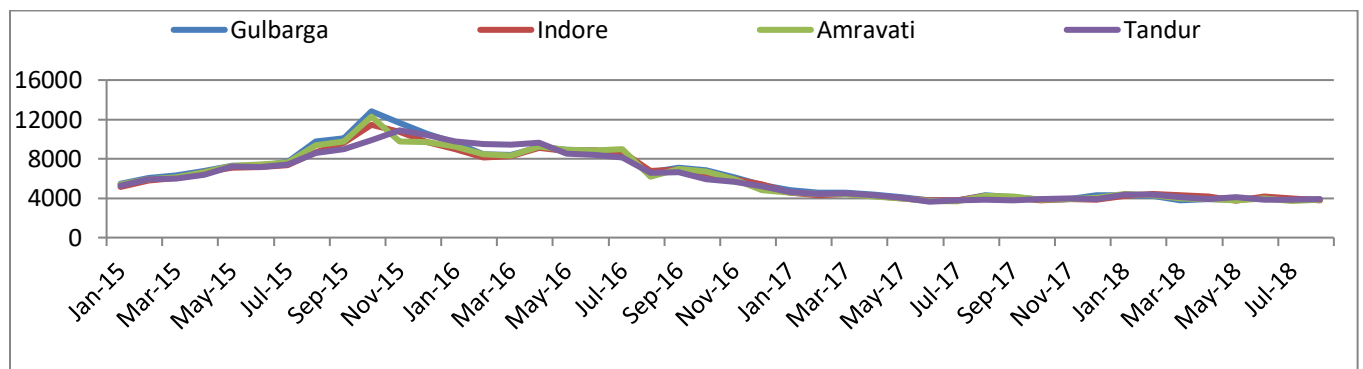


Redgram Outlook – September 2018

Redgram is commonly known as Tur or Arhar in India and is the second important pulse crop in the country after gram (chana). The ability of redgram to produce high economic yields under soil moisture deficit makes it an important crop in rainfed and dryland agriculture. India contributes for nearly 90% of world's total redgram production.

This year almost same area coverage is likely despite fear of lower acreage. So production is expected to be same as last year under normal condition. As demand in domestic market is likely to improve, redgram price is expected to move up from current level. Stock available in central pool would not come in physical market and Government would try to consume it through various welfare schemes. It would lend support to redgram market in coming weeks.

All India kharif pulses sown area was reported as 132.66 lakh ha on 31st Aug-2018 as against 136.12 lakh ha in the corresponding period of last year. Redgram area was reported as 44.46 lakh ha as against 44.70 lakh ha during the same period of last year. In India, major redgram producing states are Maharashtra (12.12 lakh ha), Karnataka (9.84 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (6.25 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (3.46 lakh ha), Telangana (2.75 lakh ha) and Gujarat (2.53 lakh ha).



Source: www.agriwatch.com, agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Figure 1: Average monthly prices of redgram in major markets of India (Rs/q)

It is evident from Figure 1 that all major markets of redgram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. Currently redgram in major markets is being traded at a lower price i.e., around Rs. 3800 per quintal.

The major markets for this crop in Telangana are Badepalli, Devarakadra, Gadwal, Mahabubnagar, Narayanpet, Sadasivpet, Zaheerabad, Suryapet, Tandur and Warangal. The major markets in neighboring states are Kadiri, Narsaraopet, Tiruvuru, Kurnool, Yeminiganur and Ongole in Andhra Pradesh, Gulbarga, Sedam, Yadgiri, Bidhar, Bijapur, Bellary and Bagalkote in Karnataka, and Akola, Latur, Jalgaon and Nagpur in Maharashtra.

Table 1: Prices and arrivals of redgram in Tandur market during August 2018

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
1	4.9	3800	3800	3800
2	16.6	3750	4100	4000
3	8.0	3950	4194	4050
7	2.1	4000	4050	4025
13	1.0	3870	4000	3940
21	0.4	3708	3825	3770
27	1.2	3701	3906	3810
28	1.9	3800	4005	3910
30	0.8	4014	4211	4111

Source: agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Overall, India's pulses import volume has decreased. From March-2018 to July-2018 India has imported total 604505 tonnes of pulses. In July 2018 India imported nearly 32.76 percent lower quantity of pulses (120256 tonnes) as compared to June 2018 (178849 tonnes). However, redgram import was increased from 11910 to 17862 tonnes during the same period.

In August 2018, average price of redgram in Tandur market was increased. Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 3900 - 4000 per quintal in the month of September 2018.