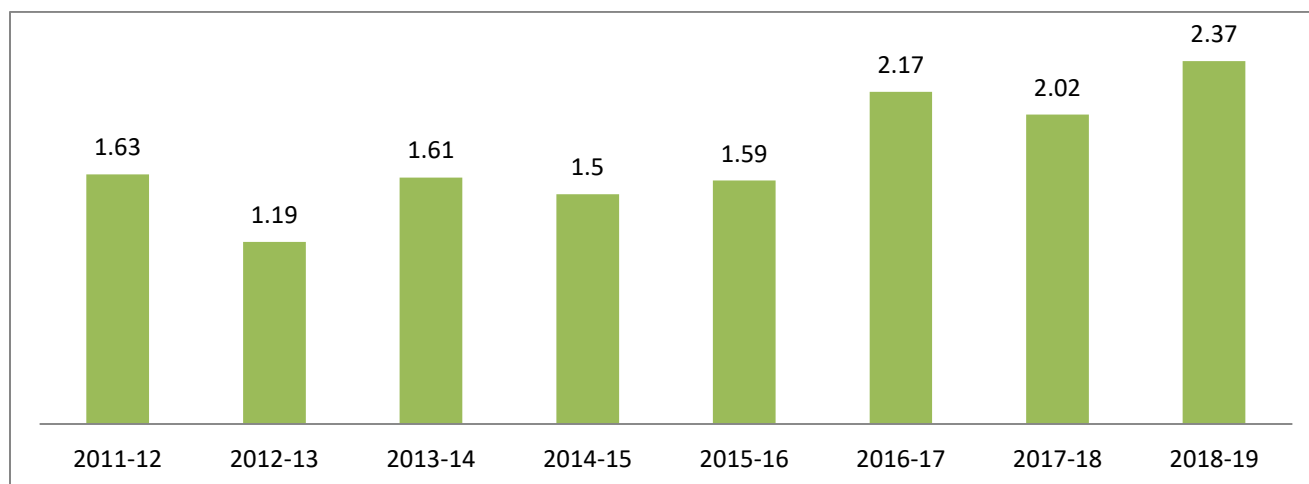


## Greengram Outlook – December 2019

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 134.02 lakh ha under kharif pulses as on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 as against 136.40 lakh ha last year. Around 31.15 lakh ha was covered under greengram, while the same was 34.24 lakh ha last year. The states of Rajasthan (18.30 lakh ha), Maharashtra (3.28 lakh ha), Karnataka (2.69 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (1.82 lakh ha), Odisha (1.63 lakh ha) and Telangana (0.70 lakh ha) are the major producers of greengram in India. In Telangana major growing districts are Mahabubabad (13997 ha), Sangareddy (16542 ha), Suryapet (9589 ha), Khammam (6919 ha), Vikarabad (5210 ha) and Kamareddy (3505 ha). According to Government 1<sup>st</sup> advance estimate, greengram production in kharif 2019-20 is at 1.42 million tonnes.



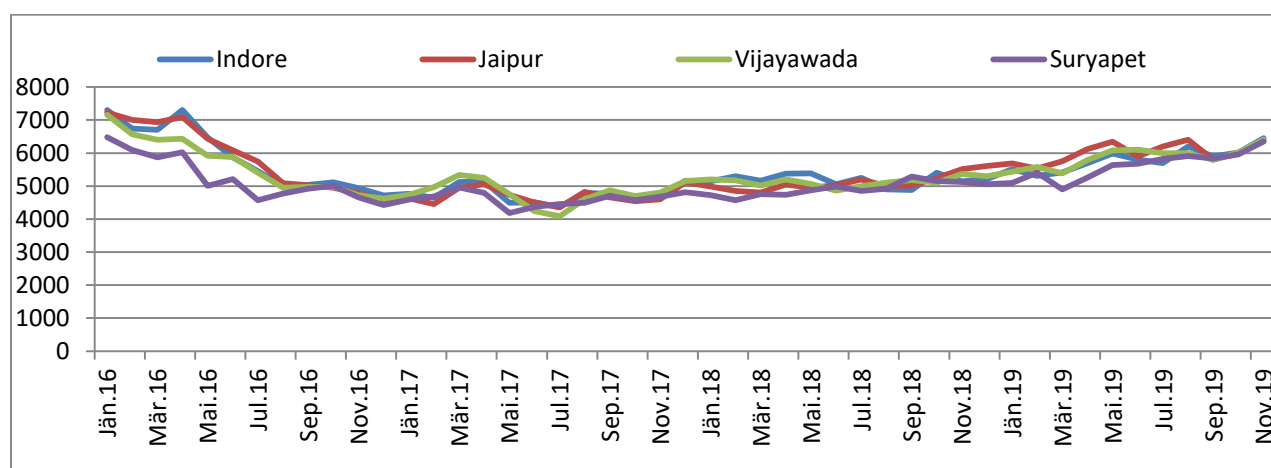
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES).

**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>8.96</b>
<b>Production</b>	<b>23.70</b>	<b>20.89</b>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>Total Supply</b>	<b>32.46</b>	<b>30.60</b>
<b>Exports</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.20</b>
<b>Consumption</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>23.00</b>
<b>Total Demand</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>23.20</b>
<b>Ending Stocks</b>	<b>8.96</b>	<b>7.40</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. 6300 till date. Currently, greengram is being traded in all major markets of country at around Rs. 6200 per quintal.

**Table 2: Prices and arrivals of Greengram in Tandur market during November 2019**

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
1	302	6700	5058	6219
2	258	6705	5508	6200
6	164	6957	6354	6408
7	63	6977	6030	6255
8	68	6700	4500	6500
13	153	6354	4680	6291
14	21	6291	5850	6251
15	62	6309	5508	6165
19	57	6210	5250	6165
20	89	6255	5508	6165
30	15	6123	5506	6006

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Procurement is on and it remains supportive to greengram market. However, millers are unwilling to buy at higher level as they have fear that government would release stock at below MSP in the first quarter of New Year. Steady tone may prevail in moong market. There is a fear in the market that government may relax import quantity if prices continue to move up. Consumer and food ministry has already advised concern ministry to consider relaxation on import quota. Import quantity is expected to remain restricted due to disparity and fixed quota for import.

NAFED has procured 30,236 MT moong so far. It has been procured from states like Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka. There is no arrival in Telangana now, so procurement has been stopped.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Greengram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5900 - 6200 per quintal in the month of December 2019.