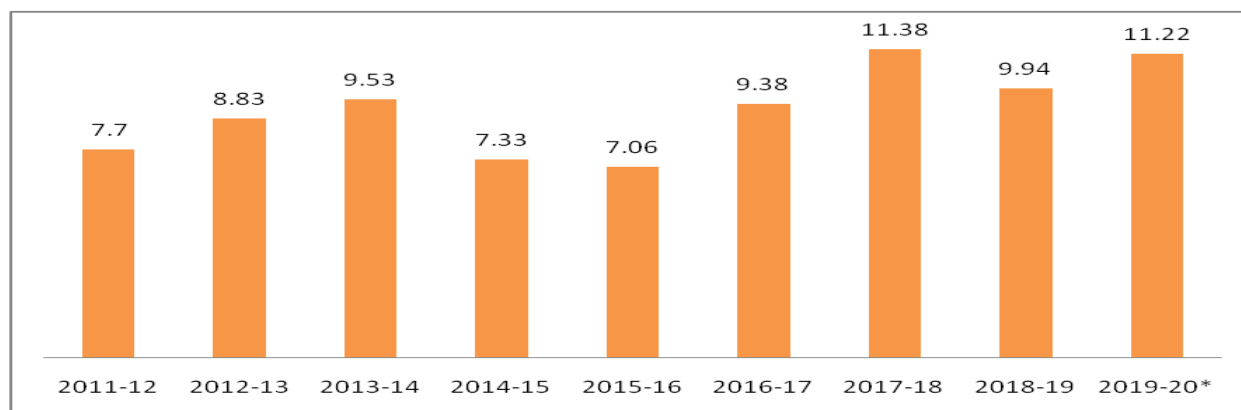


Bengalgram Outlook – May 2020

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 area coverage was reported under bengalgram during rabi 2019-20. The states of Madhya Pradesh (27.38 lakh ha), Rajasthan (21.38 lakh ha), Karnataka (12.56 lakh ha), Maharashtra (21.78 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (5.87 lakh ha) and Andhra Pradesh (4.56 lakh ha) are the major producers of bengalgram in India. According to Government 2nd advance estimates, all India bengalgram production in 2019-20 is at 11.22 tonnes.

Production of Bengalgram in India (Million Tonnes)



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES). *2nd Advance Estimates

In Telangana state, area covered under bengalgram during rabi 2019-20 was about 1.33 lakh ha. The major districts producing this crop in Telangana are Adilabad (34,564 ha), Kama Reddy (29,661 ha), Nirmal (24,506 ha), Nizamabad (12,188 ha) and Gadwal (7,324 ha). The major markets for this crop in Telangana are Narayanpet, Adilabad, Kuber, Bainsa, Nizamabad, Sadasivpet, Zaheerabad, Parigi and Tandur.

Demand for chana and arrival too have started improving now. So mixed trend was seen in cash chana market. As demand for dal improved, millers have started buying in bulk quantity.

Procurement drive and bulk purchase by millers have lent support to chana cash market. Telangana government purchased 63,195 tonnes of bengalgram so far.

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

	2018-19 Estimated	2019-20 Forecast
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: State wise weekly wholesale prices in Rs/q

State	01-08 May 2020	24-30 Apr 2020	16-23 Apr 2020	09-15 Apr 2020	01-08 Apr 2020	24-31 Mar 2020
Madhya Pradesh	3953	4023	4000	NR	NR	NR
Rajasthan	4030	3830	3800	NR	NR	NR
Maharashtra	3869	3942	3800	NR	NR	NR
Karnataka	3861	3958	3900	3800	3867	3900
Utter Pradesh	4847	4849	5000	5000	5060	4800
Andhra Pradesh	4191	4100	NR	NR	NR	NR
Telangana	4875	4875	4875	NR	NR	NR

Source: www.agmarknet.in

NAFED would supply 1.95 lakh MT dal to 19.60 crore families in 36 states under PM Poor Welfare Yojna. Around 5.5 thousand MT dal has already been distributed. People would be given chana, masur, urad, tur and moong dals through ration shops. In last 15 days NAFED has procured 1.71 lakh MT of chana on MSP.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Bengalgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 3900 - 4100 per quintal in the month of May 2020.