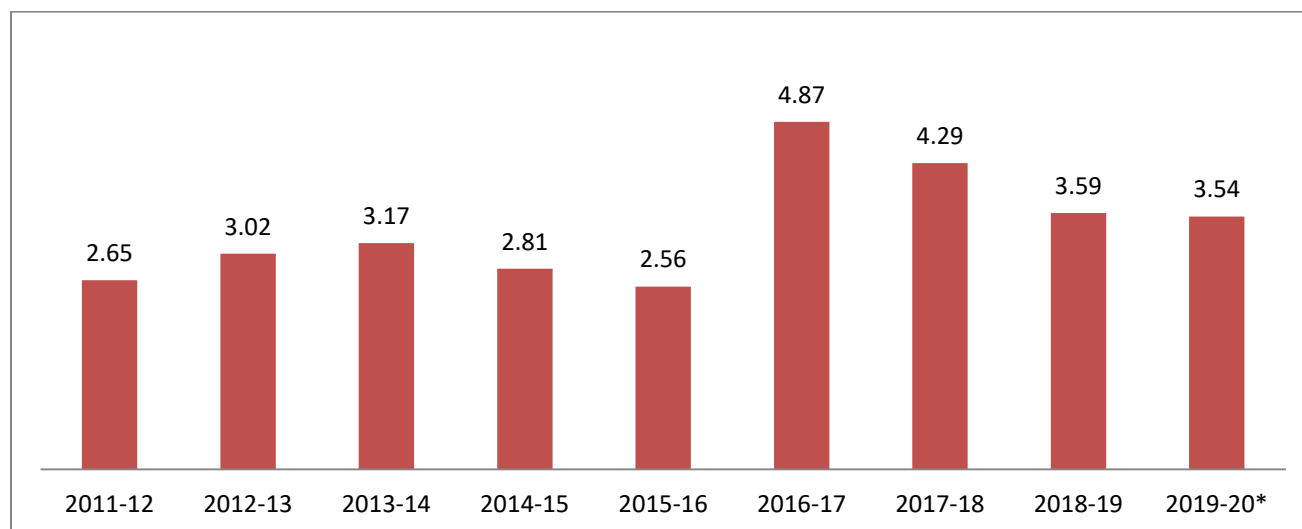


## Redgram Outlook – October 2019

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.



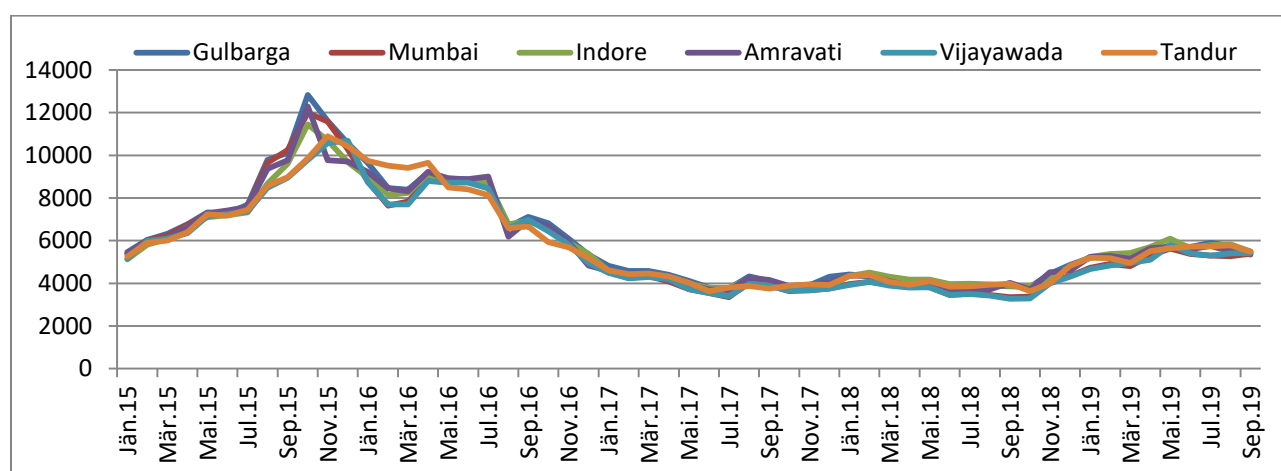
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES). \*1<sup>st</sup> Advance Estimates

**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 September 2019**

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
4	51	5535	5481	5510
7	50	5580	5450	5525
12	171	5450	5354	5400
14	9	5517	5517	5517
16	238	5425	5300	5351
17	378	5546	5300	5545
18	287	5575	5400	5487
23	1	5355	5355	5355
24	26	5526	5526	5526
25	73	5450	5300	5380
26	28	5550	5500	5500
27	51	5500	5400	5451
30	237	5499	4851	5450

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

Redgram crop condition in major growing belts is good to excellent so far despite some losses due to flooding. Area coverage is comparatively 1% higher than last year, so recent loss by flooding is likely to be compensated by higher yield and area. New crop is hardly three months away and there is plenty of stock in central pool and private hands. Besides, continuous import at cheaper price and higher supply side amid weak demand have pressurized cash market and it may move down further by Rs 100-150 from current level. Myanmar is offering redgram at \$660-70 per MT. All these developments would not allow price to move beyond a certain level.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5300 - 5500 per quintal in the month of October 2019.