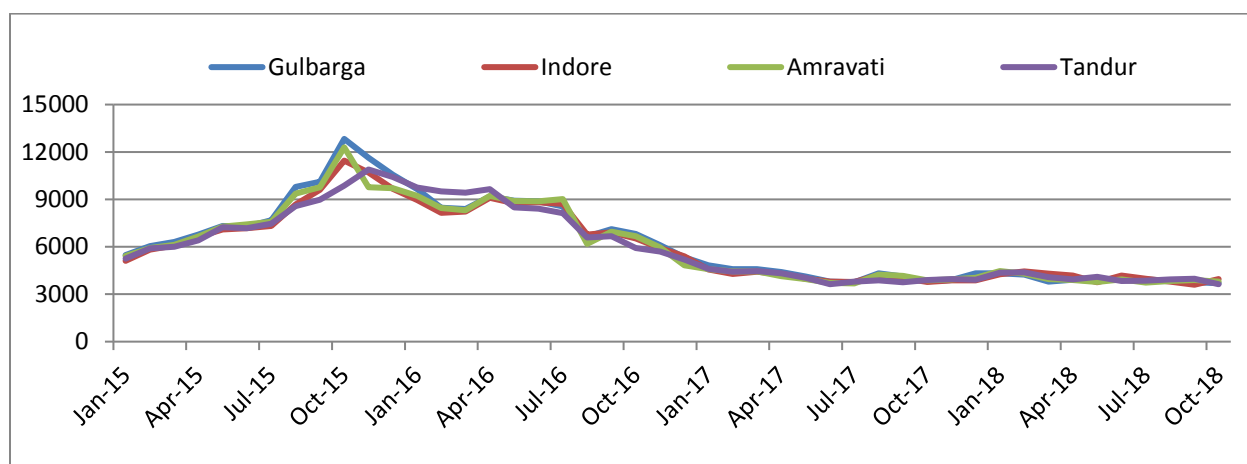


Redgram Outlook – November 2018

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 dryland agriculture. India contributes for nearly 90% of world's total redgram production.

All India kharif pulses sown area was reported as 137.93 lakh ha on 20th September 2018 as against 139.49 lakh ha in the corresponding period of last year. Redgram area was reported as 45.82 lakh ha as against 45.11 lakh ha during the same period of last year. In India, major redgram producing states are Maharashtra (12.34 lakh ha), Karnataka (9.92 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (6.35 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (3.46 lakh ha), Telangana (2.77 lakh ha) and Gujarat (2.52 lakh ha).



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

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

It is evident from Figure 1 that all major markets of redgram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. Currently redgram in major markets is being traded at a lower price i.e., around Rs. 3600-3900 per quintal.

The higher acreage in all states and good rainfall may lead for higher yield and increase in production. So there is a good hope for bumper crop once again. More downward trend in redgram is unlikely and steady to slightly firm trend might be seen.

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, Bidhar, Bijapur, Bellary and Bagalkote in Karnataka, and Akola, Latur, Jalgaon and Nagpur in Maharashtra.

Table 1: Prices and arrivals of redgram in Suryapet market during October 2018

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
1	5.3	3243	3596	3579
3	7.2	2459	3596	3555
5	23.1	2394	3671	3601
6	3.8	2529	3596	3449
8	8.5	3259	3603	3603
10	11.1	3009	3613	3525
11	9.9	2359	3596	3465
12	3	3289	3614	3555
13	8.5	3093	3627	3573
15	4.4	3309	3636	3519
16	4.6	3294	3611	3611
20	0.8	3532	3614	3614
22	3.3	3294	3596	3555
23	7.3	2589	3596	3543
24	3.9	2619	3614	3591

Source: agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Import from Burma is limited to 2 lakh tonnes till 31st March 2019. Imported redgram from Malawi, Sudan and Burma is still available in government stock. If south Indian states continue to face dry condition for a couple of weeks, yield of redgram crop would decrease and it would directly affect the overall production size. In other states also post monsoon rainfall is required. Next 30 days are very crucial. Demand from retail market has started improving and it would continue till November. Old stock is coming down amid fear of lower yield is increasing due to less rainfall in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Telangana. Government may procure 30 – 40% new crop at MSP. So any downside movement is unlikely. In Tandur market redgram is being traded at Rs. 3500-3615 per quintal.

The government has approved proposals from nine states for the procurement of kharif pulses and oilseeds on minimum support price. The season has commenced from 1st October. States like Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu would procure under this approved plan. Procurement in some states has already begun. Total 44 lakh tonnes pulses and oilseeds would be procured from kharif crop despite good inventory in government godown. Higher inventory has capped market to run faster than expectation.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 3600 - 3900 per quintal in the month of November 2018.