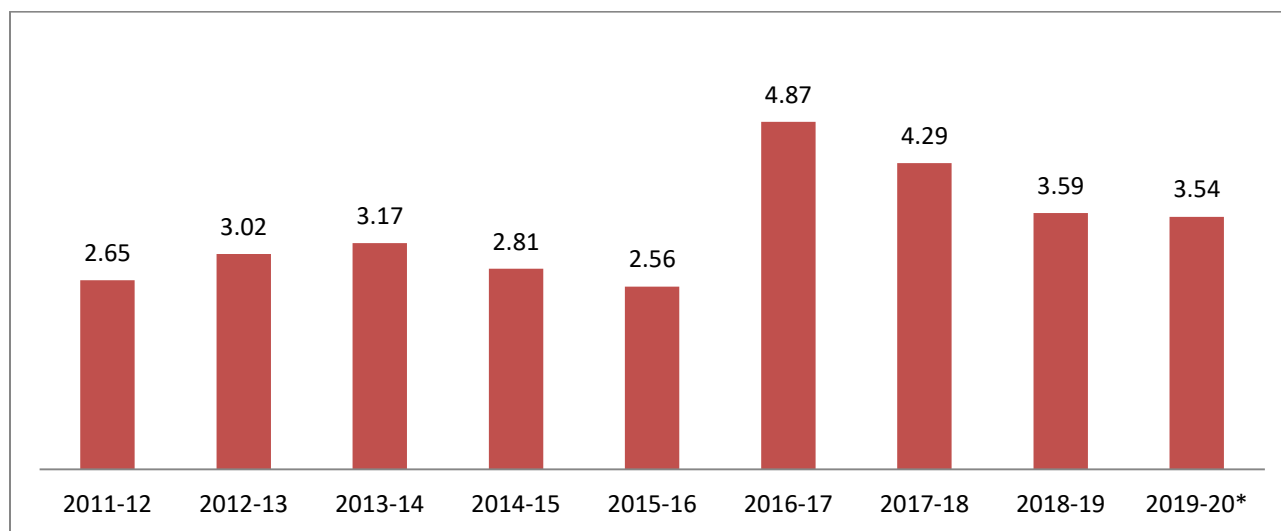


## Redgram Outlook – December 2019

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

Indian farmers have covered 134.02 lakh ha under kharif pulses as on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 as against 136.40 lakh ha last year. Redgram was covered in 45.82 lakh ha as against 45.74 lakh ha last year. In India, major redgram producing states are Maharashtra (12.07 lakh ha), Karnataka (11.93 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (5.06 lakh ha), Telangana (2.86 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (3.51 lakh ha) and Gujarat (2.15 lakh ha). In Telangana major growing districts are Narayanpet (59028 ha), Vikarabad (54403 ha), Adilabad (22127 ha), Sangareddy (17365 ha), Mahabubnagar (15404 ha), Gadwal (15009 ha) and Asifabad (11524 ha). According to Government 1<sup>st</sup> advance estimates, redgram production in 2019-20 is at 3.54 million tonnes.



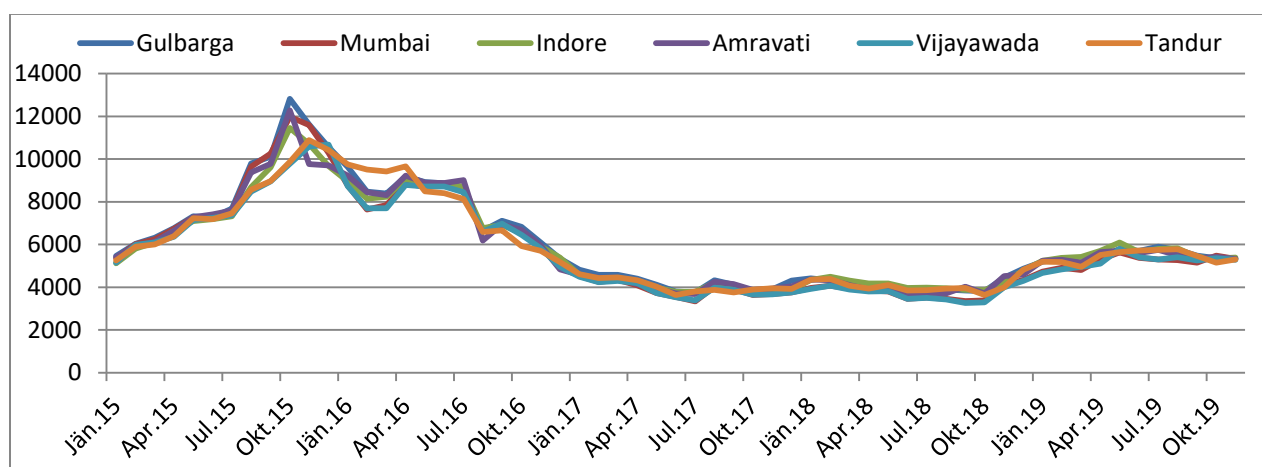
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES). \*1<sup>st</sup> Advance Estimates

**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	5.97
Production	35.90	35.40
Imports	3.50	3.00
Total Supply	47.47	44.37
Exports	0.50	0.70
Consumption	41.00	42.00
Total Demand	41.50	42.70
Ending Stocks	5.97	1.67

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



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**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. 5300-5400 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.

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

Date	Arrival s (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
<b>1</b>	123	5508	5400	5501
<b>8</b>	3	5130	5130	5130
<b>9</b>	70	5301	5301	5301
<b>14</b>	20	5580	5580	5580
<b>19</b>	19	5200	4600	5000
<b>20</b>	30	5301	5301	5301

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

Pressure continues on redgram market due to higher volume of import in October and mid November. New crop is hardly one month away. So stockiest are intending to release stock before mid December. NAFED still has 8 lakh MT in its stock. Crop condition is good as of now. So any spike in redgram market is unlikely. It may recover if demand improves.

Myanmar quotes for lemon redgram decreased from \$675 to \$660 per MT in last month as crop condition in India improved in recent weeks. Besides, NAFED intention to sell stock too compelled exporters to lower their quotes. Old redgram is being offered at \$610 per MT basis Indian ports.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5200 - 5350 per quintal in the month of December 2019.