

RABI 2019-20 PRE-HARVEST PRICE FORECAST OF GROUNDNUT

Groundnut Price per Quintal will be around Rs. 4900-5200 at the Time of Harvesting (January to March 2020)

Groundnut (*Arachis hypogaea L.*) is an important oilseed crop in India which occupies first in terms of area and second position in terms of production. China is the largest producer as well as consumer of groundnut in the world with 171.50 lakh tonnes in 2017-18 followed by India (91.79 lakh tonnes), United States (32.81 lakh tonnes), Nigeria (24.20 lakh tonnes) and Sudan (16.41 lakh tonnes). During 2019, Argentina, Brazil and India are aggressive in selling their new crops. China imports crushing material from Senegal, Gambia and other African origins where there are no import tariffs imposed.

According to the all India rabi crop coverage report, Government of India, as on 12th December 2019, groundnut was sown in around 2.82 lakh hectares as compared to last year (2.67 lakh ha). Among the states, Telangana stood first in area coverage with 1.04 lakh ha followed by Karnataka (0.71 lakh ha), Tamil Nadu (0.47 lakh ha), Andhra Pradesh (0.39 lakh ha), and Odisha (0.17 lakh ha).

In Telangana, as on 11th December 2019, groundnut has been sown in around 1,04,718 hectares as compared to last year (89,063 hectares). Among the districts, Nagarkurnool stood first in groundnut sown area with 45,835 hectares followed by Wanaparthy (20,242 ha), Gadwal (Jogulamba) (7,289 ha), Vikarabad (5,168 ha) and Mahabubabad (4904 ha).

India has exported total 1.88 lakh tonnes including groundnut seed, groundnut in shell, Kernel H.P.S kernels others so far of this season during Apr to Oct 2019-20. The country has exported total 4.85 lakh tonnes of groundnut in 2018-19 marketing season.

As per Solvent Extractors Association (SEA) of India latest report, the exports of Groundnut meal are reported at 586 MT during April- October, 2019 lower from 6507 MT from April-October 2018.

The Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre established under a research project for development of price forecasting mechanism in the Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad at Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University with the financial support of Agricultural Marketing Department, Telangana State has assessed 2019-20 rabi pre-harvest price forecast of groundnut. Under normal weather conditions and crop area coverage, it is expected that the groundnut price per quintal will be around **Rs. 4900-5200** at the time of harvesting (January to March 2020). This price forecast is based on the monthly modal price of groundnut obtained for 17 years from Gadwal regulated market using econometric models like ARIMA, SARIMA, ARCH, GARCH and ANN and also the market survey. Gadwal and Wanaparty are the two major groundnut markets in Telangana.

Note: There may be any possible deviation of the actual prices from the predicted prices in light of tentative developments in the commodity markets such as change in international prices, export or import restrictions, etc. And these price forecasts are based on past market price data & different econometric models and that actual market price may not turn out to be the same as forecasted.