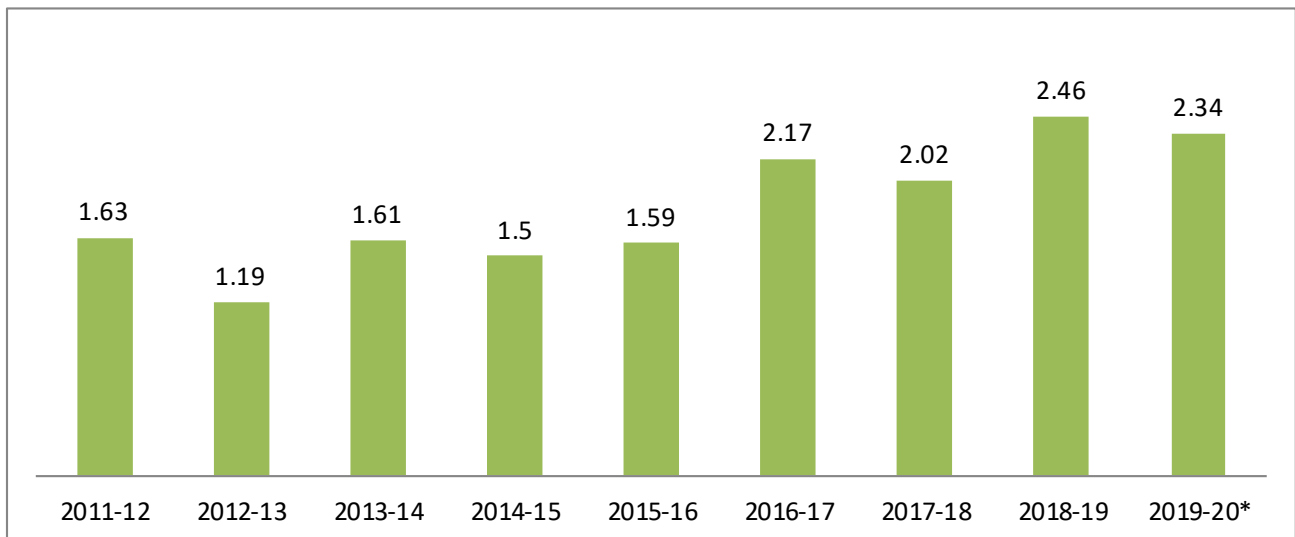


Greengram Outlook – August 2020

Greengram is an important pulse crop in India and believed to be originated from India. It is short duration legume crop grown mostly as a fallow crop in rotation with rice. Similar to the leguminous pulses, greengram enriches soil nitrogen content. It is grown mostly in Asian region traditionally, while its cultivation has spread to Africa and America relatively in the recent times. India contributes more than 70% of world's greengram production.

Kharif sowing of pulses is running smoothly and is much higher than normal area coverage till date. Good rainfall, better prices for pulses like tur, urad and moong at the time of sowing and higher MSP has encouraged farmers to grow more pulses in this kharif season.

In India during 2020-21, about 29.52 lakh ha (72.94 lakh acres) area was covered under greengram as against 21.51 lakh ha (53.15 lakh acres) during the same period in 2019-20. The states of Rajasthan 17.79 lakh ha (43.95 lakh acres), Karnataka 3.30 lakh ha (8.15 lakh acres), Maharashtra 3.70 lakh ha (9.14 lakh acres), Madhya Pradesh 1.37 lakh ha (3.38 lakh acres), Odisha 0.82 lakh ha (2.02 lakh acres) and Telangana 0.55 lakh ha (1.38 lakh acres) are the major producers of greengram in India. According to Government 3rd advance estimates, greengram production in 2019-20 is at 2.34 million tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), *3rd Advance Estimates

Figure 1: Production of Greengram in India (in Million tonnes)

Table 1: Greengram Domestic Supply & Demand (in lakh tonnes)

	2018-19	2019-20*
Opening Stocks	7.26	9.86
Production	24.6	23.4
Imports	1.5	1.5
Total Supply	33.36	34.76
Exports	1	0.75
Consumption	22.5	23
Total Demand	23.5	23.75
Ending Stocks	9.86	11.01

Source: www.agriwatch.com * Estimated

Table 2: Prices and arrivals of Greengram in Warangal market during July 2020

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
2	5.39	6354	6188	6271
3	1.96	5380	5380	5380
10	3.92	6419	6062	6240
13	2.25	6111	6111	6111
14	1.96	6155	6155	6155
16	4.41	6222	5856	6039
22	7.35	6122	5285	5703
24	2.94	5412	5412	5412
27	6.86	6066	5890	5978
28	5.39	5622	5169	5395
29	15.68	5890	5006	5448
30	1.47	5439	5439	5439
31	8.33	5649	5103	5376

Source: agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

The major greengram growing districts in Telangana are Sangareddy 13,865 ha (34,263 acres), Mahbubabad 3,160 ha (7,809 acres), Suryapet 3,833 ha (9,474 acres), Khammam 9,530 ha (23,550 acres), Vikarabad 9,117 ha (22,530 acres) and Kamareddy 5,846 ha (14,448 acres). According to State Government 3rd advance estimates, greengram production in 2019-20 is at 0.53 lakh tonnes with productivity of 798 Kg/ha (323 Kg/acre).

Increasing kharif moong area, higher arrival from summer crop and selling intention of NAFED, FCI and stockists before new crop starts hitting the market by the end August have weakened inner tone in the market. Moong is hitting various markets from Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that greengram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5400 - 5600 per quintal in the month of August 2020.