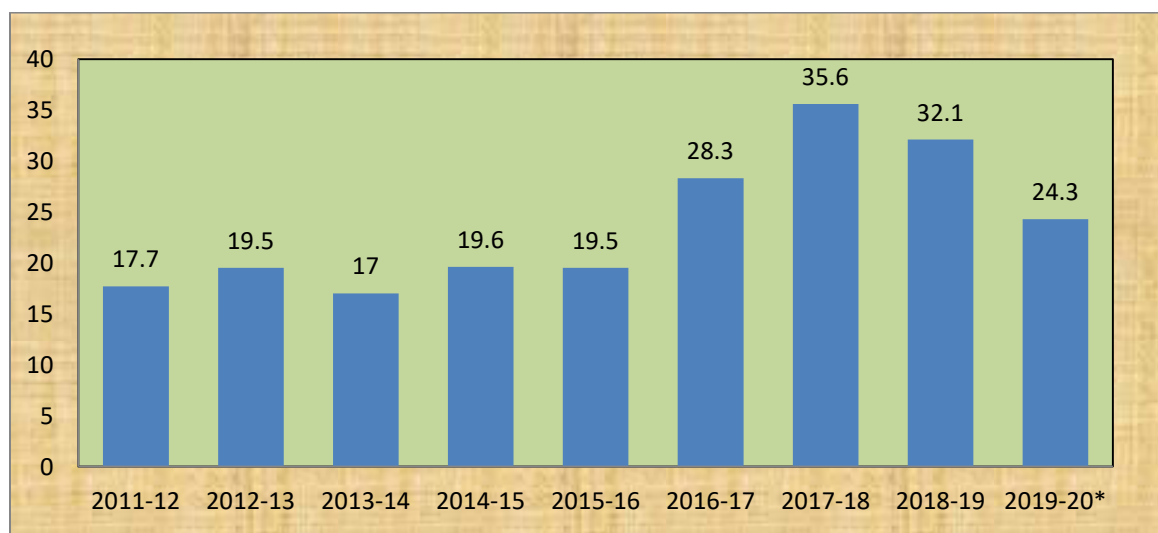


## Black gram Outlook – December 2019

Black gram is a highly priced pulse, very rich in phosphoric acid. India currently represents the largest producer of black gram accounting for more than 70% of the global production. India is followed by Myanmar and Pakistan.

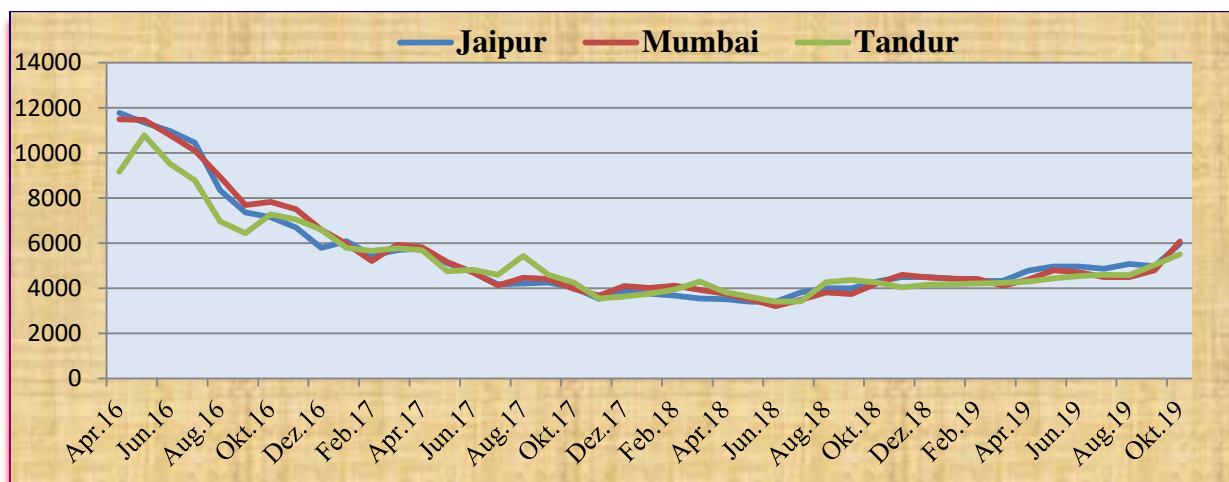
In India during kharif 2019-20, black gram area is 38.82 lakh ha as against 39.56 lakh ha in last year. The states of Madhya Pradesh (16.50 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (7.01 lakh ha), Rajasthan (4.60 lakh ha), Maharashtra (2.98 lakh ha), Karnataka (0.69 lakh ha) and Andhra Pradesh (0.09 lakh ha) are the major producers of black gram in India during kharif. In Telangana area coverage under black gram during kharif 2019-20 was 18725 ha and major growing districts are Sangareddy (4407 ha), Vikarabad (3245 ha), Nirmal (3686 ha), Kamareddy (3883 ha), Medak (729 ha) and Adilabad (1254 ha).



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), \*1<sup>st</sup> Advance Estimates

**Figure 1: Production of black gram in India (in lakh tonnes)**

It is clear from Figure 2 that all major markets of black gram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. The black gram prices which were above Rs. 11000 per quintal in April 2016 observed continuous decline and fluctuating around Rs. 4000 since last one year. Currently black gram in major markets is being traded at a lower price of around Rs. 6900-7350 per quintal.



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

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

Pressure on Black gram market too continues as old stock is being released by private traders. Demand in retail market remains decrease. Recovery is expected once again as arrival is lower by 60% from kharif crop. Import remains restricted. Rabi sowing has picked up now and there is good sowing condition in Black gram growing states. Area coverage is expected to be slightly higher due to higher prevailing price.

In south Indian market Black gram SQ is being traded at Rs 8200 & FAQ at Rs 7350. It may decrease by Rs 200-300 more from current level. At lower level demand is expected to improve and it may support cash market once again. In Chennai cash market may touch Rs 7000 level. Demand for dal has affected at higher level. NAFED should start selling Black gram crop at this stage to curb increasing price in domestic market. Import quota must be increased from 1.5 lakh MT to 2.5 lakh MT immediately.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Black gram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5150 - 5950 per quintal in the month of December 2019.