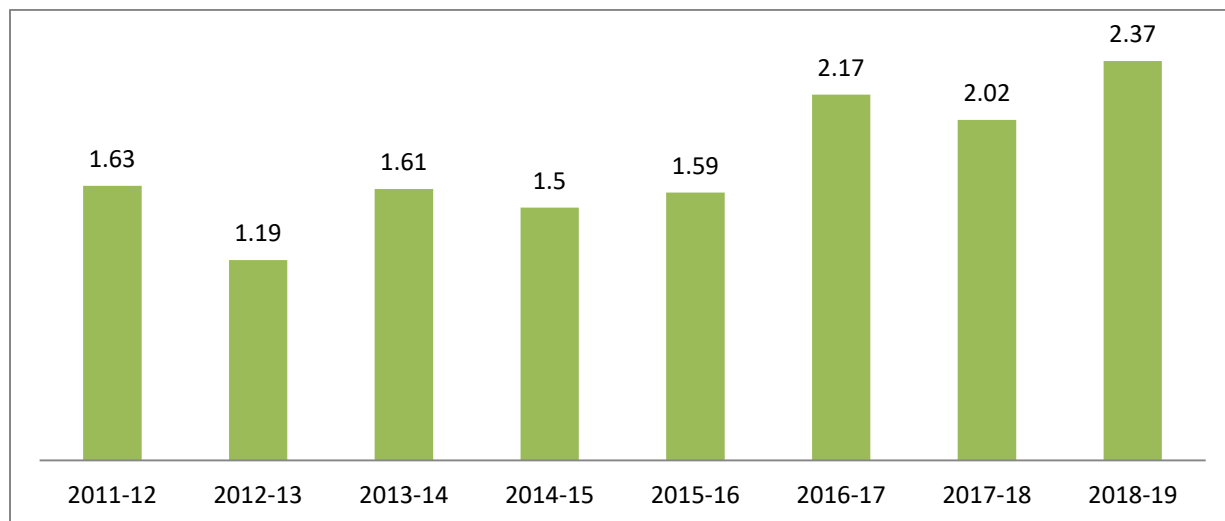


Greengram Outlook – September 2019

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 130.04 lakh ha under kharif pulses as on 6th September 2019 as against 132.63 lakh ha last year. Around 30.48 lakh ha was covered under greengram, while the same was 33.73 lakh ha last year. The states of Rajasthan (18.30 lakh ha), Maharashtra (3.22 lakh ha), Karnataka (2.67 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (1.80 lakh ha), Odisha (1.37 lakh ha) and Telangana (0.62 lakh ha) are the major producers of greengram in India. In Telangana major growing districts are Mahabubabad (13997 ha), Sangareddy (11422 ha), Suryapet (4855 ha), Khammam (6919 ha), Vikarabad (5210 ha) and Kamareddy (3505 ha). According to Government 4th advance estimate, greengram production in 2018-19 is at 2.37 million tonnes.



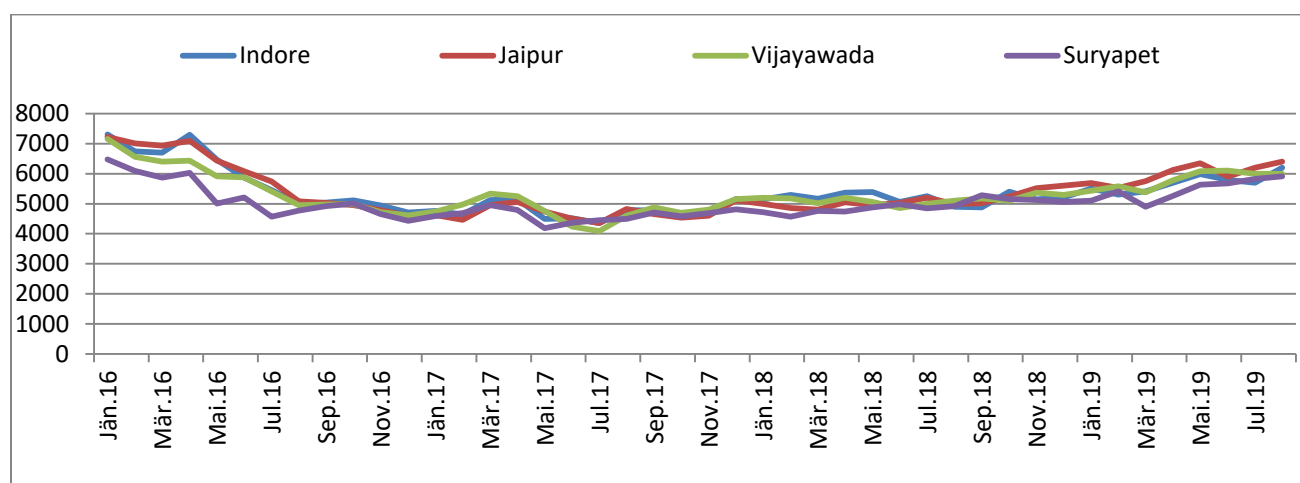
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES).

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	5.52
Production	20.26	20.89
Imports	1.50	0.75
Total Supply	29.02	27.16
Exports	1.00	0.20
Consumption	22.5	23.0
Total Demand	23.5	23.2
Ending Stocks	5.52	3.96

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. 6000 per quintal.

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

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
5	11	6000	5600	6000
8	18	6020	5500	6020
9	7	5990	5890	5990
13	1	5500	5500	5500
14	15	6000	4300	6000
17	11	5950	5950	5950
19	11	6050	5750	6050
20	21	6025	5400	6025
21	5	5950	5750	5950
22	30	5975	5700	5700
26	11	6200	5500	5975
27	7	6075	5800	5800
29	24	5850	4000	5850
31	7	5675	5775	5875

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Despite some loss of kharif greengram crop due to heavy rains and flooding, arrivals in Karnataka markets started improving and pressure on price was seen building up. Buyers restricted buying and resorted to sale their old stock too. Procurement is yet to start. So, there would be pressure on greengram cash market. Demand is weak in retail market. After Karnataka, greengram from Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan would hit market in September or October. Greengram crop in Rajasthan and Maharashtra is in excellent condition. Higher price during sowing season encouraged farmers to grow more greengram this year. So there would be ample supply in coming two months, which would restrict market to move up.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that greengram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5800 - 6000 per quintal in the month of September 2019.