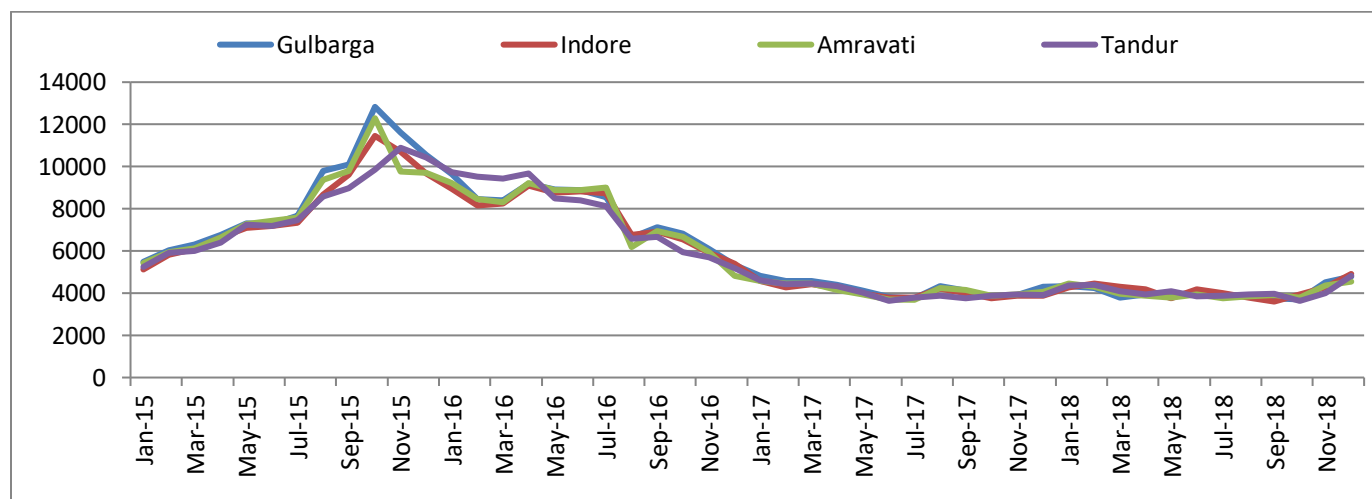


Redgram Outlook – January 2019

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 dry land agriculture. India contributes for nearly 90% of world's total redgram production.

All India kharif pulses sown area was reported as 137.93 lakh ha on 20th September 2018 as against 139.49 lakh ha in the corresponding period of last year. Redgram area was reported as 45.82 lakh ha as against 45.11 lakh ha during the same period of last year. In India, major redgram producing states are Maharashtra (12.34 lakh ha), Karnataka (9.92 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (6.35 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (3.46 lakh ha), Telangana (2.77 lakh ha) and Gujarat (2.52 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 higher price compared to previous month i.e., around Rs. 4300-4700 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, Bijapur, Bellary and Bagalkote in Karnataka, and Akola, Latur, Jalgaon and Nagpur in Maharashtra.

Table 1: Prices and arrivals of redgram in Suryapet market during December 2018

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
1	1	4489	4489	4469
3	141	3996	4546	4536
4	31	4434	4559	4529
13	2	4232	4329	4293
14	8	4162	4309	4293
19	4	4282	4346	4323
21	32	3821	4456	4456
22	8	4309	4473	4359
27	32	3861	4479	4469
28	4	4309	4519	4309
29	3	4400	4512	4312
31	6	4359	4512	4432

Source: tsmarketing.in/DailyArrivalsnPricesCommodityMonth.aspx

Redgram production may decrease from 38.67 to 36.21 lakh tonnes in 2018-19 due to uneven rainfall distribution. So carryout is expected to decline from 8.07 to 2.78 lakh tonnes. Supply side would be tight as stock in central pool is decreasing fast. Import is not possible beyond set quota of 2 lakh tonnes. Private traders and mills are aware of this situation and they would remain active until prices touch MSP level. Hope Government would procure at MSP (Rs. 5675/quintal) and the fundamental prices remain strong for this year. Redgram may touch MSP in the medium term. Redgram prices are likely to show steady to slightly firm movement in the weeks ahead as trading actives are likely to improve and fear of lower yield may push up market further.

Procurement in Telangana at MSP is on and NAFED has procured 10361.30 MT so far. Procurement in other states is yet to begin. It will remain supportive to redgram market in the medium term. In Gulberga market redgram is being traded at Rs. 4775 per quintal. Arrival has decreased as farmers are unwilling to sell below MSP. So, firm momentum might be seen in cash redgram market.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4400 - 4700 per quintal in the month of January 2019.