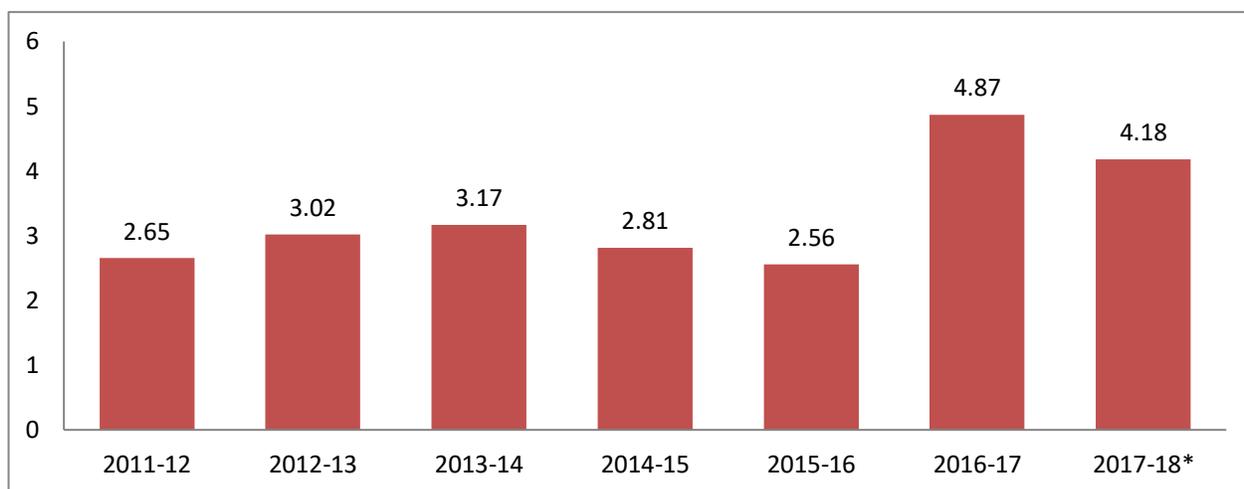


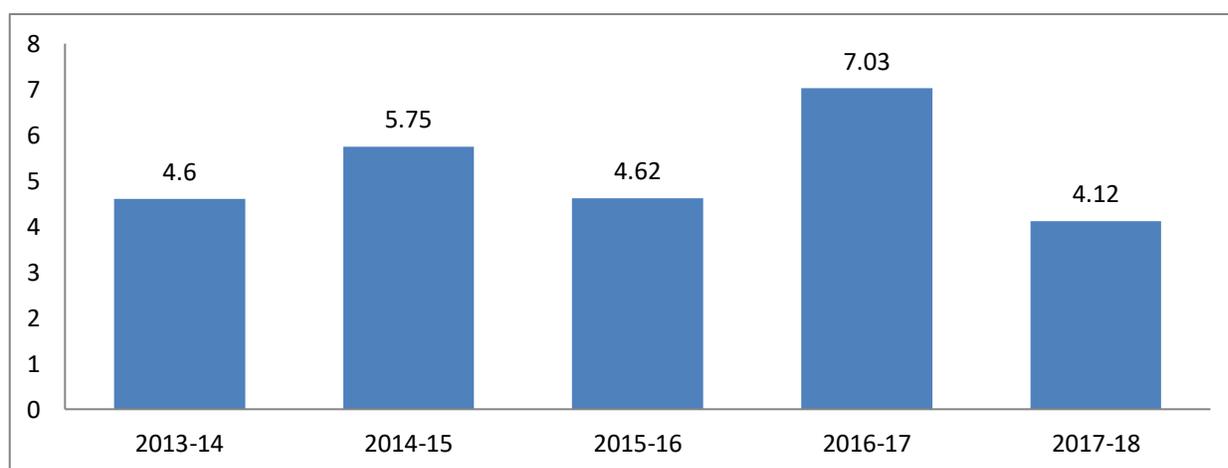
## Redgram Outlook – June 2018

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.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), \*3<sup>rd</sup> Advance Estimates

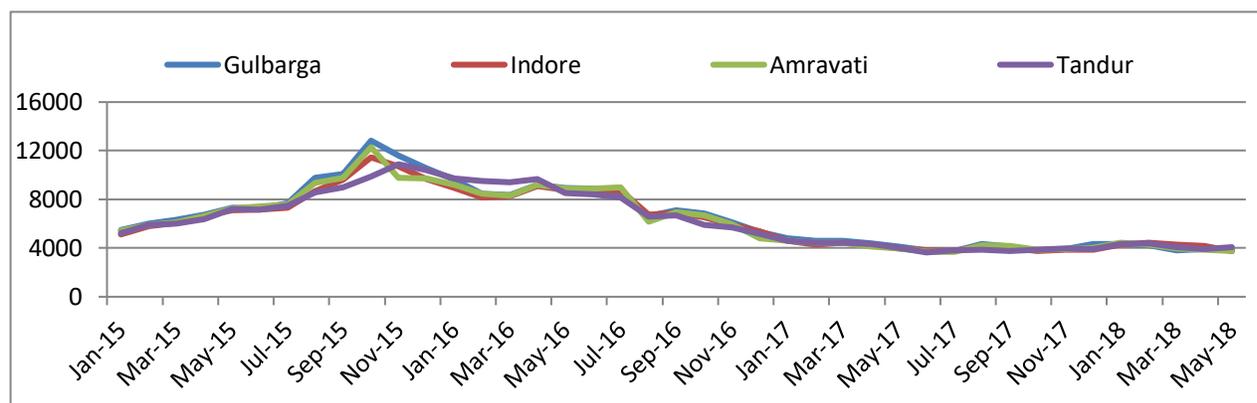
**Figure 1: Production of redgram in India (in million tonnes)**



Source: Department of Commerce,

**Figure 2: India's imports of redgram in lakh tonnes**

Redgram production in 2017-18 is expected to decrease to 4.18 million tonnes from 4.87 million tonnes last year. India has imported about 4.12 lakh tonnes of redgram in 2017-18 (Figure 2). The Government has decided to ban import of all pulses to support domestic prices. However, the good monsoon supporting higher production in 2017-18 has led to sharp fall in its price.



Source: [www.agriwatch.com](http://www.agriwatch.com), [agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in](http://agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in)

**Figure 3: Average monthly prices of redgram in major markets of India (Rs/q)**

It is evident from Figure 3 that all major markets of redgram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement, currently trading at around Rs. 3900 per quintal while, MSP is Rs. 5450.

In Telangana State redgram was cultivated in an area of 2.84 lakh hectares in 2017-18 as against 4.85 lakh hectares in 2016-17. The major redgram growing districts in Telangana are Mahabubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda and Warangal. Even under normal rainfall the area under the crop has decreased in kharif 2017-18, because of sharp fall in its price during previous season.

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 May 2018**

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Minimum price Rs/quintal	Maximum price Rs/quintal	Model price Rs/quintal
2	8.9	3501	4005	3825
3	12.2	3600	3933	3925
4	13.2	3860	4075	3925
5	7.9	3870	4104	4025
7	21.2	3701	4129	3915
8	9.4	3000	4221	4158
9	7.6	4068	4258	4163
10	19.5	3800	4372	4086
11	10.7	4216	4401	4308
12	0.6	4257	4257	4257
14	6.3	4158	4311	4234
16	1.6	3900	4216	4058
17	0.8	4211	4211	4211
18	5.7	3250	4259	4041
19	3.4	4239	4259	4249
22	23.2	4104	4104	4104
23	1.6	4175	4175	4175
24	8.9	3850	4262	4223
28	2.2	4000	4050	4025
30	1.3	4200	4200	4200
31	3.7	3951	4000	3975

Source: agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

In May-2018, average price in Tandur market was increased by around 4.08 % to Rs 4099 per quintal.

Kharif pulses sowing started with slow pace and progressive planting shows decrease in all pulses area till 1st June 2018. Redgram area is lagging behind by 20% from last year to 0.08 lakh ha. Area under redgram is expected to slip by 15 to 20% this year due to lower price realization. MSP for redgram for 2018-19 crop season has been recommended up by Rs 400 to Rs 5850. However, farmers have received Rs. 3900 to 4200 per quintal against set MSP of Rs 5450 last year. Area is bound to decline despite good forecast for rains this year.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 3900 - 4070 per quintal in the month of June 2018.