

Bengalgram Outlook – June 2020

India is the largest producer of bengalgram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 10 to 11 million tonnes and contributes around 70 percent of the total world production. Bengalgram is the most largely produced pulse crop in India accounting for a share of 40% of the total pulse production. India imports around 8-9 lakh tonnes of bengalgram annually from Canada, Australia, Iran and Myanmar.

In India about 107.21 lakh ha (264.92 lakh acres) area coverage was reported under bengalgram during rabi 2019-20. The states of Madhya Pradesh 27.38 lakh ha (67.66 lakh acres), Maharashtra 21.78 lakh ha (53.82 lakh acres), Rajasthan 21.38 lakh ha (52.83 lakh acres), Karnataka 12.56 lakh ha (31.04 lakh acres), Uttar Pradesh 5.87 lakh ha (14.51 lakh acres) and Andhra Pradesh 4.56 lakh ha (11.27 lakh acres), are the major producers of bengalgram in India. According to Government 3rd advance estimates, all India bengalgram production in 2019-20 is at 10.90 million tonnes.

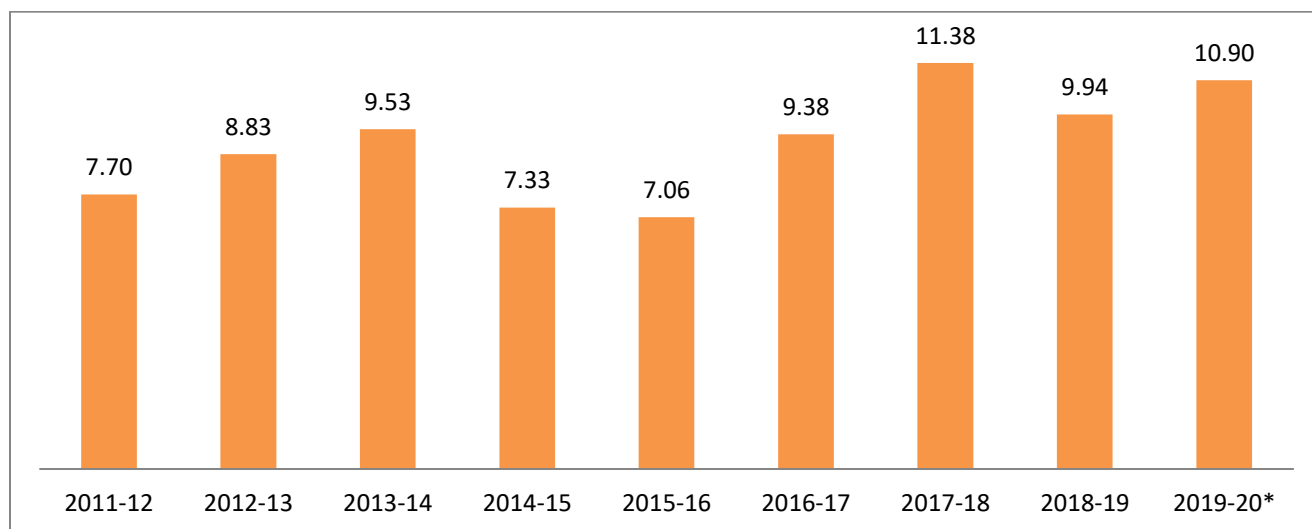


Figure 1: Production of Bengalgram in India (Million Tonnes)

Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES). *3rd Advance Estimates

In Telangana state, area covered under bengalgram during rabi 2019-20 was about 1.34 lakh ha (3.31 lakh acres). The major districts producing this crop in Telangana are Adilabad 34,481 ha (85,203 acres), Kama Reddy 29,654 ha (73,274 acres), Nirmal 24,505 ha (60,551 acres),

Nizamabad 12,188 ha (30,117 acres) and Gadwal 7,324 ha (18,094 acres). The major markets for this crop in Telangana are Narayanpet, Adilabad Kuber, Bainsa, Nizamabad, Sadasivpet, Zaheerabad, Parigi and Tandur. According to State Government 3rd advance estimates, bengalgram production in 2019-20 is at 2.05 lakh tonnes with a productivity of 1532 Kg/ha (620 Kg/acre).

Table 1: India Balance Sheet (in lakh metric tonnes)

	2018-19	2019-20*
Carry in	16.8	22.5
Production	99.4	112.0
Imports	3.5	2.5
Total Availability	119.7	136.7
Consumption	95.5	99.5
Exports	1.75	2
Total Usage	97.5	101.5
Carry out (Ending stocks)	22.5	35.2
Ave. Monthly Consumption	7.95	8.29

Source: www.agriwatch.com

Table 2: Prices and Arrivals of Bengalgram in Tandur Market during May 2020

Date	Arrival s (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
29	113	4050	4000	4025

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

There is weak demand and higher availability of old bengalgram in central pool. Even procurement activities and private participation remained stranded due to labour and transportation issues. NAFED has ample old stock and there is a possibility of over 2 MMT procurement from new crop too. It would not allow market to have any unexpected spike in the near to medium term. Prices may move up beyond this level if import remains restricted. Telangana Government purchased 82,941 tonnes of bengalgram so far.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Bengalgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 3900 - 4000 per quintal in the month of June 2020.