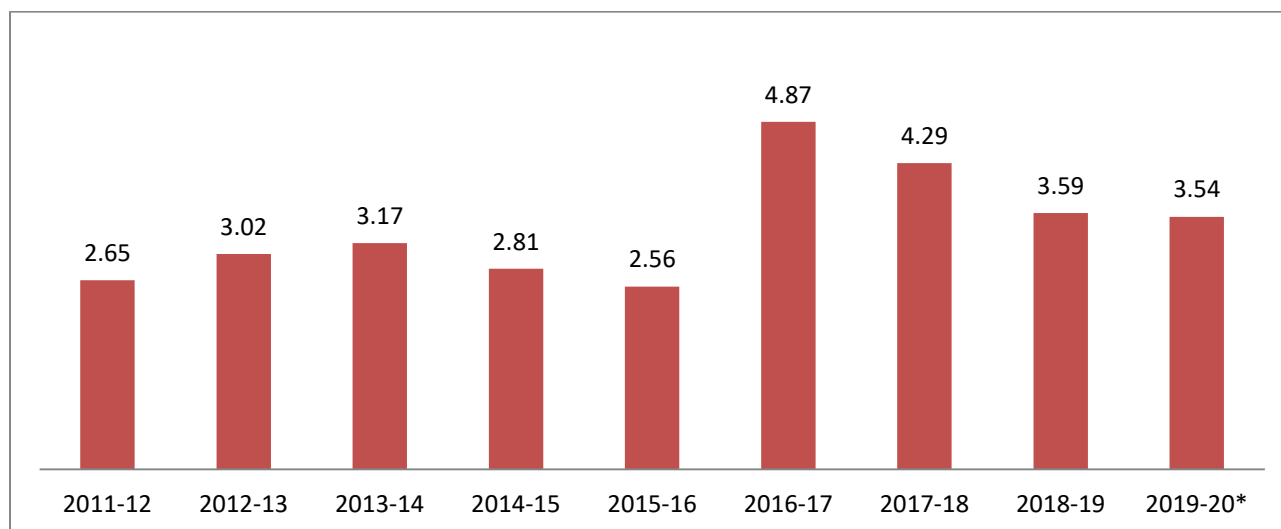


## Redgram Outlook – November 2019

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.



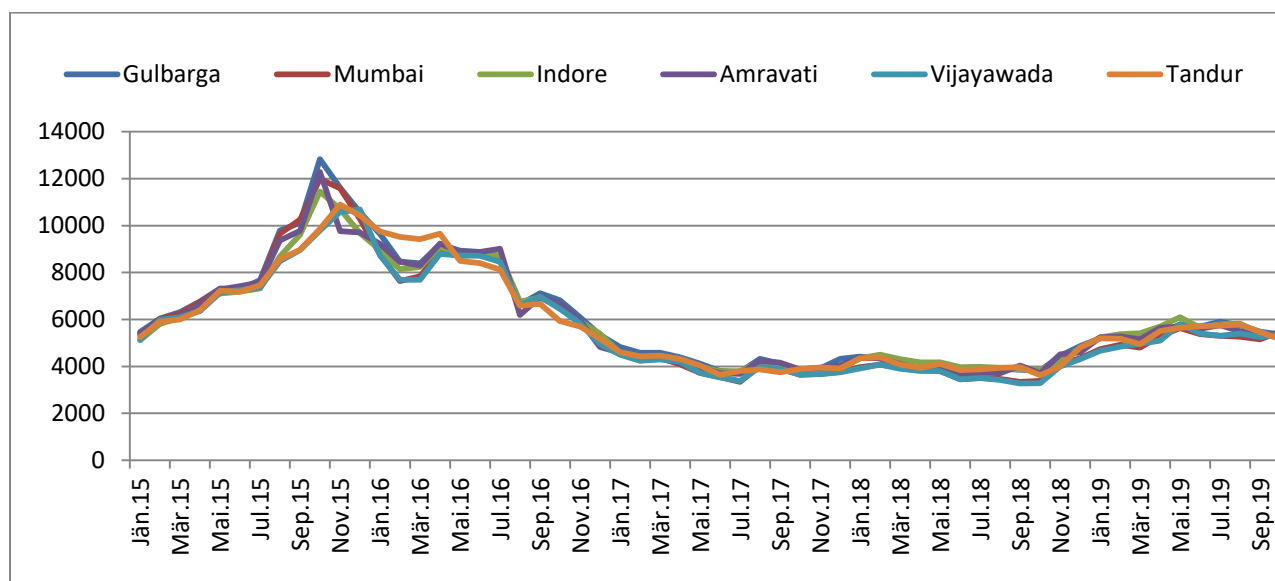
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES). \*1<sup>st</sup> Advance Estimates

**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. 5300-5600 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 October 2019**

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
<b>1</b>	166	5499	5350	5430
<b>14</b>	4	5000	5000	5000
<b>15</b>	124	5350	5350	5350
<b>16</b>	250	5400	5300	5350
<b>22</b>	174	5450	4850	5150
<b>31</b>	76	5475	5275	5375

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

Crop size is expected to be around 36 - 37 lakh MT, slightly higher than last year. So, supply and demand side seems balanced right now. If government extends time line for 4 lakh MT import from 31<sup>st</sup> Oct to 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019, upward momentum might be restricted. New crop in India is likely to hit in December, while new crop from Myanmar would be available in January. So, it is unlikely to develop any tight supply side. NAFED has to procure redgram in the new season too, so it may start releasing at least 50% stock before December. As crop condition is good, production size may increase further. Import flow continues and it would continue to restrict redgram price. Myanmar is quoting lemon tur at \$635 right now. So any spike in the market is unlikely.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5300 - 5400 per quintal in the month of November 2019.