



Domestic Market Update

- Weak sentiments recorded today with higher arrival. All India castor seed arrival is 7509 quintal which is up by up quintal from last day arrival of 7359 quintal.
- Due to lower availability of old stock of Castor seeds, panic selling could be seen as the new season starts from March-2021. Castor seeds price is likely to go down in the month of March when new picking would start. Demand of Castor Oil from China and Europe has slowed down in last couple of weeks is expected to go up gradually in coming week. Meanwhile, as per trade sources, around 15 -16 Lakh tons of Castor seeds will be produced in this season where as Carry over stock of Castor seeds is approx 4 lakh Tons as on 1 January-2021.
- After 1st phase of Castor Harvest and seeds picking, the news of 2nd phase of picking castor seeds is also coming up. Though this has happened in very few areas. This year the exports of Castor Oil have grown by 15 % as compared to last year. Major chunk has been exported to China. There has been no enhancement in the export of castor seeds to Western Markets.
- And with the news of Corona Vaccine coming up the economic activities would remain bullish so the export of Castor Oil is anticipated to be between the two export numbers achieved during 2019 & 2020. An estimated figure for export during 2021 is 6 lakh tonnes.
- The prices of Castor seeds would go down is very unlikely. Apparently there would be a strong international demand. Chances of major jump in the prices of Castor seeds are very minimal due to current prevailing situation.
- On a day today basis 45000 bags of Castor is arriving whereas 80000 bags of Castor is being crushed in mills every day. So the pipeline is getting shortened. Extra stock with traders is gradually coming down and getting exhausted. The castor oil exports in 2020 has grown up by 18%. The export to China has grown substantially as compared to other global markets.
- 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							
Contract	+/- (%)	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O. Int
21-Jan		4436	4524	4430	4512	8320	23170
21-Feb		4500	4592	4500	4576	5970	13375
21-Mar		-	-	-	-	-	-

Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		28-Jan-21		27-Jan-21		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4275	4375	4300	4325	50
	Harij	4325	4360	4300	4325	35
	Rajkot	4035	4260	4005	4235	25
	Gondal	4205	4255	4180	4230	25
	Deesa	Closed	Closed	4300	4350	-
	Bhabar	Closed	Closed	4300	4325	-
	Mehsana	4300	4350	4250	4300	50
	Kadi	4260	4310	4275	4325	-15
	Sabarkatha	4300	4350	4300	4375	-25
	Gandhi Nagar	4325	4375	4300	4350	25
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	4325	4450	4325	4450	Unch
	Junagadh	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4250	4320	4225	4260	60
	Sumerpur	4225	4250	4125	4150	100

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		28-Jan-21	27-Jan-21	
Gujarat	Patan	3000	2625	375
	Harij	450	450	Unch
	Rajkot	198	134	64
	Gondal	600	500	100
	Deesa	Closed	225	-
	Bhabar	Closed	300	-
	Mehsana	960	200	760
	Kadi	656	1280	-624
	Sabarkatha	280	360	-80
	Gandhi Nagar	450	450	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	750	675	75
	Junagadh	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	160	160	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		7504	7359	145

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

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