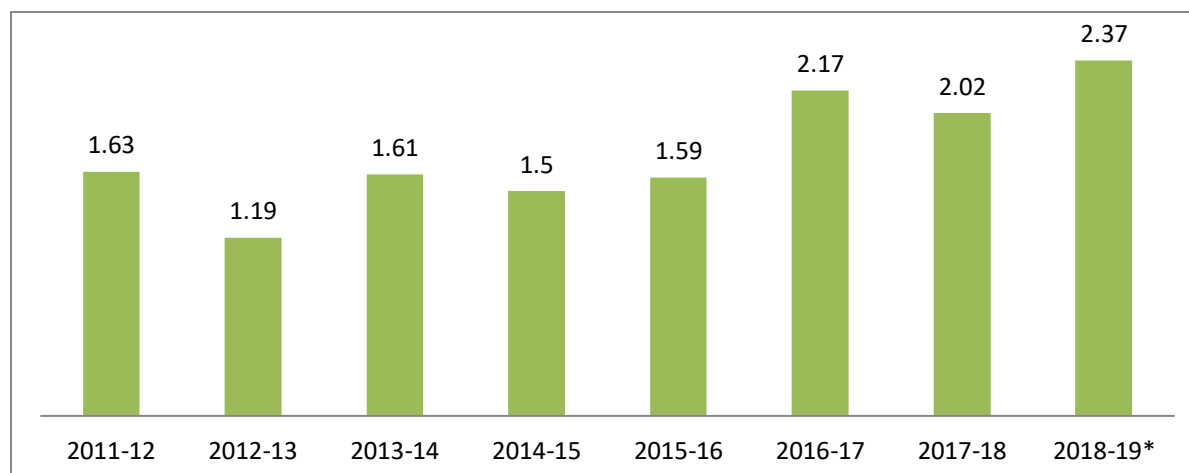


## Greengram Outlook – August 2019

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.

Indian farmers have covered 149.41 lakh ha under kharif pulses as on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 as against 157.39 lakh ha last year. Around 25.81 lakh ha was covered under greengram, while the same was 29.33 lakh ha last year. The states of Rajasthan (16.00lakh ha), Maharashtra (2.86 lakh ha), Karnataka (2.48lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (1.53lakh ha), Odisha (0.78lakh ha) and Telangana (0.58 lakh ha) are the major producers of greengram in India. In Telangana major growing districts are Mahabubabad (13997 ha), Sangareddy (11372 ha), Suryapet (4840 ha), Khammam (5480 ha), Vikarabad (5252 ha) and Kamareddy (3505 ha). According to Government 3<sup>rd</sup> advance estimate, greengram production in 2018-19 is at 2.37 million tonnes.



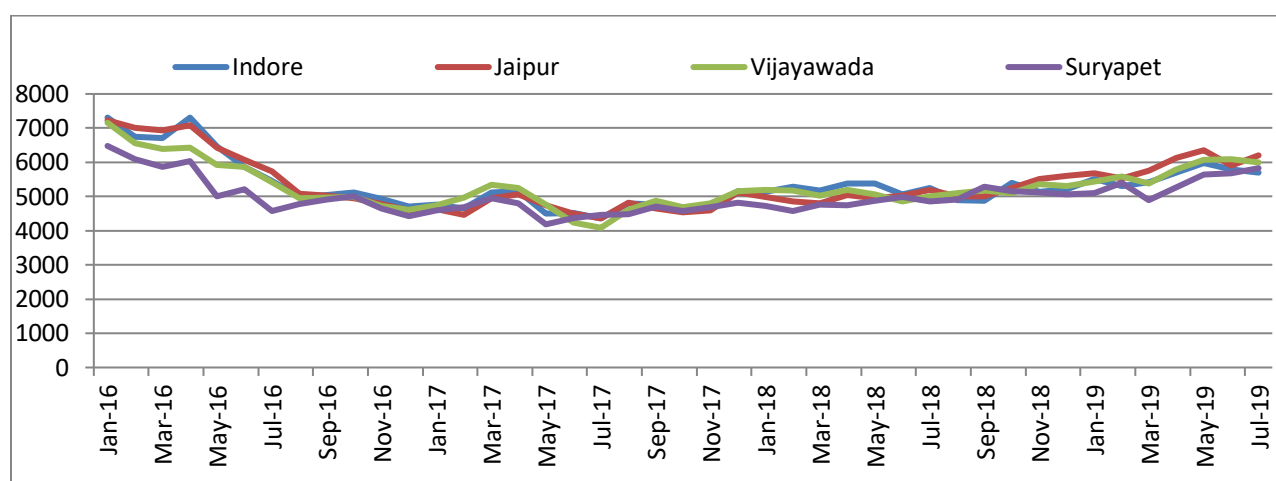
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), \*3<sup>rd</sup> Advance Estimates

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

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

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

Source: www.agriwatch.com \* Estimated



Source: www.agriwatch.com, agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

**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. 5500 till date. Currently, greengram is being traded in all major markets of country at around Rs. 5900 per quintal.

**Table 2: Prices and arrivals of Greengram in Khammam market during July 2019**

Date	Arrival s (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
1	27	6000	4600	5950
3	30	5650	5000	5650
4	21	5850	5400	5750
5	42	5850	5100	5850
6	5	5850	5750	5850
8	23	5850	5200	5800
9	7	5700	5000	5400
10	26	6000	5000	5900
11	12	5975	5775	5975
12	1	5800	5800	5800
13	36	5925	5000	5000
15	5	5900	5425	5800
16	15	5950	5050	5950
17	4	5930	5830	5930
18	27	5975	5850	5975
19	11	6000	5800	5900
22	10	5975	5700	5975
23	9	5951	4500	5850
24	12	6030	5000	6030
25	12	5976	5850	5850
27	4	5900	5900	5900
30	9	6001	5950	6001

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

New crop of greengram from Karnataka is expected to hit market in the second half of August and crop condition is good so far. Recent showers of rains have benefitted the standing greengram crop in many states. But, Maharashtra is running behind by 30% of kharif sown area. This year sowing has been reported as only 69% of 5 years average in Maharashtra. It would reduce the crop size by 20 to 25% this year in the state

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that greengram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5800 - 6100 per quintal in the month of August 2019.