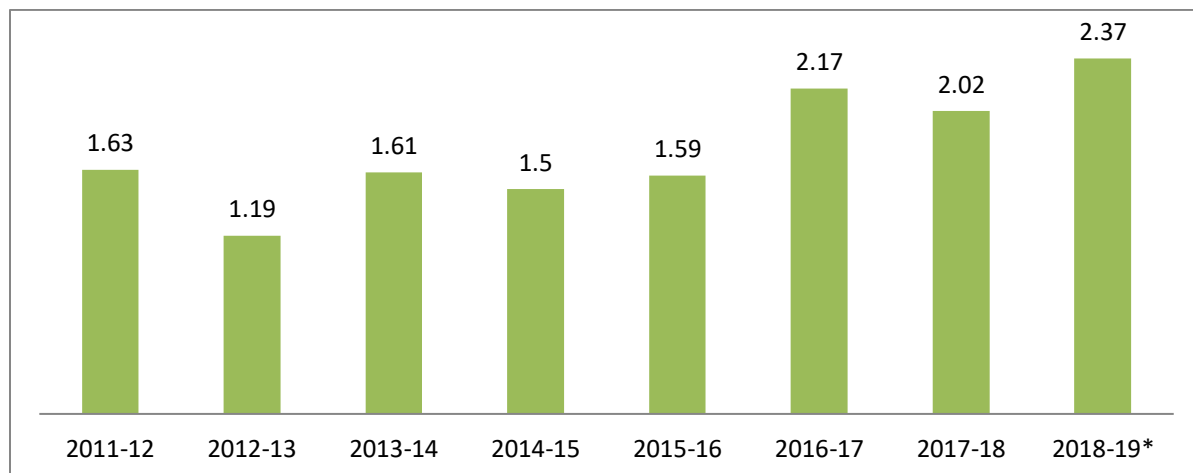


Greengram Outlook – July 2019

Greengram is an important pulse crop in India and believed to be originated from India. It is short duration legume crop grown mostly as a fallow crop in rotation with rice. Similar to the leguminous pulses, greengram enriches soil nitrogen content. It is grown mostly in Asian region traditionally, while its cultivation has spread to Africa and America relatively in the recent times. India contributes more than 70% of world's greengram production.

All India kharif pulses sown area was reported as 7.94 lakh ha on 5th July 2019 as against 27.91 lakh ha in the corresponding period of last year. Greengram area was reported as 2.16 lakh ha as against 8.03 lakh ha during the same period of last year. The states of Rajasthan (1.07 lakh ha), Karnataka(0.49 lakh ha), Telangana (0.22lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (0.10 lakh ha), Maharashtra (0.05 lakh ha) and Odisha (0.01 lakh ha) are the major producers of greengram in India. The major greengram growing districts in Telangana are Suryapet, Sangareddy, Vikarabad, Mahbubabad, Khammam and Kama Reddy. According to Government 3rd advance estimate, greengram production in 2018-19 is at 2.37 million tonnes.



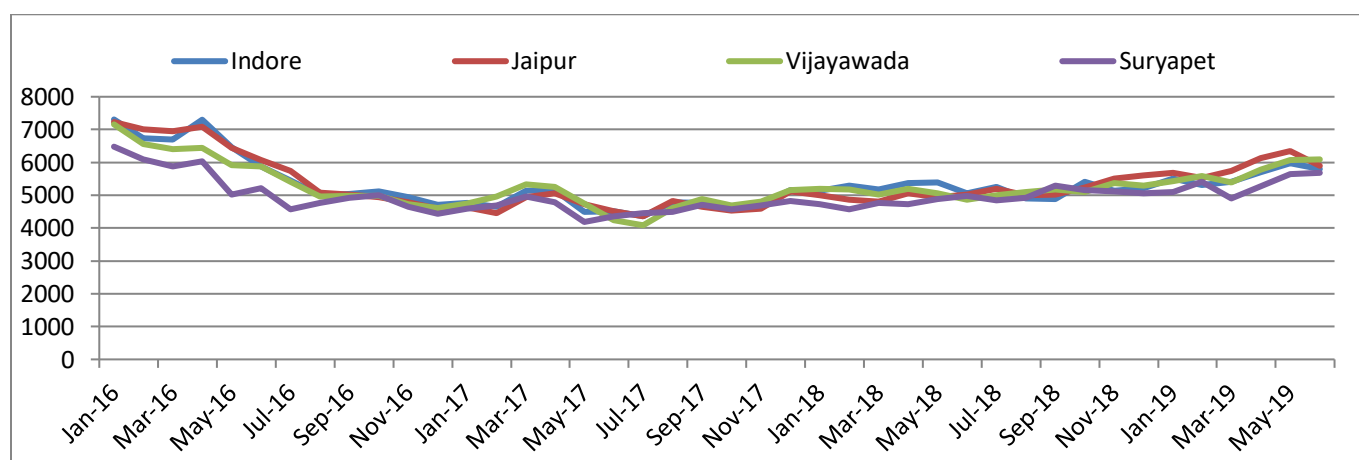
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), *3rd Advance Estimates

Figure 1: Production of Greengram in India (in Million tonnes)

Table 1: Greengram Domestic Supply & Demand (in lakh tonnes)

	2018-19	2019-20*
Opening Stocks	7.26	5.52
Production	20.26	20.89
Imports	1.50	0.75
Total Supply	29.02	27.16
Exports	1.00	0.20
Consumption	22.5	23.0
Total Demand	23.5	23.2
Ending Stocks	5.52	3.96

Source: www.agriwatch.com * Estimated



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

All major markets of greengram in the country were found to be integrated as indicated by the price movement in Figure 2. The prices which were about Rs. 7000 per quintal during April 2016 started declining to around Rs. 4500 in March 2017 and since then fluctuating in the range of Rs. 4500 to Rs. 5000 till date. Currently, greengram is being traded in all major markets of country at around Rs. 5800 per quintal.

Table 2: Prices and arrivals of Greengram in Warangal market during June 2019

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Model price (Rs/quintal)
4	2	5589	5812	5812
7	7	5555	5760	5760
10	8	2420	5805	5805
11	8	3111	5706	5706
13	11	5508	5715	5655
17	2	5455	5555	5655
18	5	5205	5706	5655
24	5	5516	5516	5516
25	2	5610	5610	5610

Source: agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Presently there is short supply of quality greengram in the market. New crop is expected in September. So, market is expected to move up again. Delayed monsoon may cause for less area coverage under greengram than normal expectation, which may also support greengram cash market once again. Shipment would also be delayed as availability of greengram in Myanmar is poor. However, NAFED would continue to sell in lower quantity and try to keep market supply balanced. Minimum support price of Greengram has been hiked by Rs. 75 from Rs. 6975 to Rs. 7050 for 2019-20 new crop.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that greengram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5500 - 5700 per quintal in the month of July 2019.