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Dear

The new summer crop of Whitish sesame seed (and black sesame) is still standing tall in the fields of Gujarat. On the opposite side of the country, we have one of the largest production areas for sesame in West Bengal where we get between 250 – 300,000 mt of double skin, brown sesame, with the plants looking equally healthy but with plenty of room for growth.

The trade had a bit of a scare early last week when unseasonal weather conditions led to rain and even hail stones in several parts of Gujarat. Luckily there was no wind to accompany the rain. Hence, we do not have any news about crop damage so far. The plants that were at the flowering stage, would have had the flowers fall off, stunting growth to a small extent due to the timing, but the seed size and weight would be better thanks to this extra moisture received by the plants. Net effect being positive for the crop rather than negative in any way.

With harvest already making a small start in some pockets of Gujarat, we are now comfortable to continue with our estimate of the crop size at about 120,000 mt of whitish seed and an additional 30 – 35,000 of black seed. On the other hand, the crop in West Bengal which gets harvested only in end June – July continues to run the risk of rainfall and cyclones until it is harvested so making a guess on numbers is a challenge for now.

On the import side, after the huge volumes from Brazil, India is finally taking a bit of a breather with limited cargo in the pipeline and a large part of the stocks that were in warehouses etc also not being offered around freely. This happens at a good time as we will have our summer crop as a raw material for the hulling factories. No other import origin has been discussed in the Indian market as Brazil has for this season at least.

In terms of order book, while we do not have the sales to China etc for the natural whitish sortex cargo as we did in the previous years, after a long spell we had a clean sweep on the Korean Tender. While the pricing could have been better across the board for all the participants and as an origin by atleast USD 50 per ton, the eagerness to ensure a part of the business kept it generally competitive. One has to keep in mind that on one hand we have sold natural sortex sesame at USD. 1460 – 1475 pmt cfr and on the other hand we are selling hulled sesame at USD. 1520 – 1540 pmt to the far east markets as well. It is not often that one sees such a small gap between a raw and processed sesame.

Current price levels for new crop sesame to be shipped during June – August 2025, on **fob** basis are as follows –

Natural Whitish 98/2/1 : USD. 1250.00 pmt
Natural Whitish 99/1/1 : USD. 1270.00 pmt
Natural Sortex, 99.95% : USD. 1430.00 pmt

Natural Black 99/1/1 : USD. 2185.00 pmt
Natural Black Sortex : USD. 2400.00 pmt
Natural Jet Black Sortex : 2550.00 pmt

Hulled Sesame Seeds, Min. 99.95 % purity : USD. 1500.00 pmt
Hulled Sesame Seeds, Min. 99.97 % purity : USD. 1515.00 pmt

Hulled Sesame Seeds, Min. 99.98 % purity : USD. 1535.00 pmt

Hulled Sesame Seeds, Min. 99.98 % purity : USD. 1650.00 pmt – **FOR EU / USA**

We ship in all sizes from Jumbo Bags to 1 kg pouches packed in cartons as per buyers requirements.

We await your best inquiries.

Regards – Sanjiv Sawla

