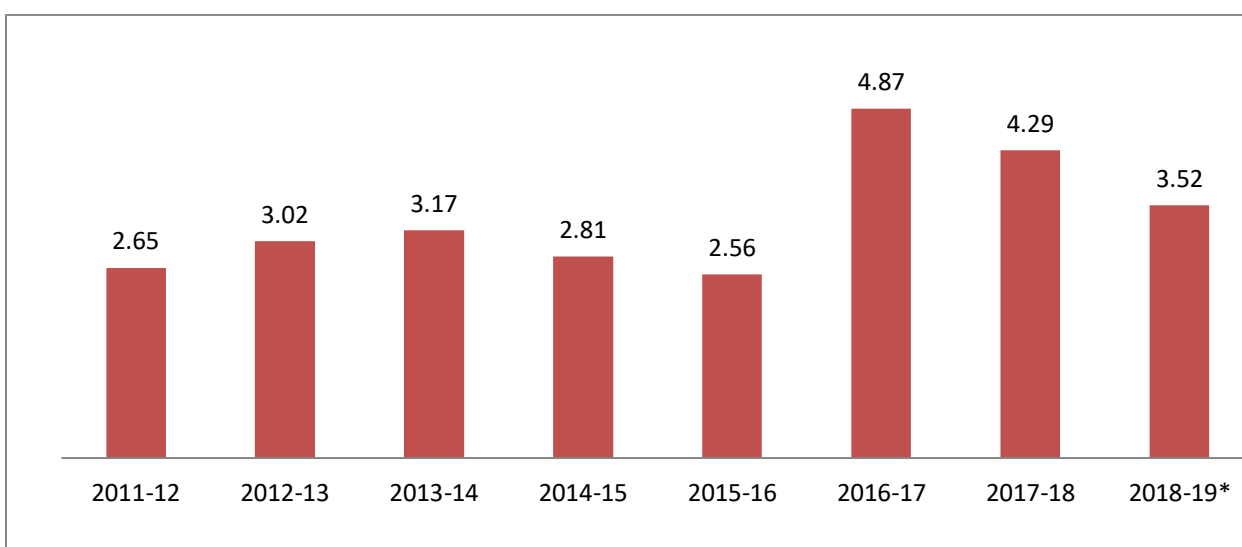


## Redgram Outlook – July 2019

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 rain fed and dry land agriculture. India contributes for nearly 90% of world's total redgram production.

All India kharif pulses sown area was reported as 7.94 lakh ha on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 as against 27.91 lakh ha in the corresponding period of last year. Redgram area was reported as 2.45 lakh ha as against 9.94 lakh ha during the same period of last year. In India, major redgram producing states are Telangana (0.61 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (0.49 lakh ha), Maharashtra (0.27 lakh ha), Karnataka (0.20 lakh ha) and Gujarat (0.16 lakh ha). According to Government 3<sup>rd</sup> advance estimates, redgram production in 2018-19 is at 3.52 million tonnes.



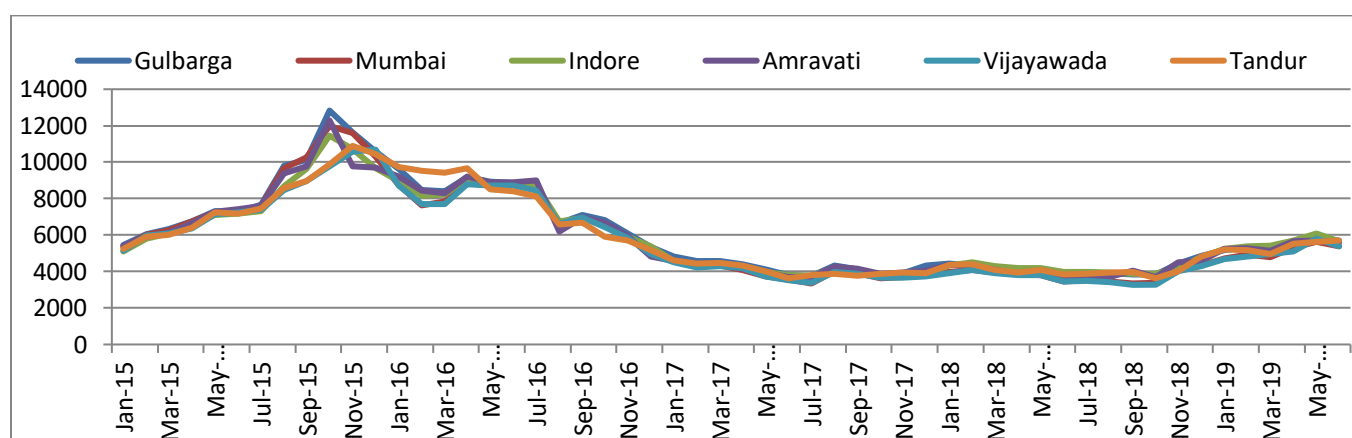
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), \*3<sup>rd</sup> Advance Estimates

**Figure 1: Production of Redgram in India (in million tonnes)**

**Table 1: Redgram Domestic Supply & Demand (in lakh tonnes)**

	2018-19	2019-20*
Opening Stocks	8.07	5.28
Production	35.21	40.79
Imports	3.50	3.00
Total Supply	46.78	49.07
Exports	0.50	7.00
Consumption	41.00	42.00
Total Demand	41.50	42.70
Ending Stocks	5.28	6.37

Source: [www.agriwatch.com](http://www.agriwatch.com) \* Estimated



Source: [www.agriwatch.com](http://www.agriwatch.com), [agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in](http://agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in)

**Figure 2: Average monthly prices of redgram in major markets of India (Rs/q)**

It is evident from Figure 2 that all major markets of redgram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. Redgram price which was ranging below Rs. 4000 till October 2018 started picking up and currently is being traded in major markets at a higher price compared to previous month i.e., around Rs. 5600-5700 per quintal.

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.

Government has decided to increase import quota from 2 to 4 lakh MT to control prices of redgram. License for first two lakh MT import is likely to be issued next month, while another two lakh MT might take two to three months' time and may hit Indian market by September end or October. Besides, Government would import 1.75 lakh MT through G2G basis and would sell 2 lakh MT from buffer stock to control price of redgram. At present Government has 11.53 lakh MT pulses in buffer, while NAFED has 27.32 lakh MT pulses. Government has hiked all kharif crops Minimum support price for MY 2019-20. Redgram Minimum support price has been hiked by Rs. 125 from Rs. 5675 to Rs. 5800 for new crop to be procured from Dec-2019.

**Table 2: Prices and arrivals of redgram in Tandur market during June 2019**

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
1	30	5904	6003	6001
7	13	5904	5958	5951
8	35	5817	5877	5851
10	43	5700	6031	6011
12	12	5600	5600	5600
15	66	5508	5706	5701
18	17	5625	5625	5625
19	107	5535	5600	5551
20	26	5202	5634	5420
21	57	5625	5650	5630
24	60	5500	5672	5625
25	95	5508	5651	5600
27	44	5000	5508	5400
28	139	5200	5502	5300
29	41	5301	5500	5400

Source: [www.tsmarketing.in](http://www.tsmarketing.in)

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5400 - 5600 per quintal in the month of July 2019.