

Domestic Market Update

- Weak sentiments recorded today with higher arrival. All India castor seed arrival is 9699 quintal which is up by 141 quintals from last day arrival of 9533 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)				
		08-Feb-21		06-Feb-21		Change
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4300	4400	4300	4400	Unch
	Harij	4340	4390	4375	4450	-60
	Rajkot	4070	4240	4095	4265	-25
	Gondal	4205	4280	4205	4280	Unch
	Deesa	4275	4325	4325	4375	-50

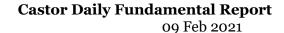


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Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

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Center	Market	8-Feb-21	6-Feb-21	Change	
Gujarat	Patan	3000	3000	Unch	
	Harij	450	750	-300	
	Rajkot	260	300	-40	
	Gondal	550	250	300	
	Deesa	375	600	-225	
	Bhabar	300	450	-150	
	Mehsana	800	960	-160	
	Kadi	1520	1088	432	
	Sabarkatha	240	320	-80	
	Gandhi Nagar	750	450	300	
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	9	NA	-	
	Halvad	1125	1125	Unch	
	Junagadh	NA	25	ı	
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-	
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-	
	Sumerpur	320	240	80	
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		9699	9558	141	

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





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