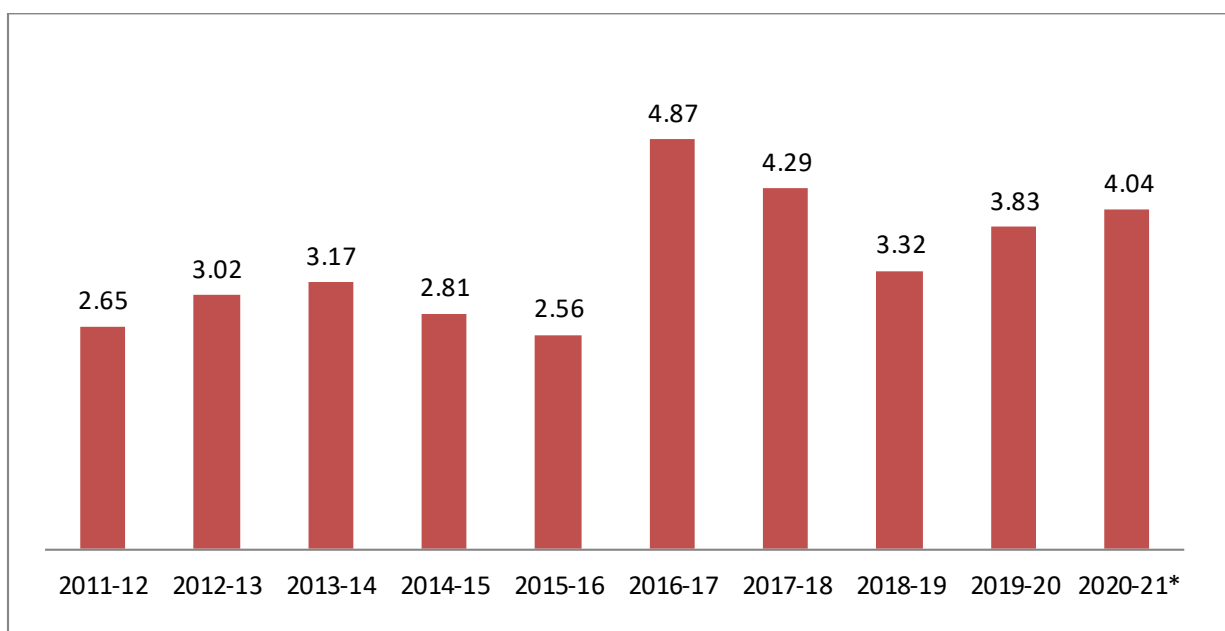


Redgram Outlook – October 2020

Redgram is commonly known as Tur or Arhar in India and is the second important pulse crop in the country after gram (chana). The ability of redgram to produce high economic yields under soil moisture deficit makes it an important crop in rainfed and dry land agriculture. World major redgram producing countries are India (37.50 lakh tonnes), Myanmar (6.76 lakh tonnes), Malawi (4.34 lakh tonnes), Tanzania (3.15 lakh tonnes) and Haiti (0.87 lakh tonnes).

Area under redgram reported during 2020-21 was 48.24 lakh ha (119.20 lakh acres) as against 45.45 lakh ha (112.31 lakh acres) during the same period in 2019-20. In India, major redgram producing states are Karnataka 12.80 lakh ha (31.63 lakh acres), Maharashtra 12.46 lakh ha (30.79 lakh acres), Telangana 4.34 lakh ha (10.72 lakh acres), Madhya Pradesh 4.12 lakh ha (10.18 lakh acres) and Uttar Pradesh 3.53 lakh ha (8.72 lakh acres). According to Government 1st advance estimates, all India redgram production in 2020-21 is at 4.04 million tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES).

Figure 1: Production of Redgram in India (in million tonnes)

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

	2018-19	2019-20*
Opening Stocks	8.49	6.66
Production	33.20	38.30
Imports	5.30	5.00
Total Supply	46.99	49.96
Exports	0.33	0.25
Consumption	40.00	42.00
Total Demand	40.33	42.25
Ending Stocks	6.66	7.71

Source: www.agriwatch.com * Estimated

The major markets for this crop in Telangana are Badepalli, Devarakadra, Gadwal, Mahabubnagar, Narayanpet, Sadasivpet, Zaheerabad, Suryapet, Tandur and Warangal. The major markets in neighboring states are Kadiri, Narsaraopet, Tiruvuru, Kurnool, Yeminiganur and Ongole in Andhra Pradesh, Gulbarga, Sedam, Yadgiri, Bidar, Bijapur, Bellary and Bagalkote in Karnataka, and Akola, Latur, Jalgaon and Nagpur in Maharashtra.

In Telangana major redgram growing districts are Vikarabad 0.74 lakh ha (1.84 lakh acres), Narayanpet 0.56 lakh ha (1.38 lakh acres), Sangareddy 0.44 lakh ha (1.07 lakh acres), Mahabubnagar 0.28 lakh ha (0.71 lakh acres), Adilabad 0.25 lakh ha (0.62 lakh acres), Asifabad 0.18 lakh ha (0.44 lakh acres) and Gadwal 0.14 lakh ha (0.35 lakh acres). According to State Government 1st advance estimates, redgram production in 2020-21 is at 8.44 lakh tonnes with a productivity of 1976 Kg/ha (800 Kg/acre).

Active buying by millers and improved demand in cash market pushed up redgram price. Lemon redgram stock at ports like Chennai, Mumbai and Kolkata is depleting fast. Import volume remains limited due to non-issuance of import licenses as of now. Arrivals in local markets too are negligible. Stockiest have increased their price by Rs 300-350 in last three–four days. New crop is still two and a half month away from now. As prices are increasing NAFED may decide to sell redgram crop to cool down price. It has over 3.5 lakh MT redgram stock. Sowing is almost over now. Crop condition is good. As demand is improving, price may move further up. So overall sentiments remain firm.

Table 2: Prices and Arrivals of Redgram in Suryapet Market during September 2020

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
1	53	6036	4896	6036
3	29	6111	5596	6111
4	41	6129	4659	5693
7	76	5891	4419	5873
8	72	5854	3839	5776
9	65	5839	3409	5776
11	99	5881	3756	5781
12	7	5906	5193	5193
14	22	5954	5549	5796
18	34	6259	4595	5612
19	34	6331	5580	6276
21	56	6494	2394	6494
22	42	6534	5904	6525
23	47	6714	2853	6591
28	99	6852	5139	6766
30	47	6966	2106	6966

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expects that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 6200 - 6500 per quintal in the month of October 2020.