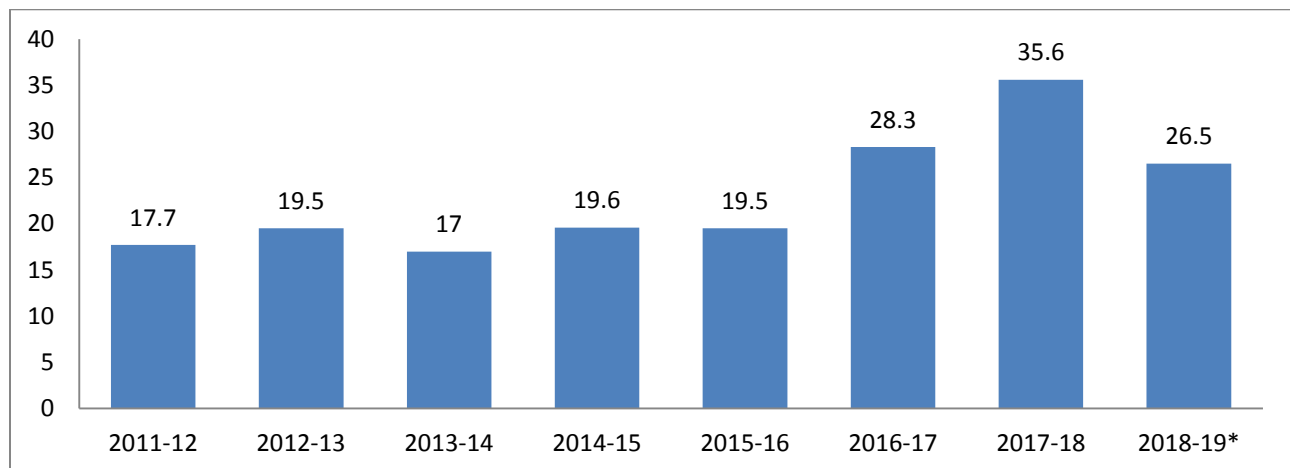


## Black gram Outlook – February 2019

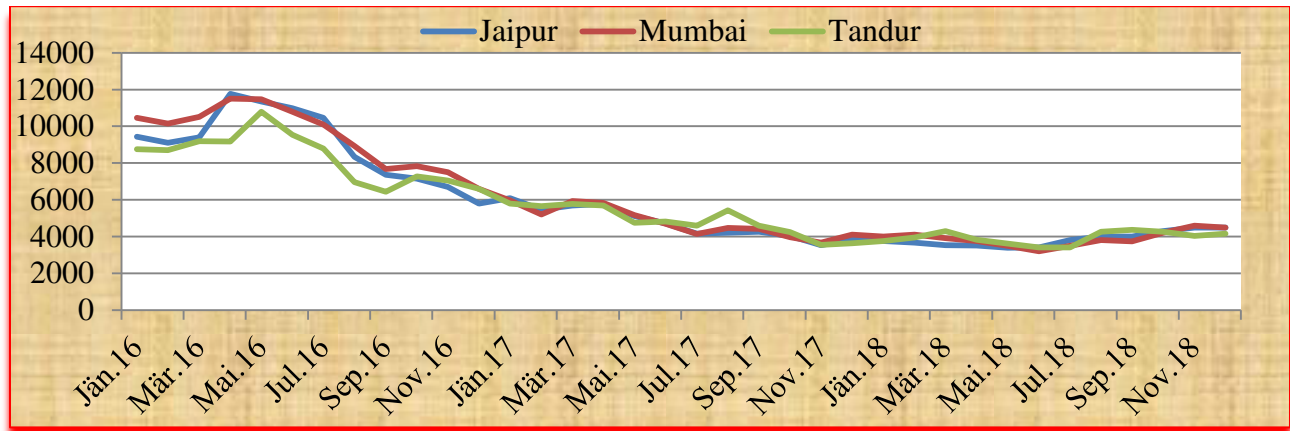
Black gram is a highly priced pulse, very rich in phosphoric acid. India currently represents the largest producer of black gram accounting for more than 70% of the global production. India is followed by Myanmar and Pakistan.

In India about 7.629 lakh ha area was covered under black gram during rabi (2018-19). The states of Tamil Nadu (2.70 lakh ha), Andhra Pradesh (2.61 lakh ha), and Odisha (2.01 lakh ha) are the major producers of rabi black gram in India. In Telangana area coverage under black gram during 2018-19 rabi was 4671 ha and major growing districts are Jagtiyal (239 ha), Wanaparthy (1263 ha), Mahabubabad (579 ha), Gadwal (233 ha), Kothagudem (233 ha) and Jayashankar (233 ha).



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), \*1<sup>st</sup> Advance Estimates

**Figure 1: Production of black gram in India (in lakh tonnes)**



Source: [agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in](http://agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in)

**Figure 2: Average monthly prices of black gram in major markets of India (Rs/q)**

It is shown from Figure 2 that all major markets of black gram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. The black gram prices which were above Rs. 11000 per quintal in April 2016 observed continuous decline and fluctuating around Rs. 4000 since last one year. Currently black gram in major markets is being traded at a lower price i.e., around Rs. 4400-4650 per quintal.

**Table 1: Prices and arrivals of black gram in Tandur market during January 2019**

Date	Arrival (Quintals)	Minimum price Rs/quintal	Maximum price Rs/quintal	Modal price Rs/quintal
2	10	4,300	4,569	4,400
3	22	4,000	4,800	4,500
4	10	4,300	4,500	4,400
7	3	4,000	4,000	4,000
10	28	4,311	4,800	4,600
22	6	3,500	3,500	3,500

Source: [tsmarketing.in/DailyArrivalsnPricesCommodityMonth.aspx](http://tsmarketing.in/DailyArrivalsnPricesCommodityMonth.aspx)

Black gram import ban and lower crop size have helped market to recover to Rs 4500-4600 and SQ at Rs 5400-5500 per qtl. There is no crop in domestic market right now and more upward momentum may continue. So, buying at current price seems good. There is not much stock in mills. So, Agriwatch expects market to improve once demand starts. Burma is offering black gram FAQ and SQ at \$480 and \$565 per MT basis Cif at Indian ports as demand from India has decreased considerably this week. Current Market Dynamics & Outlook: black gram FAQ at Mumbai (Rs

Rs4400-.4500per qtl.) and Chennai (Rs.4450-4550qtl.). It traded up in Vijayawada too. Improvement might be seen in black gram market once again after slight correction.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that black gram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4300 - 4500 per quintal in the month of February 2019.