Soybean Outlook – October 2018

World scenario

Global 2018-19 cotton production is projected at 369.32 million MT which was 336.82 million MT during 2017-18. Increase in production was projected for United States and China that are partly offset by lower projections for Canada, India, and Uruguay.

Indian scenario

Soybean is one of the fastest growing crops in India. It is recognized as one of the premier crops around the world. Due to high protein content and high oil content soybean is considered to be an important food commodity. The soya protein is called complete protein because it supplies sufficient amount of amino acids. In India during 2018-19, about 112.61 lakh ha area was covered under soybean which was 105.92 lakh ha during corresponding period of last year.

Table 1: State wise area under soybean in India

State	2017-18 Area in lakh hectares	2018-19 Area in lakh hectares	Change in area over 2017-18
Telangana	1.65	1.78	+ 0.13
Chhattisgarh	1.32	1.29	- 0.03
Gujarat	1.29	1.35	+ 0.06
Karnataka	2.71	3.39	+ 0.68
Madhya Pradesh	50.1	53.18	+ 3.08
Maharashtra	38.39	39.97	+ 1.58
Rajasthan	9.69	10.46	+ 0.77
Other States	0.77	1.19	+ 0.42
Total	**105.92**	**112.61**	**+ 6.69**

Source: www.agricoop.com

Soybean prices in India

Table 2: Monthly prices of Soybean in major markets of India (Rs/q)

Market	Sep-18 (price Rs./quintal)		Aug-18 (price Rs./quintal)	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Indore	3000	3015	3100	3300
Nagpur	3100	3300	3050	3100
Latur	2950	3350	-	-
Akola	2900	3300	2900	3135
Kota	2700	3100	3200	3275
Bundi	2900	3000	3100	3150
Baran	3000	3250	3050	3125

Source: www.agriwatch.com

Currently, soybean is being traded in all major markets of country at around Rs. 2700 to 3500 per quintal and in all markets prices had decreased over the previous month. Compared to all markets in India, soybean was traded at a lower price in Bundi market, while Nagpur market of Maharashtra stood for higher price.

State scenario

As on 26th September 2018 the area under soybean was 178935 hectares as against 164971 hectares during corresponding period of last year and the same was increased in Asifabad, Nirmal, Adilabad, Kamareddy and Sangareddy districts compared to last year.

Table 3: District wise area under soybean in Telangana State

District	2018-19 (Area in ha)	2017-18 (Area in ha)	Change Over 2017-18
Kamareddy	45223	41113	+4110
Nirmal	40344	37252	+3092
Nizamabad	39313	41474	-2161
Adilabad	30120	22998	+7122
Sangareddy	14880	12490	+2390
Asifabad	5552	3792	+1760
Jagityal	1490	3020	-1530
Vikarabad	1079	1250	-171
Medak	590	1150	-560
Other Districts	344	432	-88
Total	**178935**	**164971**	**+13964**

Source: www.agritelangana.gov.in

Soybean Prices in Telangana

Table 4: Monthly Prices of Soybean during September 2017 and 2018 at Nizamabad

Date	2018 September				2017 September			
	Arrivals In Tonnes	Minimum Price	Maximum Price	Modal Price	Arrivals In Tonnes	Minimum Price	Maximum Price	Modal Price
4	0.4	2525	2525	2525	-	-	-	-
7	1.9	2725	2725	2725	2.4	2320	2699	2399
11	16.2	2957	3221	3108	10.5	2399	2599	2499
12	166.1	3006	3303	3138	19.3	2388	2775	2486
14	17.8	2828	3313	3237	10.2	2388	2775	2525
15	11.3	2728	3348	3181	11.8	2402	2771	2633
17	20.8	2756	3310	3243	5.5	2388	2498	2408
18	12.9	2880	3321	3188	11.9	2440	2787	2710
19	27.9	2958	3381	3315	11.8	2288	2710	2660
20	9.0	2650	3303	3172	19.9	2428	2855	2720
22	24.0	2874	3336	3198	23.3	2361	2813	2668
25	19.6	2706	3300	3258	39.8	2318	2875	2665

Sourece: www.agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Prices of soybean in Nizamabad market during September 2018 are ranging between Rs.2500 to 3300 per quintal which are ruling nearly Rs.500 per quintal higher than the prices of corresponding period of last year.

The increase in global production estmate, domestic acreage both in India and Telangana state may create pressure on prices of soybean. Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Soybean is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 3000 – 3300 per quintal in the month of October 2018.