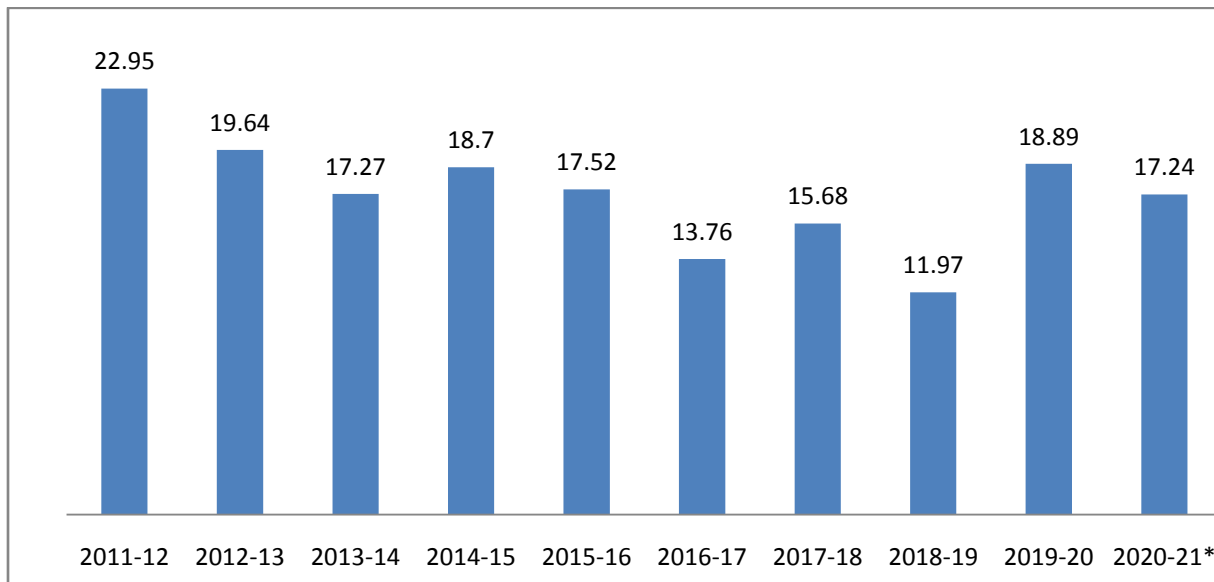


## Castor Outlook – November2020

Castor is one of the oldest cultivated crops; however, it contributes to only 0.15% of the vegetable oil produced in the world. The oil produced from this crop is considered to be of importance to the global specialty chemical industry because it is the only commercial source of a hydroxylate fatty acid. Castor plant is grown in arid and semi-arid regions. In 2018-19, World major producing countries are India (11.97 lakh tonnes), Mozambique(0.85 lakh tonnes), China (0.27 lakh tonnes),Brazil (0.14 lakh tonnes) and Myanmar(0.12 lakh tonnes).

Area under castor reported during 2020-21 was 7.743 lakh ha (19.133 lakh acres) as against 9.101lakh ha (22.489 lakh acres) during the same period in 2019-20. Among states,Gujarat is leading with 5.799 lakh ha (14.330 lakh acres) under castor followed by Rajasthan 1.390 lakh ha (3.435 lakh acres), Andhra Pradesh 0.180 lakh ha (0.445 lakh acres) and Telangana 0.094lakh ha (0.234 lakh acres). According to Government 1<sup>st</sup>advance estimates, all India castor production in 2020-21 is at 17.24 lakh tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES).\* 1<sup>st</sup>Advance estimates

**Figure 1: Production of Castor in India (in lakhtonnes)**

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

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<b>Carry in</b>	4.29	6.72	4.69
<b>Production</b>	15.68	11.97	18.49
<b>Imports</b>	0	0	0
<b>Total Availability</b>	19.97	18.69	23.18
<b>Consumption (crushing)</b>	13.25	14	14.5
<b>Exports</b>	0	0	0
<b>Total Usage</b>	13.25	14	14.5
<b>Carry out</b>	6.72	4.69	8.68

Source: www.agriwatch.com

In Telangana state, Wanaparthy 2,812 ha (6,949 acres), Mahabubnagar 2,361 ha (5,834 acres), Narayanpet 1,683 ha (4,158 acres), Gadwal 1,119 ha (2,962 acres) and Nagarkurnool 686 ha (1,694 acres) are major castor growing districts. According to Telangana State Government 1<sup>st</sup> advance estimates, castor production in 2020-21 is at 0.13 lakh tonnes with productivity of 1483 Kg/ha (600 Kg/acre).

**Table 2: Prices and arrivals of Castor in Devarakadra market during October 2020**

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
1	10	3839	3729	3809
3	93	3905	3729	3817
5	83	3904	3709	3807
6	37	3883	3803	3843
7	85	3893	3709	3801
8	25	3892	3759	3826
9	41	3873	3677	3775
10	22	3883	3720	3802
12	32	3891	3831	3861
19	78	3894	3559	3727
20	27	3859	3789	3824
21	21	3880	3860	3870
22	82	3914	3854	3884
23	16	3914	3889	3902
28	39	3969	3550	3760
29	10	3971	3949	3960
31	41	4191	4129	4160

Source: www.tsmarketing.in

All India Castor seed arrival is increasing slowly with demand coming from lubricant and paint industries which generally picks up before Diwali. Due to overstocking done by China of all agricultural products, there seems to be a clear cut message that in coming months the prices of Castor would stay strong.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Castor is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 3800 - 4000 per quintal in the month of November 2020.