

## Domestic Market Update

- Mixed sentiments recorded today with lower arrival. All India castor seed arrival is 9829 quintal which is down by 131 quintals from last day arrival of 10236 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
		11-Feb-21		10-Feb-21		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4325	4385	4325	4375	10
	Harij	4340	4375	4340	4390	-15
	Rajkot	4055	4235	4160	4270	-35
	Gondal	4205	4355	4205	4305	50
	Deesa	4300	4350	4325	4350	Unch

	Bhabar	4375	4400	4325	4350	50
	Mehsana	4825	4375	4325	4360	15
	Kadi	4350	4405	4325	4415	-10
	Sabarkatha	4350	4385	4350	4375	10
	Gandhi Nagar	4375	4400	4350	4375	25
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	4225	4250	4225	4250	Unch
	Halvad	4300	4450	4300	4460	-10
	Junagadh	3500	4260	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	4250	4300	4250	4300	Unch
	Sumerpur	4225	4250	4200	4225	25

**Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:**

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		11-Feb-21	10-Feb-21	
<b>Gujarat</b>	Patan	3189	2355	834
	Harij	450	675	-225
	Rajkot	120	220	-100
	Gondal	340	450	-110
	Deesa	413	417	-5
	Bhabar	750	750	Unch
	Mehsana	640	800	-160
	Kadi	1640	2040	-400
	Sabarkatha	360	360	Unch
	Gandhi Nagar	750	825	-75
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	8	8	Unch
	Halvad	900	900	Unch
	Junagadh	110	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	160	160	Unch
<b>Total Arrivals/Above Markets</b>		<b>9829</b>	<b>9960</b>	<b>-131</b>

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



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