Castor Weekly Research Report

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Castor Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- According to latest sowing report as on 02nd August 2019, all India Castor sowing is reported 1.105 lakh hectares in 2019 which is 26.43 per cent lower than last year acreage of 1.502 lakh hectares in the same time period. However, in Gujarat, castor sowing acreage is 0.495 Lakh hectares which is much higher than last year acreage of 0.369 Lakh hectares in the same time period. According to the trade sources, castor sowing acreage in Gujarat might increase this year as compare to last year due to good prices of castor in domestic Mandis throughout last year. Expectation of higher sowing acreage in the coming season might put downward pressure on the castor prices.
- According to the trade sources, castor acreage may decrease in other producing region due to lower rainfall received and farmers are opting for other crops like cumin seed, pulses, cotton, groundnut etc in which prices were higher last year and government may also procure these crops directly from farmers at MSP.
- According to the trade sources, castor oil exports in the month of July 2019 are 44.101 thousand MT which is 13 per cent lower than June exports of 50.577 thousand MT. On a cumulative basis, exports were 1.83 Lakh MT during the first four months of the financial year beginning from April which is 13.96 per cent lower than last year exports of 2.13 Lakh MT during the same period. Lower export is due to lower demand from traditional buyers like China.
- According to the market participants, at present castor seed stocks with stockiest are around 4.5 lakh tonnes which is lower than average stock of 5-6 lakh tonnes every year. Lower stocks are due to lower production estimate of castor crop in 2018-19. New crop is expected to come from A.P.-Telangana in October-November. Till then, millers are dependent on the present lower stocks which might push the prices northward in the coming months.
- As per the Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA), all India castor seed production estimate for 2018-19 is 11.27 Lakh MT which is 21.35 per cent lower than the 2017-18 production estimate of 14.33 Lakh MT. However, according to the AGCON, castor production estimate is 9.13 Lakh MT for 2018-19.
- According to the AGMARK data, all India castor crop arrivals in the last week of July is reported at 6.02 Thousand MT which is 47.92 percent lower than last year arrivals of 11.56 thousand MT in the same time period. Lower arrivals in the domestic Mandis may push the prices northward.



FUNDAMENTAL SUMMARY					
Price Drivers	Impact				
Higher export demand of castor oil	Bullish				
Lower export demand of castor meal	Bearish				
Expectation of lower arrivals in the coming days	Bullish				
Higher demand from millers	Bullish				
Lower production estimate in 2018-19	Bullish				
Forecast of lower production in 2019-20	Bullish				
Based on Primary & Secondary Sources					

Castor Price Trend Deesa Mandi:

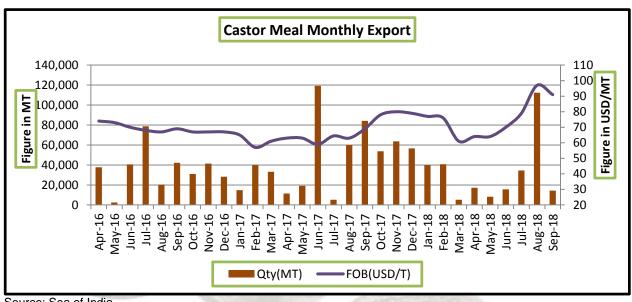


Source: Agriwatch

Above price chart is of Deesa Mandi in Gujarat, which is a major mandi for castor seed. Price trend is showing firm movement, however price is likely to trade steady to firm with lower arrival.



Castor Meal Monthly Export:



Source: Sea of India

Castor Meal Export Summary:

The Solvent Extractors' Association of India has compiled the export data for export of oilmeals for the month of March 2019 as well as for the financial year 2018-19 (April – March). The export of oilmeals during March 2019, provisionally reported at 263,817 tons compared to 261,308 tons in March 2018. The overall export during April 2018 to March 2019 is provisionally reported at 3,205,768 tons compared to 3,026,628 tons during the same period of last year i.e. up by 6%. The export of rapeseed meal is sharply increased to 1,051,869 (663,988) tons, mainly exported to South Korea, Vietnam and Thailand, while soybean meal export is also improved and reported at 1,337,215 tons from the previous year 1,187,818 tons in 2017-18. In term of the total earning has increased to Rs. 6221.95 crores compared to 4761.80 crores, up by 31%. Iranian market has once again opened up for Indian soybean meal. During current year from April 2018 to March 2019, over 5.0 lakh tons of soybean meal shipped against last year just 23,000 tons. It seems again Iranian Feed Industries looking at India for their requirement of soybean meal, supporting export of oilmeals from India.

Castor oil exports drop 30% in October on poor off take from China:

As per SEA latest report, India's castor oil exports plunged 30.5 per cent year-on-year to 36,669 tonnes in October, Slowdown in demand from China, which accounts for around 70 per cent of India's non-edible oil exports, dragged overall exports lower. Castor oil exports were 3 per cent lower month-on-month, the data showed. The outlook for exports is bearish as demand in the global market is unlikely to gather pace in the coming months. During April-October, India shipped 334,519 tonnes of castor oil compared with 386,330



tonnes a year ago. In 2017—18 (April-March), India's total exports were pegged at 651,326 tonnes as against 556,778 tonnes in the previous year. Japan, European countries, and the US are the prominent buyers of Indian castor oil besides China.

State wise Wholesale Prices Weekly Analysis for Castor Seed 01st Week Aug, 2019

State	Prices 01- 08 Aug 2019	Prices 24- 31 Jul 2019	Prices 01- 08 Aug 2018	% Change(Over Previous Week)	% Change(Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	5132.49	5168	4151.39	-0.69	23.63
Chhattisgarh	- 1		3300	_	
Gujarat	5373.86	5340.14	4376.18	0.63	22.8
Karnataka			3930	1200 A 1965	
Madhya Pradesh	4755.22	3935		20.84	
Maharashtra		4712	3850	- CENT 115%	
Odisha		3500			
Rajasthan	5270.2	5240.63	4263	0.56	23.63
Tamil Nadu		3731		_	
Telangana	SEE THE SE	4801	4214.52	- 72	
Average	5132.94	4553.47	4012.16		

Source: Agmarket.net (Prices in Rs./Qtl)

Cash Market Price Outlook for Spot Price

Expected Range	Rs/Qtl.(Low)	Rs /Qtl.(High)
Short term (15 days)	5200-5300	5300-5400
Medium Term (30 days)	5300-5500	5500-5720







Castor Seed Supply & Demand for MY-2018-19:

Preliminary Forecast For 2018-19								
All units in lakh tons	All units in lakh tons 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19*							
Carry in	9.04	5.54	6.79	4.39	5.64			
Production	13.52	14.00	10.60	14.45	10.20			
Imports	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Total Availability	22.56	19.54	17.39	18.84	15.84			
Consumption	12.60	12.75	13.00	13.20	13.00			



Exports	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Usage	12.60	12.75	13.00	13.20	13.00
Carry out	9.96	6.79	4.39	5.64	2.84
Av Monthly Consumption	1.05	1.06	1.08	1.10	1.08
Stock to Month Use	9.49	6.39	4.05	5.13	2.62
Stock to Consumption Ratio	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08

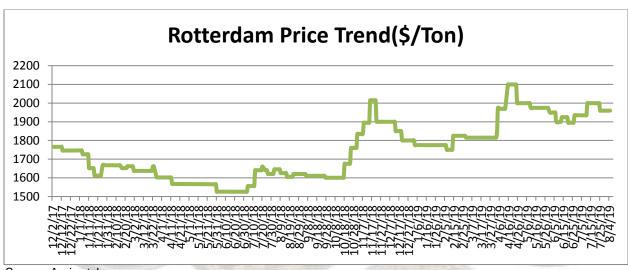
Castor Seed- Balance Sheet for 2018-19:

Production shows around 28-30% lower side this year against 2017-18 seasons due to damage of crop in major producing states like Gujarat as lower rainfall recorded during the growth phase. Over all area is slightly up from last from 8.170 lakh hectares to 8.59 lakh hectares but mostly area down in major producing states like Telangana, Gujarat and Haryana. Andhra Pradeshis facing the worst drought of recent times with crop in lakhs of hectares under stress including castor seed which may impact on yield. The failure of the northeast monsoon has hit farmers really hard. While a rainfall deficit of 73% was recorded in October — the first month of the northeast monsoon — there seems to be no letup in the second month recording a rainfall deficit of 64%. The estimate is based on data received from final kharif sowing progress by Ministry of Agriculture. Agriwatch expects below normal rainfall this year and hopes lower yield too. Based on lower yield realization seed production would decline from 14.45 to 10.20 lakh tons this year.

The season started with 5.64 lakh tons as carryout. Thus total availability for current marketing year comes to 15.84 lakh tons with estimated production of 10.20 lakh tons is included. Lower production would drag carryout down from 5.64 to 2.84 lakh tons. It would push seed price up in coming month of year 2018 once picking complete till March end to mid of April.



Rotterdam Price:



Source: Agriwatch

Comparative Prices Of Castor Products Including Seed					
	26th July'19	19th July'19	26 th June'19	26th July'18	CHANGE %
Castorseed (Gujarat)((Rs./M.T) Ex-Mandi	55150	55650	55250	43717	20.73
Castor Meal Export (FAS) (US\$ / MT),Ex Kandla	118.00	118.00	110.00	79.00	33.05
EXPORT (FOR) Ports (Rs./MT)Castor meal bulk Kandla	7950	7950	7450	5440	31.57
Castor Oil (First Grade) FOB Kandla (Export)\$/Tonne	1640	1660	1645	1323	19.33
Local rates for oil in domestic market(Rs./M.T.) for comm.	115000	115000	114000	91115	20.77

Source: SEA.

Castor Seed Weekly Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodi	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)	Chan
ty	Wai Ket	Tree (KS) Quintar)	ge



Center		5th Aug to 10th Aug 2019	29th July to 03rd Aug 2019	
	Patan	5423	5406	17
	Harij	5415	5400	15
	Rajkot	5292	5300	-8
	Gondal	5355	5355	Unch
	Deesa	5412	5411	1
	Bhabar	5400	5390	10
	Mehsana	5420	5416	4
Gujarat	Kadi	5438	5430	8
	Sabarkatha	5460	5450	10
	Gandhi Nagar	5437	5445	-8
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	#DIV/o!	1074	-
	Halvad	5415	1080	4335
	Junagadh	#DIV/o!	0	N -
	Dhrol	#DIV/o!	1000	<u>- 1 </u>
Rajastha	Jodhpur	5328	5424	-96
n n	Sumerpur	5345	5360	-15

Castor See	ed Cumulative Arr	ivals in Key Centers:	76-		
Center	Market	5th Aug to 10th Aug 2019	29th July to 03rd Aug 2019	Chan ge	
	Patan	7112	7703	-591	
	Harij	2100	1200	900	
	Rajkot	584	625	-41	
	Gondal	753	780	-27	
	Deesa	2532	2760	-228	
	Bhabar	8736	6192	2544	
	Mehsana	2250	1350	900	
Gujarat	Kadi	5840	5120	720	
	Sabarkatha	1160	696	464	
	Gandhi Nagar	2175	1200	975	
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	0	6	-6	
	Halvad	660	75	585	
	Junagadh	0	o U		
	Dhrol	0	1	-1	
Rajastha	Jodhpur	435	765	-330	
n	Sumerpur	680	440	240	



Total Arrivals/Above 35017 28912 6104

Week on Week Price: Sc	Week on Week Price: Scenario of Castor Seed :						
Commodity		Today	Week ago	Month ago	Year ago		
Center	Market	10- Aug- 19	3-Aug- 19	11-Jul- 19	10-Aug- 18		
	Patan	5425	4546.667	5550	4400		
	Harij	Closed	4535	5500	4425		
	Rajkot	Closed	4396	5365	4275		
	Gondal	Closed	4425	5330	4330		
	Deesa	Closed	4529.167	5450	4430		
	Bhabar	5325	4511.667	5450	#VALUE		
Cuionat	Mehsana	5460	4501.667	5485	4415		
Gujarat	Kadi	Closed	4508.333	5515	4445		
	Sabarkatha	5475	4505.833	5555	4425		
	Gandhi Nagar	5475	4512.5	5475	4425		
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	NA	#DIV/o!	5445	4345		
	Halvad	Closed	4454.167	5400	4250		
	Junagadh	NA	4367.5	5250	4250		
	Dhrol	NA	4200	4895	4070		
Dojagthan	Jodhpur	5200	4485	5400	4450		
Rajasthan	Sumerpur	5450	4421.667	5375	4425		

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