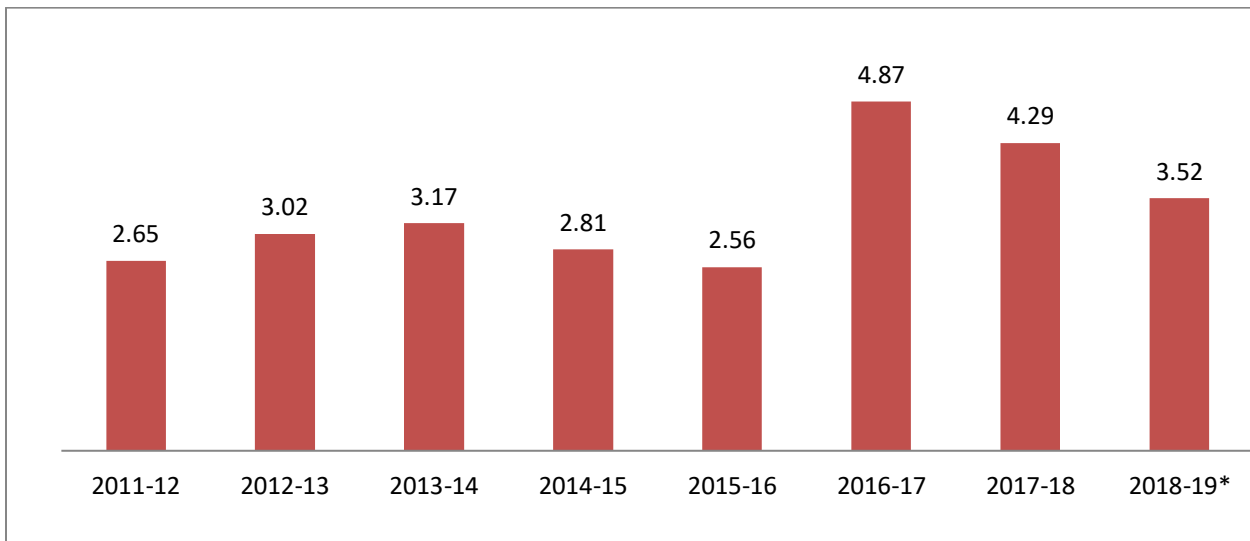


## Redgram Outlook – August2019

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.

Indian farmers have covered 149.41 lakh ha under kharif pulses as on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 against 157.39 lakh ha last year. Redgram was covered in 37.50 lakh ha as against 39.29 lakh ha last year. In India, major redgram producing states are Maharashtra (10.63lakh ha), Karnataka (10.19 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (4.35 lakh ha), Telangana (2.64 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (2.73 lakh ha) and Gujarat (1.86 lakh ha). In Telangana major growing districts are Vikarabad (54403 ha), Narayanpet (53294 ha), Adilabad (21934 ha), Sangareddy (18807 ha), Mahabubnagar (14674 ha), Gadwal (12267 ha) and Asifabad (11182 ha). According to Government 3<sup>rd</sup> advance estimates, redgram production in 2018-19 is at 3.52 million tonnes.



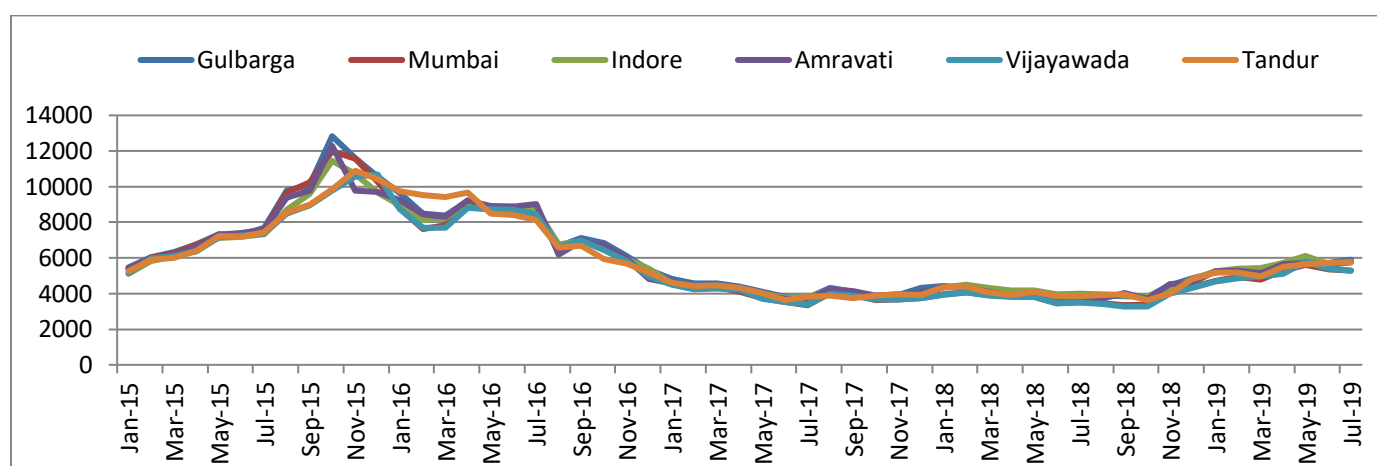
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), \*3<sup>rd</sup> Advance Estimates

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

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

	2018-19	2019-20*
Opening Stocks	8.07	5.28
Production	35.21	40.79
Imports	3.50	3.00
Total Supply	46.78	49.07
Exports	0.50	7.00
Consumption	41.00	42.00
Total Demand	41.50	42.70
Ending Stocks	5.28	6.37

Source: [www.agriwatch.com](http://www.agriwatch.com) \* Estimated



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

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

It is evident from Figure 2 that all major markets of redgram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. Redgram price which was ranging below Rs. 4000 till October 2018 started picking up and currently is being traded in major markets at a higher price compared to previous month i.e., around Rs. 5300-5900 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

Ongolein Andhra Pradesh, Gulbarga, Sedam, Yadgiri, Bidar, Bijapur, Bellary and Bagalkotein Karnataka, and Akola, Latur, Jalgaon and Nagpur in Maharashtra.

**Table 2: Prices and arrivals of redgram in Tandur market during July 2019**

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
3	31	5553	5454	5511
4	67	5631	5475	5600
5	100	5750	5508	5630
8	197	6003	5650	5700
9	410	6010	5508	5951
11	79	6010	5706	5811
12	175	5958	5700	5921
13	32	5975	5607	5951
15	245	5931	4926	5708
16	173	5850	5675	5801
17	289	6050	5778	5904
18	147	5931	5601	5859
22	20	5706	5706	5706
23	20	5706	5706	5706
24	133	5776	5555	5575
25	5	5550	5550	5550
26	215	5806	4014	5805
27	123	5811	5642	5689
30	116	5711	5607	5701
31	96	5805	5625	5715

Source: [www.tsmarketing.in](http://www.tsmarketing.in)

Redgram cash market continued to trade stable during the last month. Old stock is being released by private traders at prevailing prices despite lower area coverage so far. Under prevailing conditions, the crop size is expected to be similar as last year and it would create short supply if proposed 4 lakh MT import is not materialized before 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2019. Directorate General of Foreign Trade allocated 2lakh MT redgram quota to 969 applicants and made it clear to all applicants to import before 31<sup>st</sup> Oct-2019. The rest two lakh MT has been given to private traders. But no deals have been struck so far by private traders in overseas market.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5600 - 5800 per quintal in the month of August2019.