

Domestic Market Update

- Mixed sentiments recorded today with higher arrival. All India castor seed arrival is 9829 quintal which is up by 14 quintals from last day arrival of 9829 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
		12-Feb-21		11-Feb-21		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4300	4350	4325	4385	-35
	Harij	4340	4390	4340	4375	15
	Rajkot	4030	4245	4055	4235	10
	Gondal	4205	4280	4205	4355	-75

	Deesa	4325	4375	4300	4350	25
	Bhabar	4325	4350	4375	4400	-50
	Mehsana	4325	4375	4325	4375	Unch
	Kadi	4325	4380	4350	4405	-25
	Sabarkatha	4350	4400	4350	4385	15
	Gandhi Nagar	4325	4350	4375	4400	-50
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	NA	4225	4250	-
	Halvad	4350	4450	4300	4450	Unch
	Junagadh	NA	NA	3500	4260	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4300	4330	4250	4300	30
	Sumerpur	4225	4250	4225	4250	Unch

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		12-Feb-21	11-Feb-21	
Gujarat	Patan	3000	3189	-189
	Harij	825	450	375
	Rajkot	225	120	105
	Gondal	400	340	60
	Deesa	338	413	-75
	Bhabar	750	750	Unch
	Mehsana	640	640	Unch
	Kadi	1760	1640	120
	Sabarkatha	320	360	-40
	Gandhi Nagar	525	750	-225
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	8	-
	Halvad	900	900	Unch
	Junagadh	NA	110	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	0	-
	Sumerpur	160	160	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		9843	9829	14

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



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