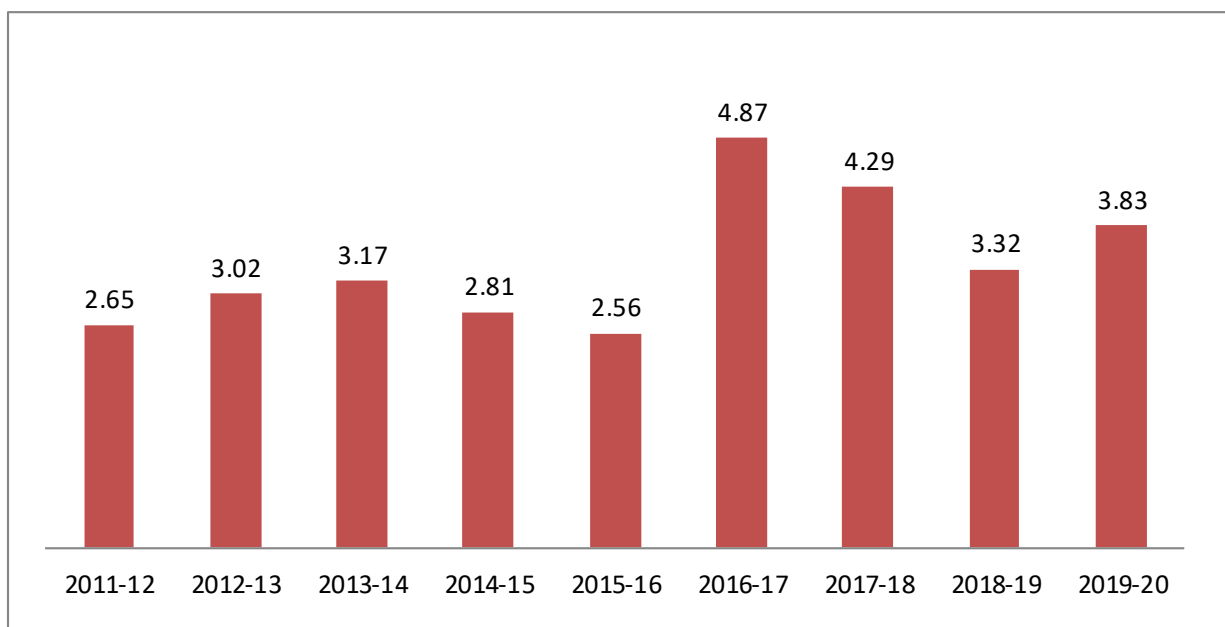


Redgram Outlook – September 2020

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. World major redgram producing countries are India (37.50 lakh tonnes), Myanmar (6.76 lakh tonnes), Malawi (4.34 lakh tonnes), Tanzania (3.15 lakh tonnes) and Haiti (0.87 lakh tonnes).

Area under redgram reported during 2020-21 was 47.73 lakh ha (107.94 lakh acres) as against 44.88 lakh ha (101.90 lakh acres) during the same period in 2019-20. In India, major redgram producing states are Karnataka 12.74 lakh ha (31.48 lakh acres), Maharashtra 12.32 lakh ha (30.44 lakh acres), Telangana 4.19 lakh ha (10.35 lakh acres), Madhya Pradesh 4.11 lakh ha (10.16 lakh acres) and Uttar Pradesh 3.52 lakh ha (8.70 lakh acres). According to Government 4th advance estimates, all India redgram production in 2019-20 is at 3.83 million tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES).

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 | 8.49 | 6.66 |
| Production | 33.20 | 37.50 |
| Imports | 5.30 | 5.00 |
| Total Supply | 46.99 | 49.16 |
| Exports | 0.33 | 0.25 |
| Consumption | 40.00 | 42.00 |
| Total Demand | 40.33 | 42.25 |
| Ending Stocks | 6.66 | 6.91 |

Source: www.agriwatch.com * Estimated

In Telangana major redgram growing districts are Vikarabad 0.74 lakh ha (1.84 lakh acres), Narayanpet 0.56 lakh ha (1.38 lakh acres), Sangareddy 0.42 lakh ha (1.05 lakh acres), Mahabubnagar 0.28 lakh ha (0.70 lakh acres), Adilabad 0.25 lakh ha (0.62 lakh acres), Asifabad 0.19 lakh ha (0.48 lakh acres) and Gadwal 0.13 lakh ha (0.33 lakh acres). According to State Government 3rd advance estimates, redgram production in 2019-20 is at 2.67 lakh tonnes with a productivity of 902 Kg/ha (365 Kg/acre).

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.

Improved demand for redgram and redgram dal amid lower pace of import has helped market to trade up by Rs. 150-175 in various markets. Apart from renewed demand, arrivals in major markets are decreasing now. It may support redgram cash market further to certain extent. Demand for redgram dal may increase in coming weeks. There is good planting of redgram this year. Ample rains in major growing states like Karnataka, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh are supportive for standing crop. The short-term sentiment seems firm. Government is going to issue import licenses soon and seems in favor of completing import quota of 4 lakh MT before new crop hits in December.

Table 2: Prices and Arrivals of Redgram in Suryapet Market during August 2020

| Date | Arrival s (Quintals) | Maximum price (Rs/quintal) | Minimum price (Rs/quintal) | Modal price (Rs/quintal) |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 4 | 45 | 5643 | 5114 | 5396 |
| 6 | 27 | 5656 | 3549 | 5626 |
| 7 | 31 | 5616 | 5256 | 5476 |
| 12 | 114 | 5710 | 3959 | 5656 |
| 14 | 3 | 5369 | 3069 | 5369 |
| 17 | 6 | 5711 | 5646 | 5646 |
| 18 | 50 | 5721 | 5352 | 5721 |
| 20 | 2 | 5638 | 5562 | 5562 |
| 21 | 16 | 5701 | 5117 | 5117 |
| 25 | 49 | 5639 | 4635 | 5609 |
| 26 | 40 | 5839 | 3959 | 5822 |
| 28 | 107 | 5913 | 4793 | 5343 |
| 29 | 13 | 6012 | 5435 | 5963 |
| 31 | 66 | 6106 | 4595 | 6082 |

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5500 - 5700 per quintal in the month of September 2020.