

Domestic Market Update

- Mixed sentiments recorded today with higher arrival. All India castor seed arrival is 8933 quintal which is up by 801 quintal from last day arrival of 8133 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Castor Seed Prices in Key Centers:

Commodity/Center	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)				Change
		2-Feb-21		1-Feb-21		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4250	4350	4300	4350	Unch
	Harij	4300	4340	4340	4375	-35
	Rajkot	4090	4205	4115	4295	-90
	Gondal	4180	4255	4180	4255	Unch
	Deesa	4325	4375	4325	4350	25
	Bhabar	4325	4430	4325	4350	80

	Mehsana	4300	4350	4300	4350	Unch
	Kadi	4275	4325	4300	4325	Unch
	Sabarkatha	4350	4400	4375	4400	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	4350	4375	4300	4350	25
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	4300	4450	4325	4475	-25
	Junagadh	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4300	4330	4250	4300	30
	Sumerpur	4425	4250	4225	4250	Unch

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		2-Feb-21	1-Feb-21	
Gujarat	Patan	2850	2625	225
	Harij	600	338	263
	Rajkot	300	375	-75
	Gondal	700	700	Unch
	Deesa	375	225	150
	Bhabar	600	300	300
	Mehsana	560	480	80
	Kadi	928	960	-32
	Sabarkatha	360	320	40
	Gandhi Nagar	450	525	-75
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	1050	1125	-75
	Junagadh	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	160	160	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		8933	8133	801

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



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