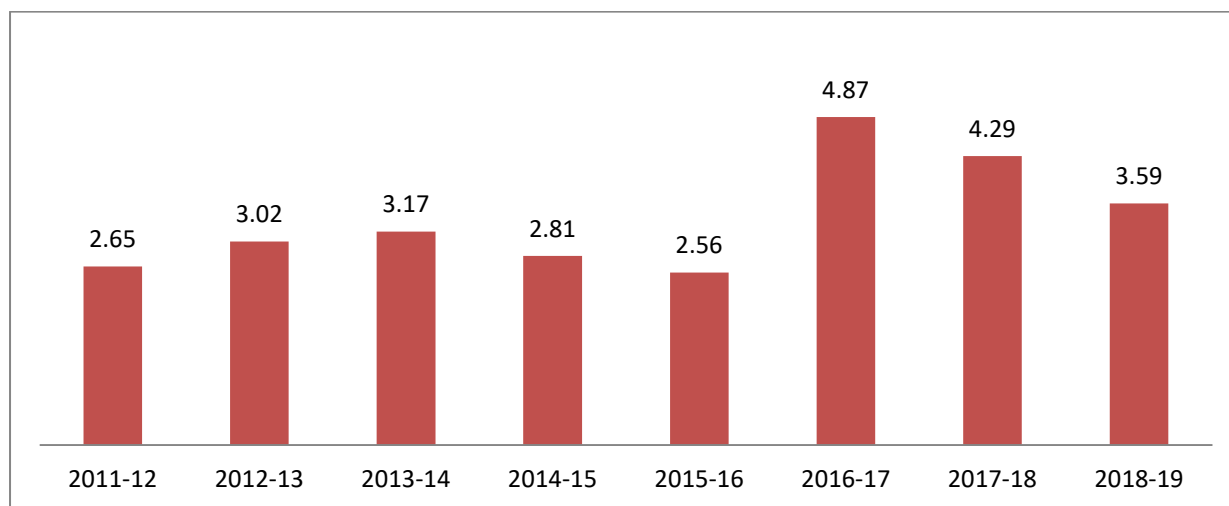


## Redgram Outlook – September 2019

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 130.04 lakh ha under kharif pulses as on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019 as against 132.63 lakh ha last year. Redgram was covered in 44.94 lakh ha as against 44.75 lakh ha last year. In India, major redgram producing states are Maharashtra (12.05 lakh ha), Karnataka (11.68 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (5.06 lakh ha), Telangana (2.82 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (3.50 lakh ha) and Gujarat (2.07 lakh ha). In Telangana major growing districts are Narayanpet (59028 ha), Vikarabad (54403 ha), Adilabad (22127 ha), Sangareddy (18954 ha), Mahabubnagar (15404 ha), Gadwal (14335 ha) and Asifabad (11524 ha). According to Government 4<sup>th</sup> advance estimates, redgram production in 2018-19 is at 3.59 million tonnes.



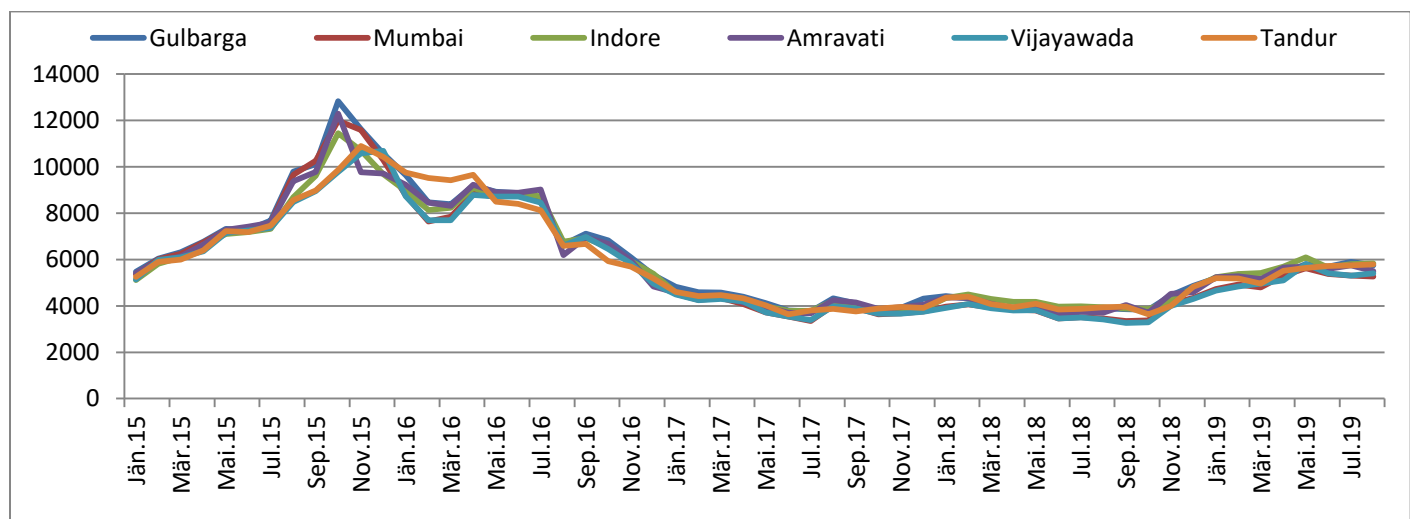
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES).

**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	5.28
Production	35.21	40.79
Imports	3.50	3.00
Total Supply	46.78	49.07
Exports	0.50	7.00
Consumption	41.00	42.00
Total Demand	41.50	42.70
Ending Stocks	5.28	6.37

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



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

**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. 5300-5800 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 August 2019**

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
13	1	5500	5500	5500
14	165	5911	5278	5500
16	127	5850	5706	5805
17	233	5877	5511	5850
19	207	5805	5652	5801
20	159	5865	5607	5851
22	80	5717	5607	5610
23	38	5652	5625	5635
26	29	5625	5616	5621
27	95	5650	5411	5535
28	56	5711	5450	5581
29	21	5675	5675	5675

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

NAFED and other agencies have still enough stock to take care of any supply shortage before new crop hits the market. Public procurement agencies still have around 7.5 to 8 lakh MT stock, while 2 lakh MT import is expected by the end of October, including this the total availability for next four months is over 10 lakh MT. It is considered enough to handle the four months domestic demand. So, steady to slightly weak tone may prevail in the redgram cash market in coming weeks. NAFED has floated tenders for disposing 40259 MT redgram in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Gujarat. It may pressurize redgram market by Rs 100-200 from current level.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5600 - 5700 per quintal in the month of September 2019.