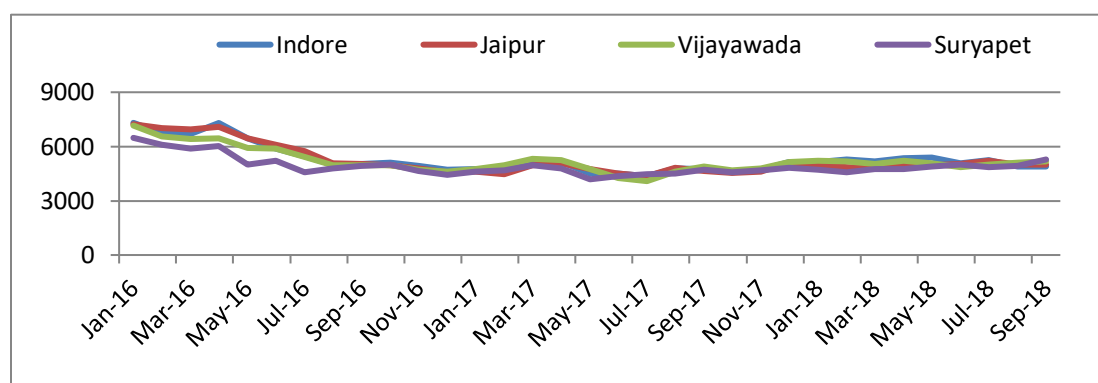


Greengram Outlook – October 2018

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 Kama Reddy.



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. 5000 per quintal.

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

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Model price (Rs/quintal)
1	6.4	2409	4955	3682
4	13.7	2412	5309	3860
5	10.2	3209	5351	4280
6	8.0	1850	5256	3553
8	19.6	2920	5519	4219
11	21.7	3269	5581	4425
12	29.3	3309	5906	4607
14	16.6	2609	5409	4009
15	8.3	3009	5359	4184
17	13	3209	5252	4230
18	8.6	1800	5357	3578
19	2.6	3101	5206	5206
20	1.1	2000	4101	3050
24	2.0	3309	4670	3989
25	10.5	1350	5205	3277
26	3.1	3429	4509	3969
27	2.9	3829	4826	4327
28	3.8	3929	5290	3969
29	1.6	4079	5000	4500

Source: agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Recent rains have affected greengram crop in Ajmer and Bikaner line and discolored grain is affecting price sentiments. Shortage of quality grain in these areas and its higher price has eroded parity for Delhi market. Poor quality greengram in Delhi market is being traded in the range of Rs. 4500 to Rs. 4600 per quintal. Even pressure from Uttar Pradesh too has decreased now. Beside, sellers have retained stock of good quality in Allahabad line even at Rs. 5000 per quintal. Arrival from old stock too has decreased. However, new greengram started hitting the market from

Kishangarh region of Rajasthan. Arrival is below expectation from Kekri line too. Arrival is expected to increase from Shekhawati line. So price of good quality crop may move up in coming weeks. Procurement drive is expected to keep market supported.

Burma is offering moong at \$ 710 - 715 per ton. Market is expected to trade steady as new arrival continues. Government agencies have started procurement in Karnataka and Maharashtra. As there is report of crop damage in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan, any major dip is unlikely in the near term. As new procurement is on, release from central pool stock would also continue.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that greengram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4900 - 5500 per quintal in the month of October 2018.