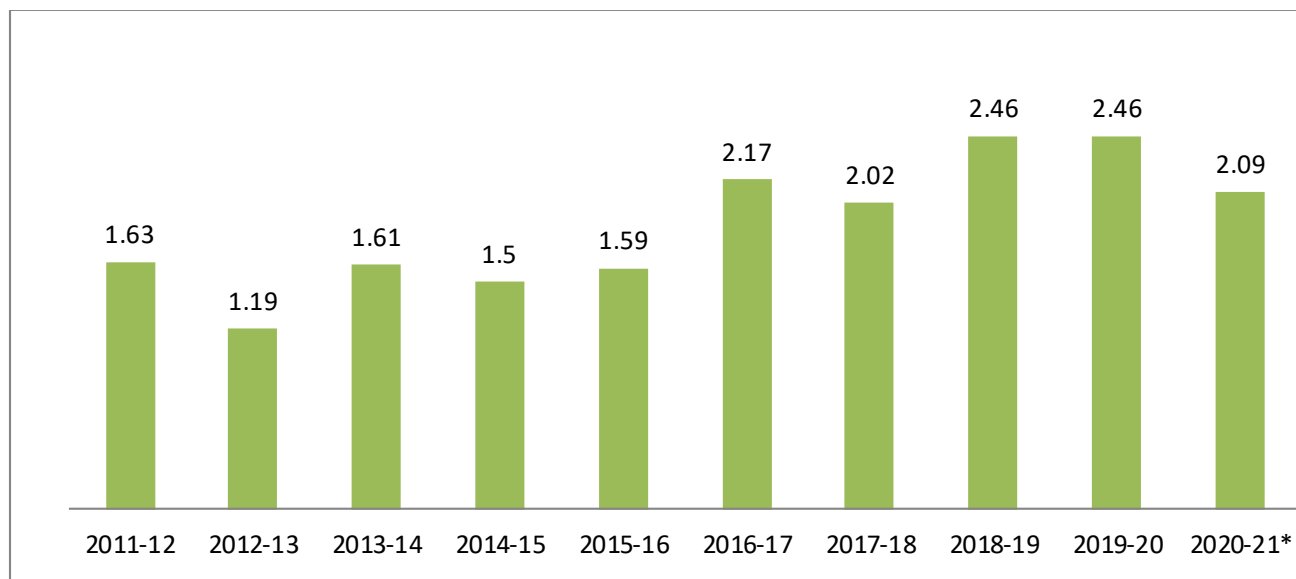


Greengram Outlook – October 2020

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.

In India during 2020-21, about 35.79 lakh ha (88.44 lakh acres) area was covered under greengram as against 30.75 lakh ha (75.98 lakh acres) during the same period in 2019-20. The states of Rajasthan 20.89 lakh ha (51.62 lakh acres), Karnataka 4.40 lakh ha (10.87 lakh acres), Maharashtra 3.94 lakh ha (9.74 lakh acres), Madhya Pradesh 1.57 lakh ha (3.88 lakh acres), Odisha 1.48 lakh ha (3.66 lakh acres) and Telangana 0.62 lakh ha (1.53 lakh acres) are the major producers of greengram in India. According to Government 1st advance estimates, greengram production in 2020-21 is at 2.09 million tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES). *1st advance estimates.

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	9.86
Production	24.60	24.60
Imports	1.50	1.50
Total Supply	33.36	35.96
Exports	1.00	0.75
Consumption	22.50	23.00
Total Demand	23.50	23.75
Ending Stocks	9.86	12.21

Source: www.agriwatch.com

Table 2: Prices and arrivals of Greengram in Narayanpet market during September 2020

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
1	50.96	5980	2312	4146
2	124.95	6706	2202	4454
3	76.93	6360	2189	4274
4	71.54	6350	2222	4286
5	40.18	6289	2009	4149
7	65.66	6435	2022	4236
8	65.17	6826	1709	4267
9	36.26	6621	1855	4238
10	45.08	6769	2005	4387
11	23.03	6456	1909	4182
12	54.6	6111	1801	3956
14	15.19	6229	1325	3777
15	33.32	4609	2000	3304
18	27.93	5793	2420	4079
19	6.37	5789	2005	3897
21	20.09	6259	2366	4312
22	8.33	6425	2550	4487
25	4.9	5380	2206	3793

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

The major greengram growing districts in Telangana are Sangareddy 15,406 ha (38,068 acres), Khammam 9,991 ha (24,688 acres), Vikarabad 9,972 ha (24,395 acres), Kamareddy 6,281 ha (15,520 acres), Suryapet 5,179 ha (12,797 acres) and Mahbubabad 3,500 ha (8,648 acres). According to State Government 1st advance estimates, greengram production in 2020-21 is at 0.22 lakh tonnes with productivity of 353 Kg/ha (143 Kg/acre).

Prices are mostly steady though pressure might begin, as arrivals from new kharif season have started in Telangana, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Higher area coverage and good crop conditions so far would not allow market to move up from the current levels. There is no parity for import as moong price is ruling lower than Myanmar right now. Expecting a huge crop from Rajasthan, stockiest prefer to dispose their old stocks so overall trend seems weak in the medium term.

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 2020.