

Domestic Market Update

- Mixed sentiments recorded today with higher arrival. All India castor seed arrival is 9365 quintal which is up by 432 quintals from last day arrival of 8933 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 whereas 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
		03-Feb-21		02-Feb-21		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4275	4350	4250	4350	Unch
	Harij	4350	4390	4300	4340	50
	Rajkot	4055	4240	4090	4205	35
	Gondal	4205	4305	4180	4255	50

	Deesa	4325	4360	4325	4375	-15
	Bhabar	4325	4400	4325	4430	-30
	Mehsana	4325	4375	4300	4350	25
	Kadi	4275	4350	4275	4325	25
	Sabarkatha	4375	4425	4350	4400	25
	Gandhi Nagar	4350	4375	4350	4375	Unch
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	0	0	-
	Halvad	4275	4425	4300	4450	-25
	Junagadh	NA	NA	0	0	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	0	0	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4250	4300	4300	4330	-30
	Sumerpur	4200	4225	4425	4250	-25

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		3-Feb-21	2-Feb-21	
Gujarat	Patan	2625	2850	-225
	Harij	450	600	-150
	Rajkot	330	300	30
	Gondal	800	700	100
	Deesa	525	375	150
	Bhabar	450	600	-150
	Mehsana	1040	560	480
	Kadi	1200	928	272
	Sabarkatha	360	360	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	900	450	450
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	0	-
	Halvad	525	1050	-525
	Junagadh	NA	0	-
	Dhrol	NA	0	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	160	160	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		9365	8933	432

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



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