

## Black gram Outlook – January 2020

Black gram is a highly priced pulse, very rich in phosphoric acid. India currently represents the largest producer of black gram accounting for more than 70% of the global production. India is followed by Myanmar and Pakistan.

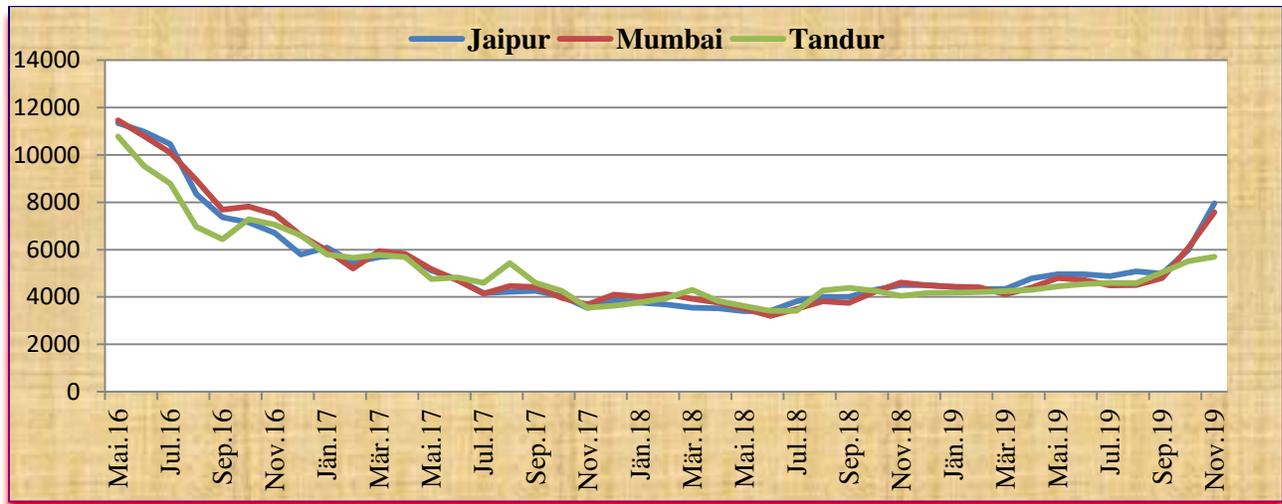
In India during kharif 2019-20, black gram area is 38.82 lakh ha as against 39.56 lakh ha in last year. The states of Madhya Pradesh (16.50 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (7.01 lakh ha), Rajasthan (4.60 lakh ha), Maharashtra (2.98 lakh ha), Karnataka (0.69 lakh ha) and Andhra Pradesh (0.09 lakh ha) are the major producers of black gram in India during kharif. In Telangana area coverage under black gram during kharif 2019-20 was 18725 ha and major growing districts are Sangareddy (4407 ha), Vikarabad (3245 ha), Nirmal (3686 ha), Kamareddy (3883 ha), Medak (729 ha) and Adilabad (1254 ha).



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), \*1<sup>st</sup> Advance Estimates

**Figure 1: Production of black gram in India (in lakh tonnes)**

It is clear from Figure 2 that all major markets of black gram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. The black gram prices which were above Rs. 11000 per quintal in April 2016 observed continuous decline and fluctuating around Rs. 4000 since last one year. Currently black gram in major markets is being traded at a lower price of around Rs. 6800-7500 per quintal.



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

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

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has given additional import quota of 2.5 lakh MT for Black gram over and above 1.5 lakh MT. Importers had applied for importing Black gram till 31<sup>st</sup> Dec-2019. Market sources say that old crop available in Myanmar is around 1 lakh MT, while new crop would be available in mid February. Right now Black gram lying at ports is not accepted. Even in local market new Black gram would be available from February end to March.

Fulfilling the shortage gap, NAFED may continue to release stock to control price. In local market Black gram may continue to trade in the range of Rs 6800-7200. Demand from mills is weak at higher level. Black gram in Mumbai market is being traded at Rs 7000-7100/Qtl and Chennai market FAQ is being offered at Rs 7500 and SQ at Rs8050/Qtl.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Black gram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5500 - 5900 per quintal in the month of January 2020.