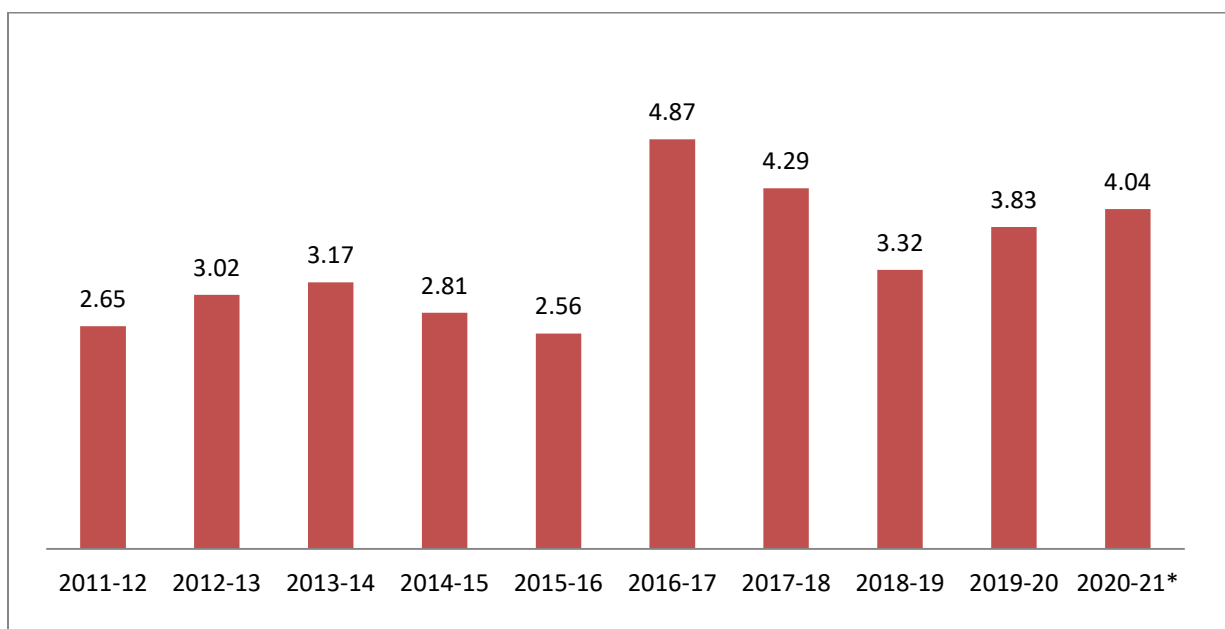


Redgram Outlook – February 2021

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 48.24 lakh ha (119.20 lakh acres) as against 45.45 lakh ha (112.31 lakh acres) during the same period in 2019-20. In India, major redgram producing states are Karnataka 12.80 lakh ha (31.63 lakh acres), Maharashtra 12.46 lakh ha (30.79 lakh acres), Telangana 4.34 lakh ha (10.72 lakh acres), Madhya Pradesh 4.12 lakh ha (10.18 lakh acres) and Uttar Pradesh 3.53 lakh ha (8.72 lakh acres). According to Government 1st advance estimates, all India redgram production in 2020-21 is at 4.04 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	2020-21*
Opening Stocks	8.49	6.66	7.71
Production	33.20	38.30	40.4
Imports	5.30	5.00	5
Total Supply	46.99	49.96	53.11
Exports	0.33	0.25	0.4
Consumption	40.00	42.00	43.5
Total Demand	40.33	42.25	43.9
Ending Stocks	6.66	7.71	9.21

Source: www.agriwatch.com *Estimated based on 1st Advance Estimates of Government of India

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.

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 0.44 lakh ha (1.08 lakh acres), Mahabubnagar 0.29 lakh ha (0.71 lakh acres), Rangareddy 0.28 lakh ha (0.69 lakh acres), Adilabad 0.25 lakh ha (0.61 lakh acres) and Yadadri 0.18 lakh ha (0.45 lakh acres). According to State Government 1st advance estimates, redgram production in 2020-21 is at 8.44 lakh tonnes with a productivity of 1976 Kg/ha (800 Kg/acre).

NAFED may restrict selling of tur in coming weeks for supporting cash market at the time of peak arrival season. At the beginning of the New Year NAFED has 134481MT stock in its godowns. In the second and the third week of Jan-2021, it has sold another 70,000 MT. This means NAFED has now 60,000 MT old stocks. Generally, NAFED stops selling in states where procurement starts. It may support cash market to some extent.

Table 2: State wise Wholesale Prices for Redgram January, 2021

State	Prices January, 2021	Prices December, 2020	Prices January, 2020	% Changev (Over Previous Month)	% Change (Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	4749.32	4690.38	4528	1.26	4.89
Chhattisgarh	2183.8	2007.95	3773.19	8.76	-42.12
Gujarat	5502.04	5244.26	4964.42	4.92	10.83
Jharkhand	8259.38			—	—
Karnataka	5638.21	5530.97	4975.62	1.94	13.32
Kerala	9942.94	9984.66	8747.05	-0.42	13.67
Madhya Pradesh	5294.33	4788.79	3738.29	10.56	41.62
Maharashtra	5720.57	5326.13	4741.84	7.41	20.64
NCT of Delhi			4097.62	—	—
Odisha			6500	—	—
Rajasthan	2154.37	3490.14	4023.57	-38.27	-46.46
Telangana	5664.92	5573.72	4742.95	1.64	19.44
Uttar Pradesh	5578.49	5671.93	4808.71	-1.65	16.01
West Bengal			8017.54	—	—
Average	5517.12	5230.89	5204.52		

Source: www.agmarknet.gov.in

Table 3: Prices and Arrivals of Redgram in Suryapet Market during January 2021.

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
4	1	5419	5168	5168
6	2	5411	5411	5411
7	16	5455	3393	5251
8	2	4831	4572	4831
11	6	5482	5364	5439
12	2	5531	5495	5495
18	7	5747	5096	5562
19	14	5774	5112	5774
20	19	5801	4595	4595
21	18	5829	5292	5576
22	37	5643	4356	5045
23	33	5742	5309	5732
28	114	5821	3926	5581
29	79	5752	3871	5451

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

NAFED has procured 6985 MT Tur in January-2021 at minimum support price of Rs. 6000. The maximum (6185 MT) has been procured in Karnataka, followed by 801 MT from Maharashtra.

As prices are ruling above MSP, procurement quantity would be much lower than normal expectation. Arrival is lower at this point of time. Farmers are hiding stock in anticipation of higher prices in coming weeks. Private traders are active and it shows prices to move up further if arrivals stay steady. Right now supply demand side seems balanced and steady to slightly firm tone may prevail in cash market in coming weeks. Prices may rule around MSP.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5800 - 6000 per quintal in the month of February 2021.