

Groundnut Price per Quintal will be around Rs. 4300 - 4800 at the Time of Harvesting (January to March 2020)

Groundnut (*Arachis hypogaea L.*) is an important oilseed crop in India which occupies first in terms of area and second position in terms of production. China is the largest producer as well as consumer of groundnut in the world followed by India, Nigeria, United States and Burma. Indian groundnuts are exported to Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, China, Malaysia, Russia, Ukraine and United Kingdom.

In India rabi during 2019-20 groundnut was sown in around 4.75 lakh hectares (11.73 lakh acres) as compared to last year 4.59 lakh ha (11.34 lakh acres). Among the states, Telangana stood first in area coverage with 1.16 lakh ha followed by Karnataka (1.07 lakh ha), Tamilnadu (0.99 lakh ha), Andhra Pradesh (0.66 lakh ha), and Odisha (0.70 lakh ha).

In Telangana during rabi 2019-20 groundnut was sown in around 1,16,268 hectares (2,87,304 acres) as compared to 1,08,402 ha (2,67,866 acres) in rabi 2018-19. Among the districts, Nagarkurnool stood first in groundnut sown area with 50,361 hectares (1,24,444 acres) followed by Wanaparthy 20,351 ha (50,288 acres), Gadwal (Jogulamba) 6,682 ha (16,511 acres), Vikarabad 5,212 ha (12,879 acres) and Mahabubabad 5,072 ha (12,533 acres).

NAFED continues to dispose groundnut in Gujarat and have sold around 1.3 lakh tonnes after rabi procurement in the state. Kharif groundnut area increased by around 30 percent as compared to previous year, increased groundnut area and expectation of bumper groundnut crop in kharif may influence the groundnut future prices. MSP for groundnut has been increased by Rs. 185 to Rs. 5275 per quintal for marketing season 2020-21 from Rs.5090 per quintal in 2019-20.

The Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre established under a research project for development of price forecasting mechanism in the Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad at Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University with the financial support of Agricultural Marketing Department, Telangana State has assessed 2020-21 rabi pre-sowing price forecast of groundnut. Under expected normal weather conditions and crop area coverage, it is expected that the groundnut price per quintal will be around **Rs. 4300-4800** at the time of harvesting (January to March 2021). This price forecast is based on the monthly modal price of groundnut obtained for 18 years from Gadwal regulated market using econometric models like ARIMA, SARIMA, ARCH, GARCH and ANN and also the market survey. Gadwal and Wanaparty are the two major groundnut markets in Telangana.

Note: There may be any possible deviation of the actual prices from the predicted prices in light of tentative developments in the commodity markets such as change in international prices, export or import restrictions, etc. And these price forecasts are based on past market price data & different econometric models and that actual market price may not turn out to be the same as forecasted.