

Domestic Market Update

- With higher arrival, castor seeds price was traded mixed today due to active buying.
- All India Castor seed arrival today is 12695 quintal which is higher by 634 quintals from last day arrival of 12061 quintals.
- According to Agriwatch Research Survey, India's castor seed crop is expected to be marginally lower at 19.02 lakh tonnes (lt) for the year 2020-21 against 19.52 lt recorded in the previous year.
- According to second Advance estimate released by Gujarat Agriculture Department, Castor seed production is expected to touch 14.69 tonnes in MY 2020-21.
- 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
		09-Mar-21		08-Mar-21		
	Castor Seed	Low	High	Low	High	
Gujarat	Patan	4500	4625	4475	4575	50
	Harij	4500	4575	4475	4500	75
	Rajkot	4375	4605	4160	4340	265
	Gondal	4405	4555	4255	4430	125
	Deesa	4500	4575	4450	4500	75
	Bhabar	4500	4550	4425	4500	50
	Mehsana	4500	4575	4450	4500	75
	Kadi	4550	4625	4450	4540	85



	Sabarkatha	4575	4625	4500	4525	100
	Gandhi Nagar	4550	4600	4450	4500	100
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	4325	4430	NA	NA	-
	Halvad	4300	4400	4325	4375	25
	Junagadh	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4450	4460	4350	4400	60
	Sumerpur	4400	4450	4300	4350	100

Castor Seed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	Fig. in Quintal		Change
		9-Mar-21	8-Mar-21	
Gujarat	Patan	1500	1650	-150
	Harij	825	1050	-225
	Rajkot	500	280	220
	Gondal	450	500	-50
	Deesa	600	450	150
	Bhabar	450	576	-126
	Mehsana	960	640	320
	Kadi	4800	4280	520
	Sabarkatha	400	360	40
	Gandhi Nagar	900	750	150
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	10	NA	-
	Halvad	900	1125	-225
	Junagadh	NA	NA	-
	Dhrol	NA	NA	-
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	NA	NA	-
	Sumerpur	400	400	Unch
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		12695	12061	634

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



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