



Castor Weekly Research Report

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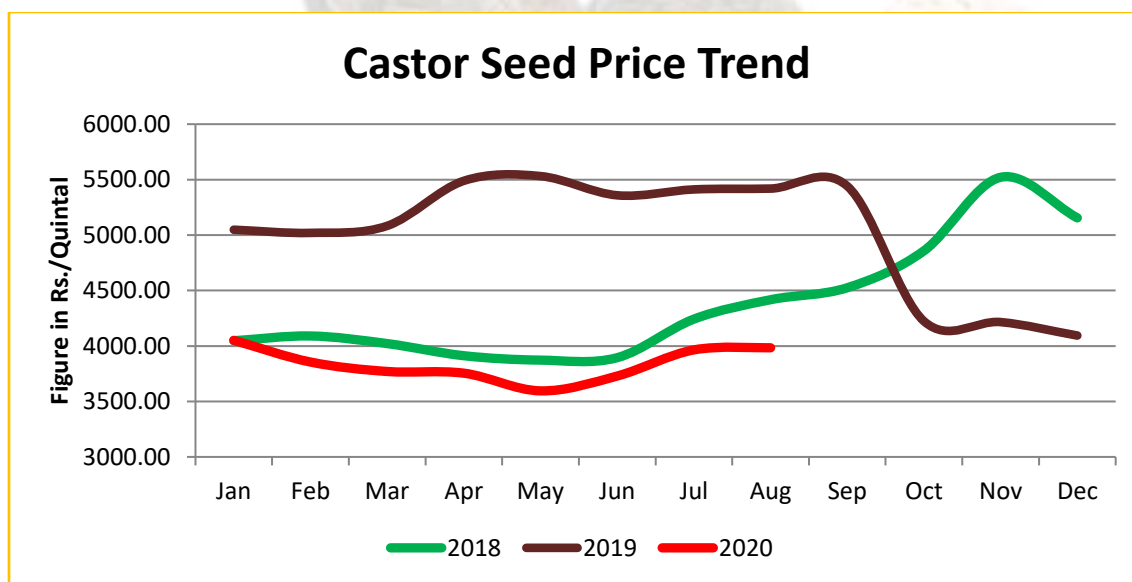
Castor Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- Higher arrival in 02nd week of February put pressure in castor seed price. All India castor seed arrival is 49716 quintal which is lower by 9212 quintal from previous week to 58927 quintal.
- 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.
- In 2020 bumper castor crop was expected. This anticipation by Castor Oil importing countries led to decline in their inventory of Castor Seeds and oil, this lead to decline in export numbers. The estimated production of Castor in 2020-21 is 15.10 lakh tonnes and the carry forward stock of Castor would be 3.29 lakh tonnes. In the current prevailing situation when Corona Vaccination has begun in some of the western countries the global economic activities are expected to remain bullish in 2021. This indicates that the demand of Castor Seeds and oil in the international market would remain strong.
- The export numbers to China has remained substantially good. Though during the Lunar New Year the demand for Castor might slow down, but once that gets over the demand would again pick up. And in western market especially US and West European markets the demand for Castor Oil has started picking up after Christmas.

Sowing Updates:

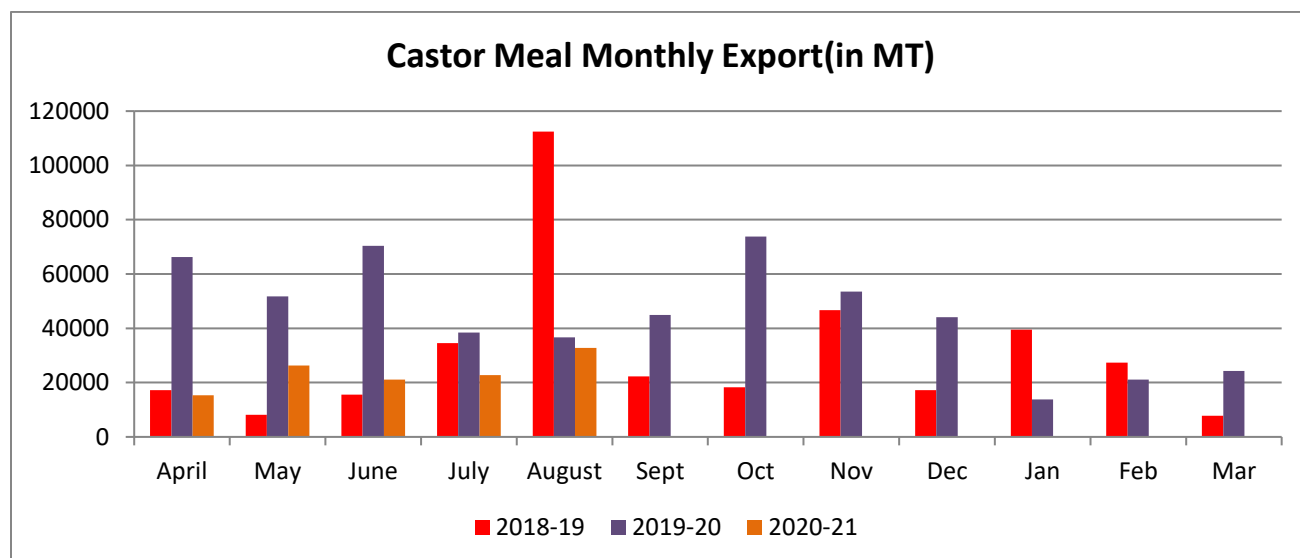
State	Normal Area	Area sown reported			Absolute Change
		This Year	% of Normal	Last Year	
Andhra Pradesh	0.40	0.18	44.89	0.33	-0.15
Gujarat	6.15	5.80	94.24	6.79	-0.99
Rajasthan	1.69	1.40	82.77	1.54	-0.15
Telangana	0.38	0.14	35.78	0.23	-0.09
All-India	9.07	7.74	85.4	9.10	-1.36

Castor Price TrendDeesaMandi:



Source: Agriwatch

Castor Meal Monthly Export:



Source: Sea of India

Meal Export Summary:

The Solvent Extractors' Association of India has compiled the export data for export of oil meals for the month of August 2020 and provisionally reported at 171,515 tons compared to 228,484 tons in August, 2019 i.e. down by 25%. The overall export of oil meals during April to August 2020 is provisionally reported at 1,013,177 tons compared to 1,146,295 tons during the same period of previous year i.e. down by 12%. The Solvent Extractors' Association of India has compiled the export data for export of oil meals for the month of August 2020 and provisionally reported at 171,515 tons compared to 228,484 tons in August, 2019 i.e. down by 25%. The overall export of oil meals during April to August 2020 is provisionally reported at 1,013,177 tons compared to 1,146,295 tons during the same period of previous year i.e. down by 12%.

State wise Wholesale Prices Weekly Analysis for Castor Seed Third week December, 2020

State	Prices 16-23 Dec 2020	Prices 09-15 Dec 2020	Prices 16-23 Nov 2019	% Change(Over Previous Week)	% Change(Over Previous Year)
Karnataka	3785.37	3433.18	5000	10.26	-24.29
Gujarat	4111.1	4038.08	4287.36	1.81	-4.11

Maharashtra				--	--
Rajasthan	3921.09	3889.91	4105.34	0.8	-4.49
Andhra Pradesh	3599.19	3262.61	4086.16	10.32	-11.92
Tamil Nadu		4709		--	--
Telangana			4122.94	--	--
Average	3854.19	3866.56	4320.36		

Prices in Rs/Quintal

Cash Market Price Outlook for Spot Price

Expected Range	Rs/Qtl.(Low)	Rs /Qtl.(High)
Short term (15 days)	3850-3950	3900-4350
Medium Term (30 days)	4200-4300	4400-4600

Technical Analysis:

Castor – Technical Outlook

Technical Commentary:

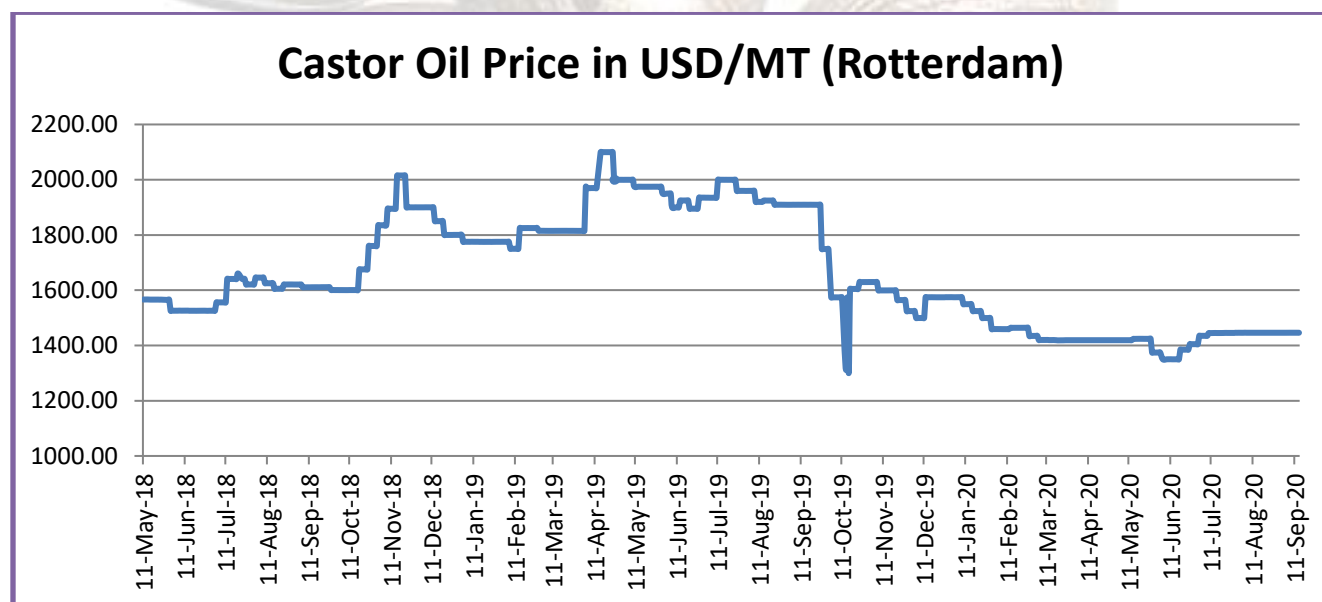
- Major sentiments are more likely to be firm even as it trades below 4208 per 100 kg. Meanwhile, prices firmly retained the support of 3970 levels.
- This could be a good level for bargain buying targeting towards 4400-4500 and if breaks the resistance of 4400 aiming further higher to 4460-4590 levels.
- The weekly RSI is trading at 74 with over bought bias.
- On lower side, a fall below 3990 could intensify the correction further to 3970-3800 levels.



Strategy: Buy

Intraday Supports & Resistances			S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
Castor	NCDEX	Jan	3800	3950	4208	4450	4500
Pre Weekly Trade Call			Call	Entry	T1	T2	SL
Castor	NCDEX	Jan	Buy	4200	4235	4265	4180

Rotterdam Price:



Source: Agriwatch

Comparative Prices Of Castor Products Including Seed					
	21stAug'20	14thAug'20	21stJul'20	21stAug'19	CHANGE %
Castorseed (Gujarat)((Rs./M.T) Ex-Mandi	40150	40350	40500	55712	-38.76
Castor Meal Export (FAS) (US\$ / MT),Ex Kandla	71.00	71.00	52.00	108.00	-52.11
EXPORT (FOR) Ports (Rs./MT)Castor meal bulk Kandla	4850	5150	3650	7459	-53.79
Castor Oil (First Grade) FOB Kandla (Export)\$ /Tonne	1150	1150	1165	1621	-40.96
Local rates for oil in domestic market(Rs./M.T.) for comm.	85500	85500	86000	115570	-35.17

Source: SEA.

Castor Seed Weekly Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Market	Price (Rs/ Quintal)		Change
		10th Feb to 16th Feb 2021	04th Feb to 09th Feb 2021	
Gujarat	Patan	4372	4371	1
	Harij	4381	4398	-17
	Rajkot	4252	4254	-3
	Gondal	4309	4293	17
	Deesa	4357	4367	-10
	Bhabar	4385	4355	30
	Mehsana	4372	4361	11
	Kadi	4414	4401	13
	Sabarkatha	4389	4404	-15
	Gandhi Nagar	4375	4383	-8
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	2833	2825	8
	Halvad	4452	4448	5
	Junagadh	710	700	10
	Dhrol	0	0	Unch
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	4327	4302	25
	Sumerpur	4258	4242	17

Castor Seed Cumulative Arrivals in Key Centers:

Center	Market	10th Feb to 16th Feb 2021	04th Feb to 09th Feb 2021	Change
Gujarat	Patan	14544	16830	-2286

	Harij	3300	3750	-450
	Rajkot	900	1553	-653
	Gondal	2640	2800	-160
	Deesa	1805	2892	-1088
	Bhabar	2925	3075	-150
	Mehsana	3360	4400	-1040
	Kadi	9632	9488	144
	Sabarkatha	2080	2120	-40
	Gandhi Nagar	3075	4013	-938
	Ahmedabad (Sanand)	15	32	-17
	Halvad	4050	6750	-2700
	Junagadh	110	25	85
	Dhrol	0	0	Unch
	Jodhpur	0	0	Unch
Rajasthan	Sumerpur	1280	1200	80
Total Arrivals/Above Markets		49716	58927	-9212

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