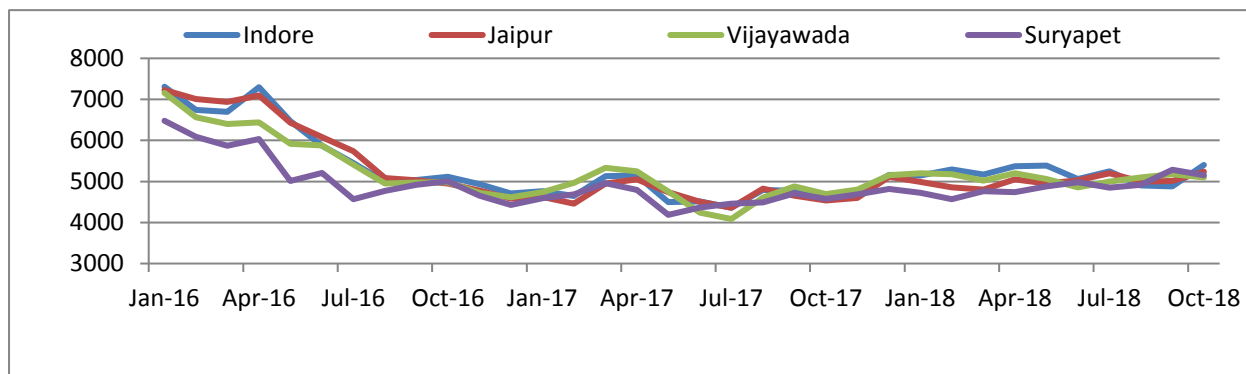


Greengram Outlook – November 2018

Greengram is an important pulse crop in India and believed to be originated from India. It is short duration legume crop grown mostly as a fallow crop in rotation with rice. Similar to the leguminous pulses, greengram enriches soil nitrogen content. It is grown mostly in Asian region traditionally, while its cultivation has spread to Africa and America relatively in the recent times. India contributes more than 70% of world's greengram production.

In India during 2018-19, about 34.35 lakh ha area was covered under greengram. The states of Rajasthan (19.23 lakh ha), Karnataka (4.23 lakh ha), Maharashtra (4.03 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (2.10 lakh ha), Odisha (1.69 lakh ha) and Telangana (0.73 lakh ha) are the major producers of greengram in India. The major greengram growing districts in Telangana are Mahbubabad, Suryapet, Sangareddy, Vikarabad, , Khammam and Kamareddy.



Source: www.agriwatch.com, agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Figure 1: Average monthly prices of greengram in major markets of India (Rs/q)

All major markets of greengram in the country were found to be integrated as indicated by the price movement in Figure 1. The prices which were about Rs. 7000 per quintal during April 2016 started declining to around Rs. 4500 in March 2017 and since then fluctuating in the range of Rs. 4500 to Rs. 5000 till date. Currently, greengram is being traded in all major markets of country at around Rs. 5200 per quintal.

Table 1: Prices and arrivals of Greengram in Narayanpet market during October 2018

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Model price (Rs/quintal)
1	16.8	2043	5359	3465
3	30.4	2106	6209	3306
5	50.4	2022	6509	3842
6	26.1	2062	5565	4705
8	15.9	2042	6719	3842
10	36.0	2109	5859	3690
11	41.6	2042	4401	3609
12	14.5	2109	5459	3749
13	11.2	2201	5211	3809
15	13.9	2009	5819	4409
16	14.7	2283	5601	3909
20	1.3	3462	4729	3462
22	10.2	2259	5596	4501
23	10.2	2009	4889	3881
24	4.3	2509	4656	4656

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Indian farmers have planted 2.65 lakh ha more than that during last year under kharif greengram (34.35 lakh ha). Lower rainfall during growth stages and higher rainfall at maturity stages affected the quality of greengram. Even grains turned black spotted. So there would be good demand for quality crop at higher price. Imports remain restricted and millers can import only 1.5 lakh tonnes of greengram till March 2019.

Arrival pressure from kharif greengram crop has not build up in major markets so far. Besides, there is a quality issue in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Rajasthan. So, arrival of quality crop is much lower than expectation. Next big crop is expected in summer from Madhya Pradesh only. In this state lower rainfall did not allow farmers to increase area under greengram despite higher MSP (Rs. 6975). Besides, there is good demand for greengram and dal. So price is unlikely to come down. Selling from central pool is expected not before mid-December. Import is not possible beyond limit. So, emerging scenario hints that the greengram prices may go up from current level. It may move up by Rs. 300 to 400 per quintal in the near term.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that greengram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5300 - 5600 per quintal in the month of November 2018.