45
	Bhabar	4400	4450	4375	4400	50
	Mehsana	4250	4350	4325	4375	-25
	Kadi	4250	4305	4350	4400	-95
	Sabarkatha	4350	4375	4350	4425	-50
	Gandhi Nagar	4350	4375	4350	4400	-25
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NR	NR	-
	Halvad	4200	4450	4250	4400	50
	Junagadh	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4250	4300	4300	4310	-10
	Sumerpur	4150	4175	4200	4225	-50

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		19-Dec-20	18-Dec-20	
Gujarat	Patan	2625	2700	-75
	Harij	1350	Closed	-
	Rajkot	210	340	-130
	Gondal	700	700	Unch

	Deesa	203	188	15
	Bhabar	300	300	Unch
	Mehsana	525	675	-150
	Kadi	760	880	-120
	Sabarkatha	40	200	-160
	Gandhi Nagar	375	525	-150
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NR	-
	Halvad	750	900	-150
	Junagadh	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	320	240	80
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		8158	7648	510

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

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