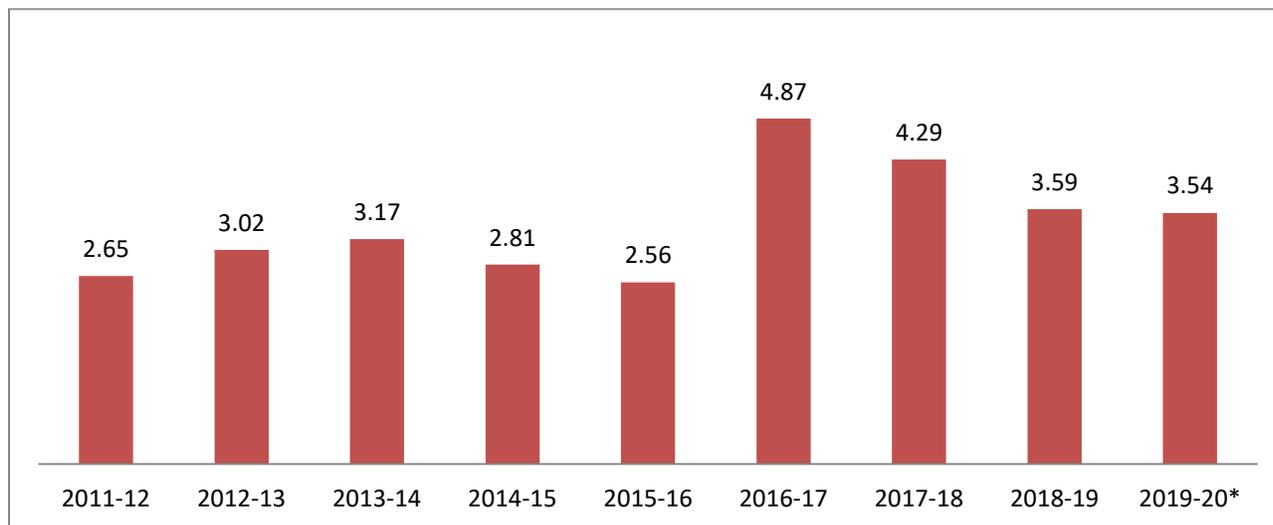


Redgram Outlook – January 2020

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.



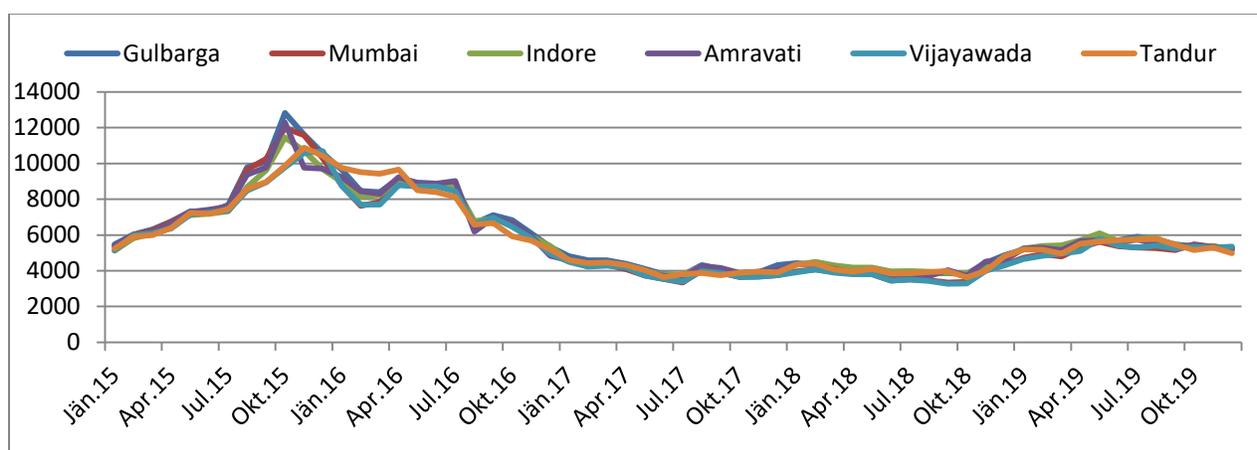
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES). *1st Advance Estimates

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. 5100-5300 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 Tandur market during December 2019

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
2	4	5046	4761	4946
5	21	5112	4842	4842
7	3	5032	3393	3393
9	6	5049	3626	5049
11	5	4923	4703	4923
12	4	5062	4473	4473
14	7	5806	4358	4973
16	4	5464	4392	4919
17	4	5022	4496	5022
18	3	5229	4793	4793
19	2	5161	4761	4761
20	17	5132	3893	4226
23	3	5134	4662	4662
24	6	5022	4239	4332
27	13	5016	3339	4374

Source: www.tsmarketing.in

Redgram crop condition is good and new arrivals have started in parts of Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh. Private traders have started offloading stock and pressure is seen on the cash market right now. Any spike in cash market is unlikely as G2G import continues. As there is delay in procurement drive, pressure may continue on market. Hence, redgram price may decrease by Rs 100-200 more in coming weeks. There is ample stock in central pool and NAFED may start selling old crop. Overall outlook for redgram market seems weak with commencement of new arrival. Pressure may build up by the end of this month.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4900 - 5000 per quintal in the month of January 2020.