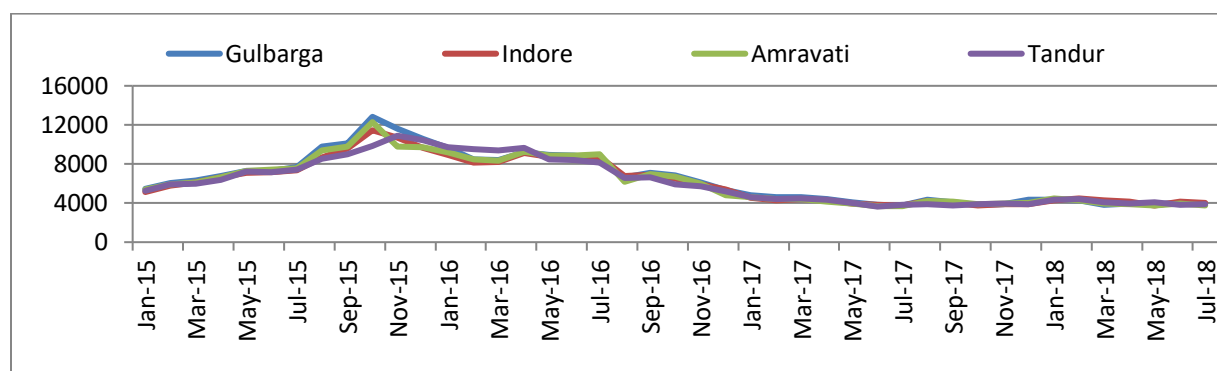


Redgram Outlook – August 2018

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.

All India kharif Pulses area is lagging behind by 3.91 % to 115.57 against 120.27 lakh ha last year. Farmers have covered 39.89 lakh ha against 39.38 last year under redgram till date, up by 1.30 %. Normal area under redgram is 41.90 lakh ha. In India, major redgram producing states are Maharashtra (11.32 lakh ha), Karnataka (9.05 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (2.55 lakh ha), Telangana (2.5 lakh ha) and Gujarat (2.13 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. 3881 per quintal. For the year 2018-19, Central Government has announced MSP for redgram as Rs. 5675 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, Bijapura, Bellary and Bagalkote in Karnataka, and Akola, Latur, Jalgaon and Nagpur in Maharashtra.

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

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Minimum price Rs/quintal	Maximum price Rs/quintal	Model price Rs/quintal
3	5.4	3600	3650	3625
4	12.7	3610	3816	3708
5	0.8	4000	4000	4000
6	23.1	3621	4066	3845
7	10.1	3735	4077	3950
9	20	3708	4000	3854
10	2.2	3825	3960	3900
16	7.6	3625	3960	3957
17	5.3	4000	4163	4082
18	11.4	3906	4163	4023
24	0.5	3900	3900	3900
25	7	3600	3906	3750
30	9.8	3960	4059	4010
31	8.2	3650	4032	3845

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Cash redgram market traded slightly up after commencement of normal trading activities. Dall millers are active as demand for dal started improving just ahead of festive season. Area under kharif redgram has improved slightly and is expected to remain at same level as was seen last year. Higher MSP for new crop may remain supportive. However, any major spike is unlikely in the near term as selling from central pool stock continues. Myanmar offered lemon tur (new & old) at \$ 370 per tonne. It is cheaper and import would continue due to cheaper availability in Myanmar up to the level of 2 lakh tonne. New season begins in December.

In July-2018, average price 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. 3950 - 4050 per quintal in the month of August 2018.