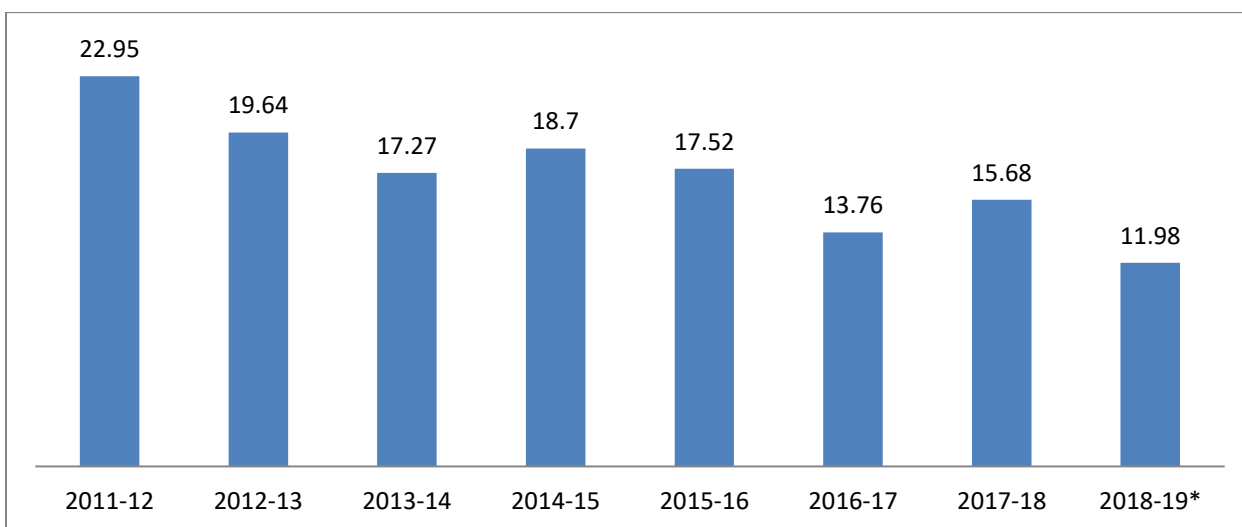


Castor Outlook – August 2019

Castor is mostly grown in arid and semi-arid regions. It is cultivated in 30 different countries on commercial scale of which India, China, Brazil, Russia, Thailand, Ethiopia and Philippines are major castor seed growing countries accounting for nearly 88% of the world's production.

All India kharif oilseeds sown area was reported as 149.40 lakh ha on 2nd August 2019 as against 157.38 lakh ha in the corresponding period of last year. Castor area was reported as 1.105 lakh ha as against 1.502 lakh ha during the same period of last year. In India, major castor producing states are Gujarat (0.495 lakh ha), Telangana (0.222 lakh ha), Andhra Pradesh (0.186 lakh ha), Rajasthan (0.139 lakh ha) and Odisha (0.028 lakh ha). In Telangana major growing districts are Narayanpet (9791 ha), Mahabubnagar (4829 ha), Gadwal (2092 ha) and Wanaparthy (4146 ha). According to Government 3rd advance estimate, castor production in 2018-19 is at 11.98 lakh tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), *3rd Advance Estimates

Figure 1: Production of Castor in India (in lakh tonnes)

Table 1: Castor Domestic Supply & Demand (in lakh tonnes)

	2018-19	2019-20*
Opening Stocks	4.39	5.64
Production	14.45	10.2
Imports	0.00	0.00
Total Supply	18.84	15.84
Exports	13.20	13.00
Consumption	0.00	0.00
Total Demand	13.20	13.00
Ending Stocks	5.64	2.84

Source: www.agriwatch.com * Estimated

Production in 2018-19 shows around 28-30% lower side as compared to previous year due to damage of crop in major producing states like Gujarat because of lower rainfall received during the growth phase. All major producing states like Telangana, Gujarat and Haryana also observed lower area coverage in 2018-19. Lower rainfall during kharif 2019 beginning in major producing states may further decrease the production of castor in the current year.

Table 2: Prices and arrivals of Castor in Gadwal market during July 2019

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
1	2	4987	4887	4987
3	5	4979	4052	4979
4	3	4970	4970	4970
5	3	4977	4977	4977
8	12	5022	4417	5022
22	3	5027	4691	5027

Source: www.tsmarketing.in

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Castor is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4800 - 5000 per quintal in the month of August 2019.