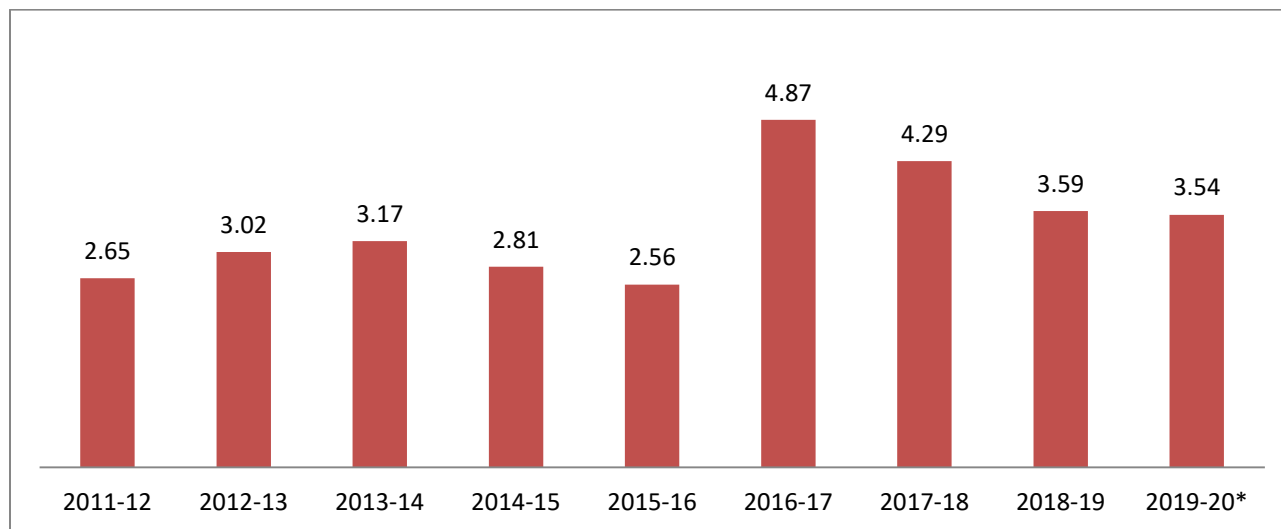


Redgram Outlook – February 2020

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. India contributes for nearly 90% of world's total redgram 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. Redgram was covered in 45.82 lakh ha as against 45.74 lakh ha last year. In India, major redgram producing states are Maharashtra (12.07 lakh ha), Karnataka (11.93 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (5.06 lakh ha), Telangana (2.86 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (3.51 lakh ha) and Gujarat (2.15 lakh ha). In Telangana major growing districts are Narayanpet (59028 ha), Vikarabad (54403 ha), Adilabad (22127 ha), Sangareddy (17365 ha), Mahabubnagar (15404 ha), Gadwal (15009 ha) and Asifabad (11524 ha). According to Government 1st advance estimates, redgram production in 2019-20 is at 3.54 million tonnes.



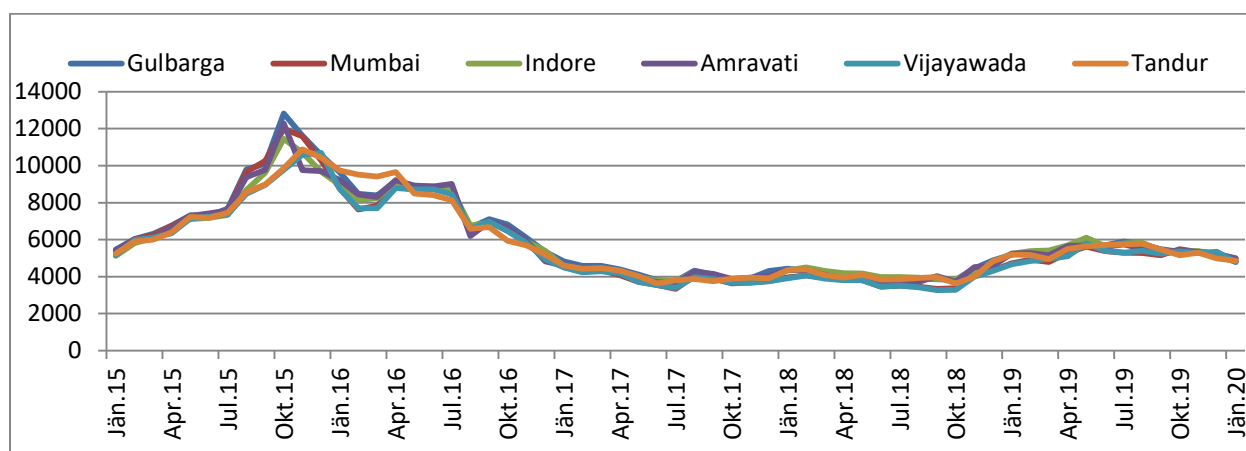
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES). *1st Advance Estimates

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	8.07	5.97
Production	35.90	35.40
Imports	3.50	3.00
Total Supply	47.47	44.37
Exports	0.50	0.70
Consumption	41.00	42.00
Total Demand	41.50	42.70
Ending Stocks	5.97	1.67

Source: www.agriwatch.com * Estimated



Source: www.agriwatch.com, agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Figure 2: Average monthly prices of redgram in major markets of India (Rs/q)

It is evident from Figure 2 that all major markets of redgram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. Redgram price which was ranging below Rs. 4000 till October 2018 started picking up and currently is being traded in major markets at a higher price compared to previous month i.e., around Rs. 4700-5000 per quintal.

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.

Table 2: Prices and arrivals of redgram in Sadasivpet market during January 2020

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
2	16	5179	5075	5131
3	19	5211	4807	5211
4	27	5041	3439	5041
6	38	5000	4800	4891
7	21	4972	4751	4952
8	135	5014	4750	4969
9	23	5005	4411	4901
10	23	5005	4762	4969
11	126	5062	4544	4974
13	83	5005	4526	4987
17	107	5011	3977	4942
18	195	4924	4624	4870
20	190	4877	4312	4729
21	37	4811	4645	4811
23	270	4789	4762	4762
25	178	4717	3439	4491
27	218	4708	4055	4663
28	44	4763	4405	4405
31	47	4655	4005	4305

Source: www.tsmarketing.in

Procurement drive in Maharashtra is expected to begin from 20th February in bulk volume. NAFED, FCI and other state agencies would start procurement once registration for redgram procurement gets over on 15th Feb-2020. It may start a little bit earlier in Karnataka. Karnataka state government would provide Rs. 300 bonus over and above MSP (Rs.5800).

All India target for redgram procurement has been fixed at around 5.5 lakh MT. NAFED has purchased 4402.05 MT redgram on MSP in Telangana. Pressure might be felt in February and prices may decrease to Rs. 4700-4800. At this level, investors may be active. Stake holders can stock it for two months and may sell it at good profit. From May month onwards pressure from import might be seen. It may restrict uptrend in the market price. Crop condition is good in Myanmar.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4700 - 4800 per quintal in the month of February 2020.