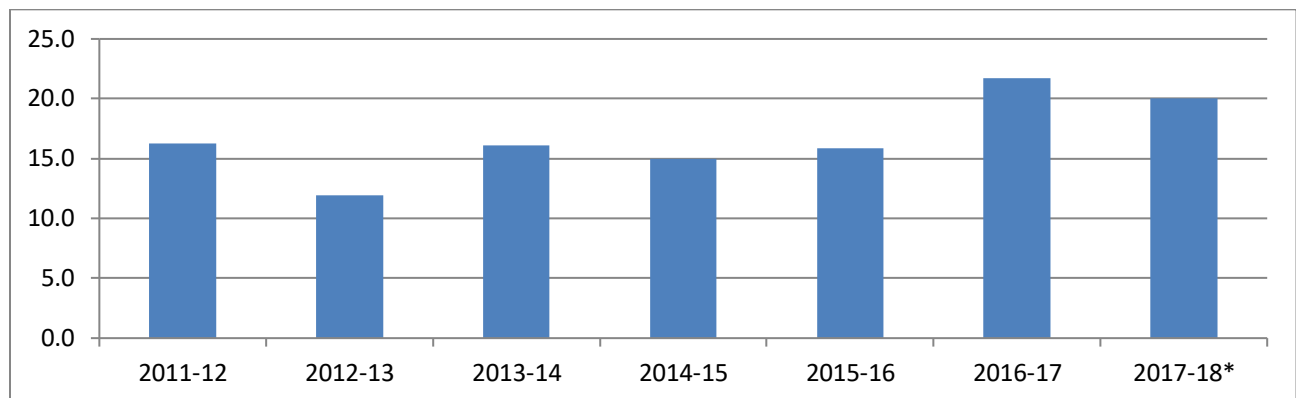


Greengram Outlook – September 2018

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.

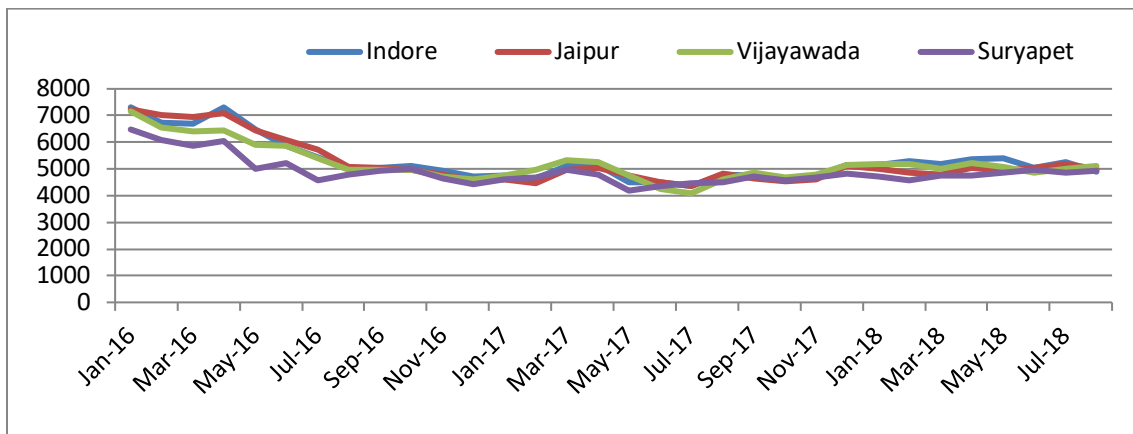
In India during 2018-19, about 33.69 lakh ha area was covered under greengram. The states of Rajasthan (19.14 lakh ha), Karnataka (4.21 lakh ha), Maharashtra (4.10 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (2.10 lakh ha), Odisha (1.42 lakh ha) and Telangana (0.72 lakh ha) are the major producers of greengram in India. The major greengram growing districts in Telangana are Suryapet, Sangareddy, Vikarabad, Mahbubabad, Khammam and Kama Reddy.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), *4th Advance Estimates

Figure 1: Production of Greengram in India (in lakh tonnes)

Greengram production in 2017-18 is expected to decrease to 20.0 lakh tonnes from 21.7 lakh tonnes in the year 2016-17 as per fourth advance estimate of Directorate of Economics and Statistics.



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

Figure 2: 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 2. 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 August 2018

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Model price (Rs/quintal)
1	0.6	4909	5506	5207
7	28.8	4388	5429	4908
8	24.9	4444	5451	4947
9	25.5	4180	5351	4765
10	33	4006	5361	4683
13	34.7	4313	5351	4832
14	33.1	4109	5311	4710
16	21.3	4100	5369	4734
18	30.3	3810	5432	4621
20	50.8	3388	5401	4394
21	22.8	3448	5406	4427
23	43	3088	5341	4214
24	26.2	3809	5276	4542

Source: agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Current kharif season's new crop arrival of greengram to markets has started in Telangana. Procurement at recently announced MSP of Rs 6975 for kharif greengram is yet to begin. In cash market greengram is being traded at Rs 4800 to 5450 per quintal. Farmers in Telangana have demanded to procure greengram at MSP as soon as possible.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that greengram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5000 - 5200 per quintal in the month of August 2018.