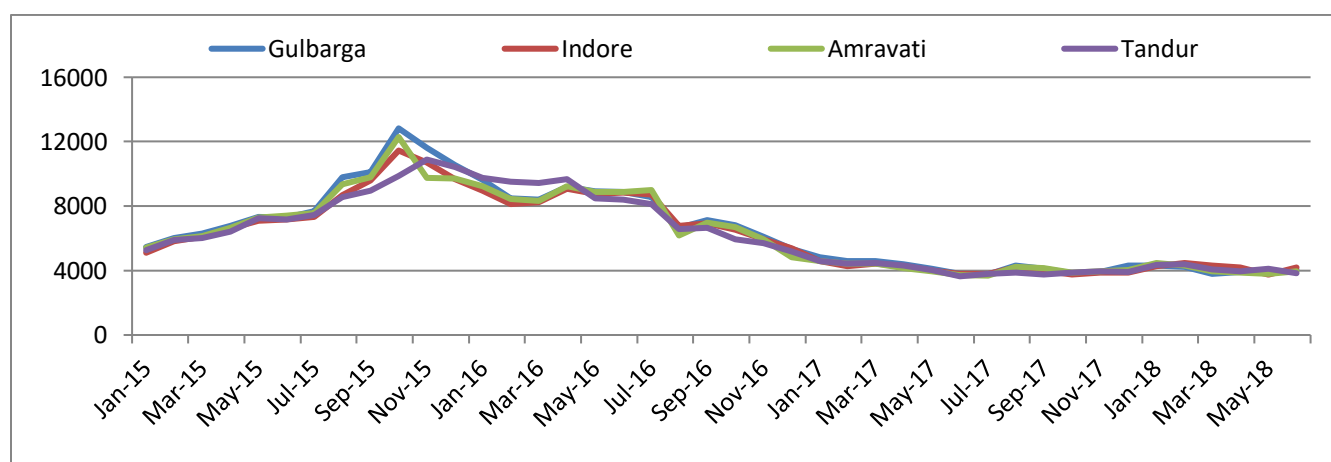


Redgram Outlook – July 2018

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.

According to all India crop situation report, kharif 2018-19, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, the area covered under redgram in the country was 13.29 lakh hectares as on 6th July 2018. The same in major redgram producing states i.e., Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh was 5.00, 4.19, 1.26 and 0.61 lakh ha respectively. Redgram sowing pace is slower and farmers are waiting for monsoon to revive again.

Import quota for redgram, blackgram and greengram for the year 2018-19 has been allocated and is available on The Directorate General of Foreign Trade official website. Quota has been allocated to 338 millers for import. Total 1,99,887 tonnes redgram, 1,49,963 tonnes greengram and 1,49,996 tonnes blackgram import has been allowed in the current year starting from April 2018. Each miller has been permitted to import a total 1,049 tonnes redgram, 1,536 tonnes greengram and 904 tonnes blackgram. Millers can import lower than stipulated quantity too. Shipment should be dated prior to 31st August 2018.



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. 3950 per quintal. For the year 2018-19, Central Government has announced MSP for redgram as Rs. 5675 per quintal which is Rs. 225 more than that was during last year (Rs. 5450). As per CACP estimates MSP announced is 65.36% over and above the estimated production cost for redgram i.e., Rs. 3432 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 June 2018

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Minimum price Rs/quintal	Maximum price Rs/quintal	Model price Rs/quintal
1	1.0	3906	3951	3921
2	6.0	3708	3851	3800
4	22.8	3701	4100	3940
5	2.9	3760	4025	3940
6	8.6	3999	4100	4050
7	1.1	3851	4100	4000
9	1.4	3811	3811	3811
11	9.1	3551	4110	3825
12	1.2	3735	3735	3735
15	4.5	3650	3825	3750
18	5.2	3500	3750	3650
19	16.4	3700	4116	3821
20	12.8	3750	4125	3905
21	5.8	3950	3950	3950
22	8.5	3612	4031	3811
23	3.1	3870	4000	3935
29	1.8	3501	3708	3604
30	0.5	3654	3654	3654

Source: agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

In June 2018, average price in Tandur market was decreased by around 6.21% to Rs 3844 per quintal. 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 July 2018.