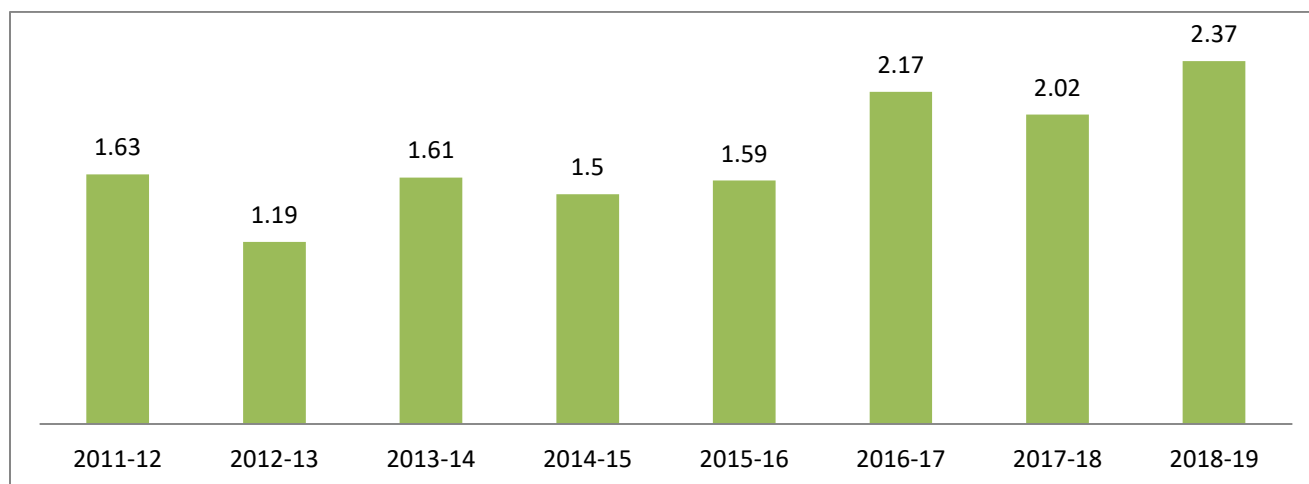


Greengram Outlook – October 2019

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 27th 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 1st advance estimate, greengram production in kharif 2019-20 is at 1.42 million tonnes.



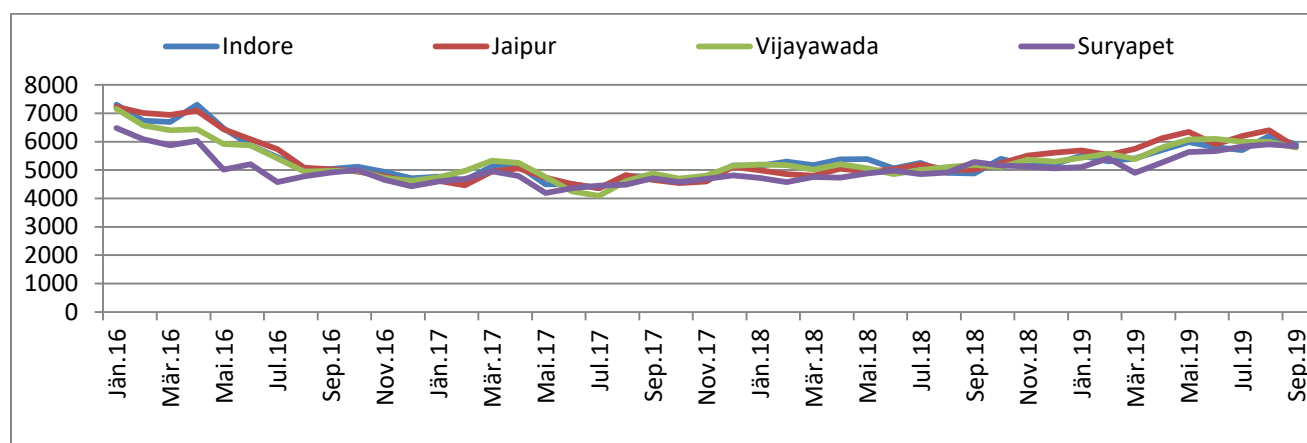
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES).

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

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

	2018-19	2019-20*
Opening Stocks	7.26	8.96
Production	23.70	20.89
Imports	1.50	0.75
Total Supply	32.46	30.60
Exports	1.00	0.20
Consumption	22.5	23.00
Total Demand	23.5	23.20
Ending Stocks	8.96	7.40

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.6000 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 Tandur market during September 2019

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
4	1024	5757	4509	5409
7	439	5859	4509	5328
12	697	5709	4680	5357
13	663	5829	4759	5289
14	612	5759	4509	5355
16	955	5829	4400	5387
17	776	5879	4508	5527
18	803	5929	4590	5166
21	633	5919	4311	5355
23	734	5859	4509	5409
24	389	5985	3900	5535
25	483	5911	4509	5450
26	439	5750	4679	5247
27	379	5785	4500	5287
30	629	5759	4154	5327

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

New crop that start hitting the market from October may pressurize greengram price in coming weeks. This pressure on greengram cash market is likely to continue till procurement starts in various states. Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have suffered a lot due to flooding and continuous rains. Around 50 to 60 thousand ha are expected to be affected badly. Traders and stockiest have started offloading old stock.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Greengram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5700 - 5900 per quintal in the month of October 2019.