

## Groundnut Outlook – September 2019

Groundnut (*Arachishypogaea L.*) is an important oilseed crop in India which occupies first in terms of area and second position in terms of production. China is the largest producer as well as consumer of groundnut in the world with 166.24 lakh tonnes followed by India (68.57 lakh tonnes), Nigeria (30.28 lakh tonnes) and United States (25.78 lakh tonnes). In India, lower sowing area reported in few states compared to the previous year due to less rainfall at initial stage of crop, may support the groundnut prices.

**Table 1: State wise area under groundnut in India**

State	2018-19		2019-20	
	Area (lakh ha)	% to total area	Area (lakh ha)	% to total area
<b>Gujarat</b>	14.67	36.97	15.50	41.33
<b>Rajasthan</b>	6.07	15.30	5.38	14.35
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	6.56	16.53	4.83	12.88
<b>Karnataka</b>	3.72	9.38	3.22	8.59
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	2.28	5.75	2.21	5.89
<b>Others</b>	6.38	16.08	6.36	16.96
<b>All India</b>	39.68	100.00	37.50	100.00

Source: [www.agricoop.com](http://www.agricoop.com)

According to the all India kharif crop coverage report, Government of India, as on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019, groundnut was sown in around 37.50 lakh hectares as compared to last year (39.68 lakh ha). Among the states, Gujarat stood first in area coverage with 15.50 lakh ha followed by Rajasthan (5.38 lakh hectares), Andhra Pradesh (4.83 lakh ha), Karnataka (3.22 lakh ha) and Madhya Pradesh (2.21 lakh ha).

**Table 2: District wise area under groundnut in Telangana State**

District	2018-19		2019-20	
	Area (ha)	% to total area	Area (ha)	% to total area
<b>Gadwal(Jogulamba)</b>	6058	49.51	4857	47.00
<b>Warangal (Rural)</b>	2713	22.17	2082	20.15
<b>Wanaparthy</b>	603	4.93	1302	12.60
<b>Suryapet</b>	991	8.10	517	5.00
<b>Nalgonda</b>	283	2.31	391	3.78
<b>Others</b>	1589	12.99	1186	11.48
<b>All India</b>	12237	100.00	10335	100.00

Source: [www.agritelangana.gov.in](http://www.agritelangana.gov.in)

In Telangana, groundnut has been sown in around 10,335 hectares as on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Among the districts, Gadwal (Jogulamba) stood first in groundnut sown area with 4,857 hectares followed by Warangal (Rural) (2,082 ha), Wanaparthy (1,302 ha), Suryapet (517 ha), and Nalgonda (391 ha).

**Table 3: Arrivals and Prices of Groundnut at Gadwal Market in the Month of August 2019**

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Minimum Price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum Price (Rs/quintal)	Modal Price (Rs/quintal)
2	378	2,871	6,370	4,030
3	232	2,169	4,360	3,699
5	230	2,310	6,000	3,920
6	288	2,970	6,512	6,237
7	369	2,500	6,070	4,972
8	414	2,512	6,600	4,070
9	520	2,570	6,012	5,070
10	608	2,069	6,089	5,120
13	1,033	2,501	6,531	4,699
14	857	2,011	6,762	5,252
16	779	2,019	7,000	3,535
17	488	2,300	6,770	5,338
19	558	2,400	6,900	5,369
20	442	2,659	6,872	6,494
21	372	2,329	7,027	6,889
23	268	2,666	6,990	4,677
26	821	2,651	7,219	7,100
28	402	3,099	7,072	6,800
29	590	2,252	7,130	5,352

Source: <http://agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in/indexnew.jsp>

In Gadwal major market about 9,649 quintals of groundnut was traded in price range of Rs. 3,535 – 7,100 per quintal during August 2019. The central government has increased the minimum support price of groundnut for the year 2019-20 by Rs.200 from Rs. 4890 to Rs. 5090 per quintal.

### Groundnut Price Outlook

As per SEA of India latest report the exports of Groundnut meal in July 2019 is 199 MT, and total 290 MT from April -July, 2019 which is less than that during the same period in 2018 i.e., 3210 MT.

In the current season Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh states are not expecting bumper groundnut crop due to prolonged dry spell. In Telangana, presently groundnut crop is at flowering to peg penetration stage and till date there is no report on pest and disease attacks.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expects that groundnut may trade in a price range of **Rs. 4700 – 5000** per quintal during the month of September, 2019.