

Domestic Market Update

- Firm sentiments recorded today with lower arrival. All India castor seed arrival is 9533 quintal which is down by 330 quintals from last day arrival of 9863 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
		06-Feb-21		05-Feb-21		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4300	4400	4325	4350	50
	Harij	4375	4450	4325	4360	90
	Rajkot	4095	4265	4155	4270	-5
	Gondal	4205	4280	4205	4255	25
	Deesa	4325	4375	4350	4375	Unch
	Bhabar	4325	4360	4325	4350	10

	Mehsana	4325	4360	4320	4350	10
	Kadi	4325	4375	4300	4350	25
	Sabarkatha	4375	4425	4375	4425	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	4350	4400	4325	4375	25
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	4350	4450	4300	4450	Unch
	Junagadh	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4250	4310	4250	4300	10
	Sumerpur	4225	4250	4225	4250	Unch

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		6-Feb-21	5-Feb-21	
Gujarat	Patan	3000	2850	150
	Harij	750	450	300
	Rajkot	300	300	Unch
	Gondal	250	400	-150
	Deesa	600	750	-150
	Bhabar	450	600	-150
	Mehsana	960	640	320
	Kadi	1088	1400	-312
	Sabarkatha	320	400	-80
	Gandhi Nagar	450	563	-113
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	1125	1350	-225
	Junagadh	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	240	160	80
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		9533	9863	-330

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



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