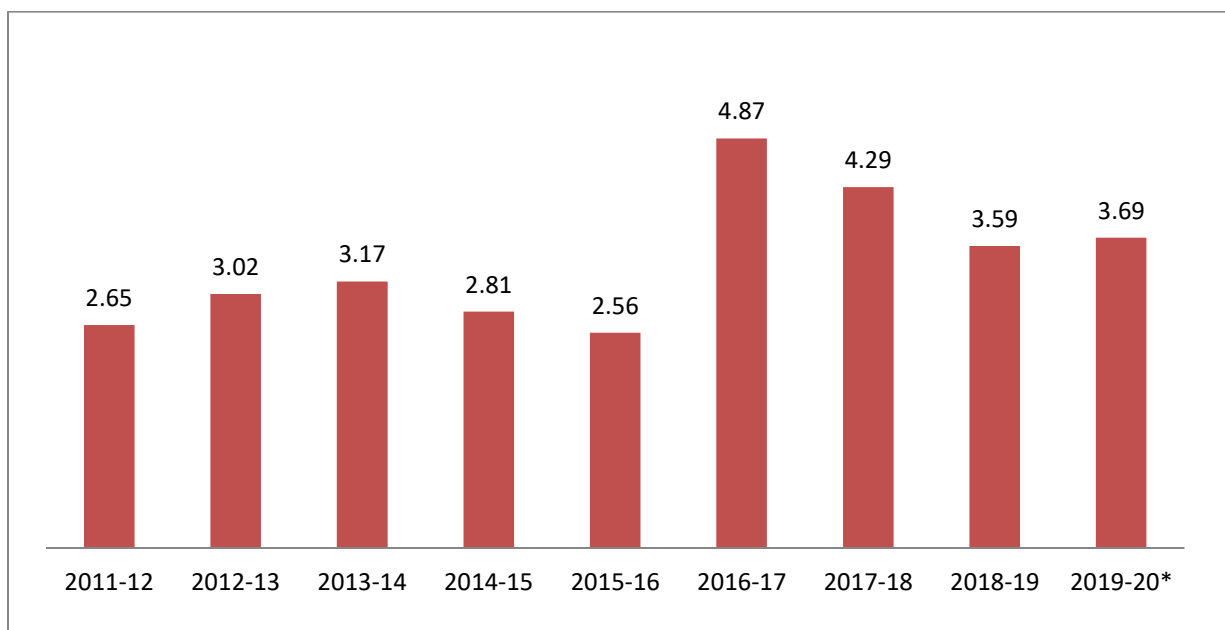


Redgram Outlook – April 2020

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 27th 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 (2.95 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 2nd advance estimates, all India redgram production in 2019-20 is at 3.69 million tonnes.



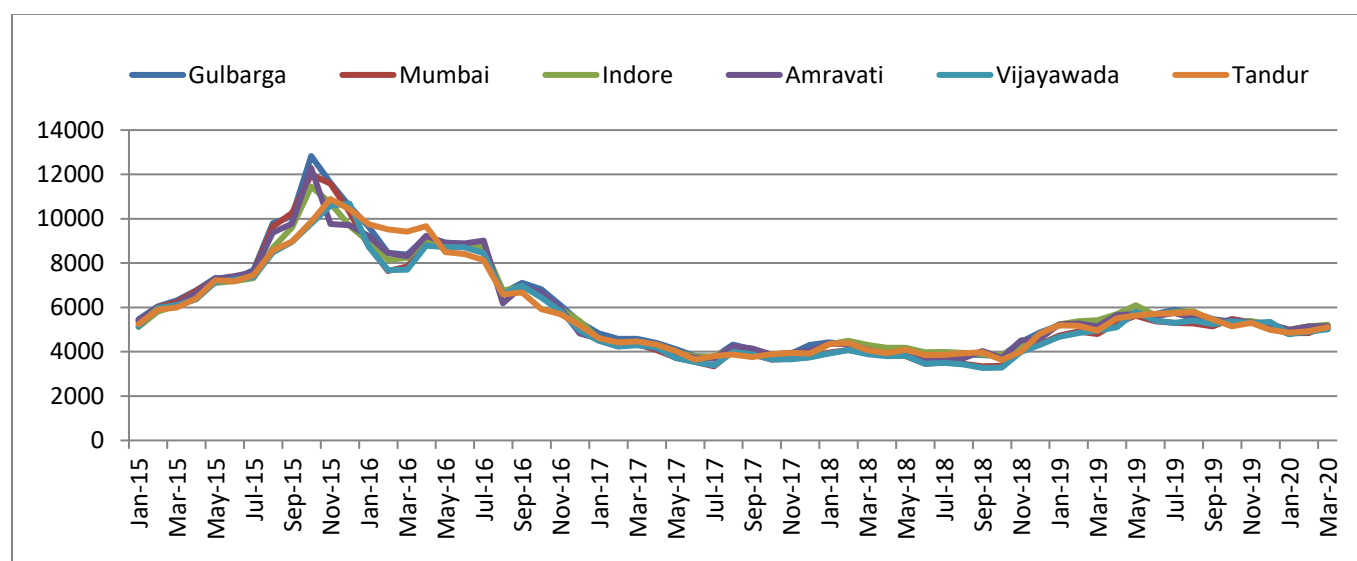
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES). *2nd Advance Estimates

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	8.49	7.56
Production	35.90	36.90
Imports	3.50	4.00
Total Supply	47.89	48.46
Exports	0.33	0.25
Consumption	40.00	42.00
Total Demand	40.33	42.25
Ending Stocks	7.56	6.21

Source: www.agriwatch.com * Estimated



Source: www.agriwatch.com, 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. 4700-5100 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 March 2020

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
3	1745	5269	4000	4959
4	1056	5221	4300	4707
5	1523	5265	3535	5058
6	1564	5310	4001	5031
12	1733	5251	4011	4869
13	1325	5203	4111	4833
14	940	5300	4311	4941
15	1545	5409	5311	4941
16	1545	5109	4311	4941
18	1653	5355	4400	5112
19	1191	5373	4300	4901
20	852	5455	4300	5000

Source: www.tsmarketing.in

NAFED and other agencies have procured more than 60 per cent (3.23 lakh MT) of set target (5.45 lakh MT) so far. Import flow remains restricted during arrival time. There is still enough old stock in market and it is affecting market sentiments. Bulk demand from mills is limited. So, tur price is expected to stabilize near current level. Arrival is decreasing, while quality of crop coming to market is poor. Presently all markets in India and Telangana were closed due to Covid-19. Telangana state Government has come forward to procure redgram from farmers in their villages itself at MSP.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4800 - 4950 per quintal in the month of April 2020.