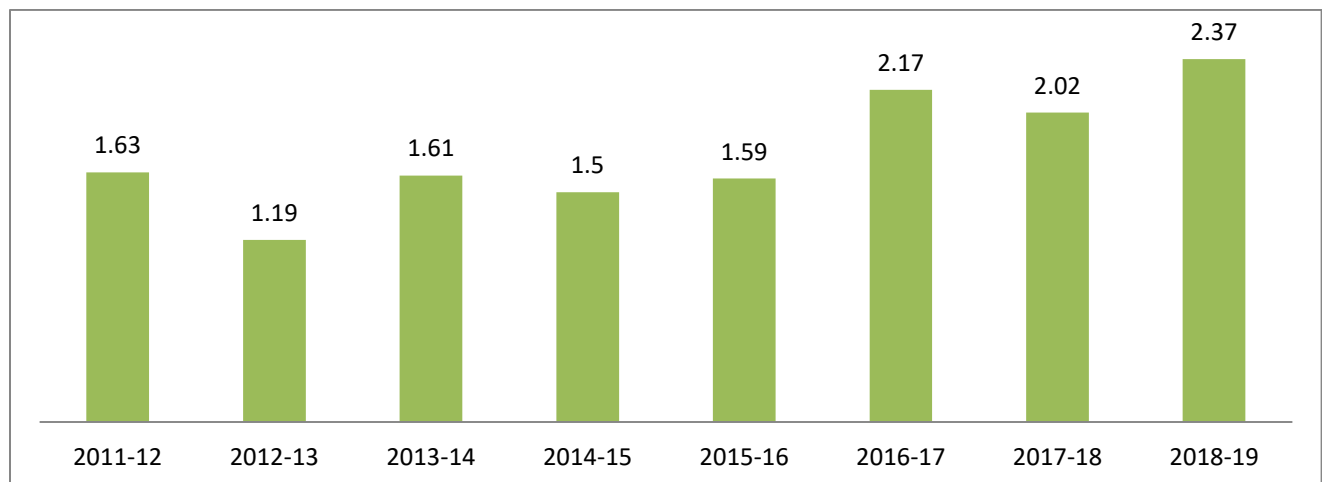


Greengram Outlook – January 2020

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.

Indian farmers have covered 134.02 lakh ha under kharif pulses as on 27th September 2019 as against 136.40 lakh ha last year. Around 31.15 lakh ha was covered under greengram, while the same was 34.24 lakh ha last year. The states of Rajasthan (18.30 lakh ha), Maharashtra (3.28 lakh ha), Karnataka (2.69 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (1.82 lakh ha), Odisha (1.63 lakh ha) and Telangana (0.70 lakh ha) are the major producers of greengram in India. In Telangana major growing districts are Mahabubabad (13997 ha), Sangareddy (16542 ha), Suryapet (9589 ha), Khammam (6919 ha), Vikarabad (5210 ha) and Kamareddy (3505 ha). According to Government 1st advance estimate, greengram production in kharif 2019-20 is at 1.42 million tonnes.



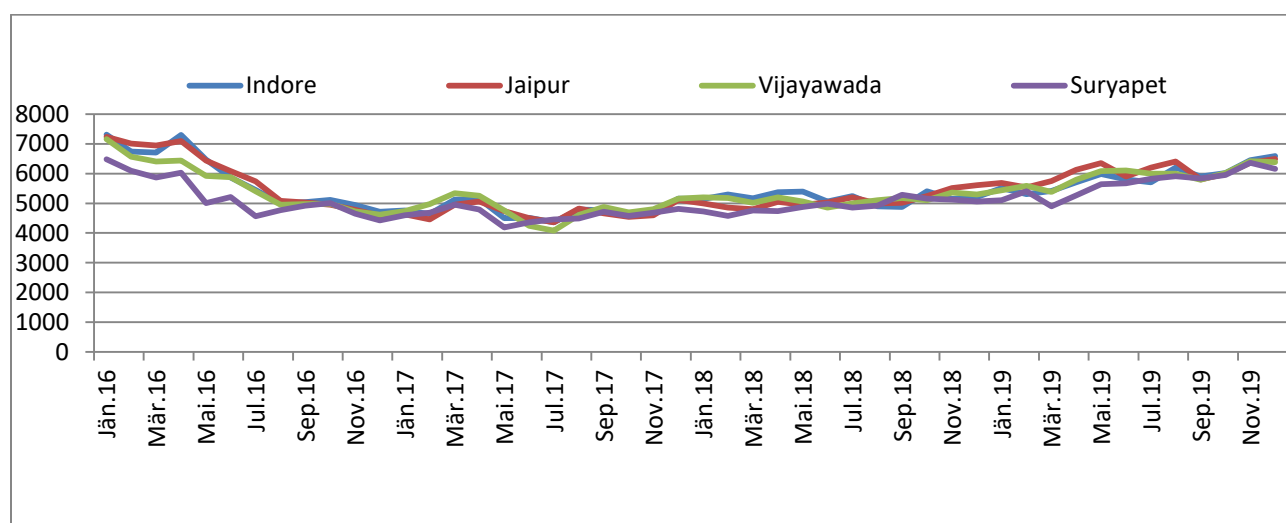
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES).

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	8.96
Production	23.70	20.89
Imports	1.50	0.75
Total Supply	32.46	30.60
Exports	1.00	0.20
Consumption	22.5	23.00
Total Demand	23.5	23.20
Ending Stocks	8.96	7.40

Source: www.agriwatch.com * Estimated



Source: www.agriwatch.com, agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Figure 2: Average monthly prices of greengram in major markets of India (Rs/q)

All major markets of greengram in the country were found to be integrated as indicated by the price movement in Figure 2. The prices which were about Rs. 7000 per quintal during April 2016 started declining to around Rs. 4500 in March 2017 and since then fluctuating in the range of Rs. 4500 to Rs. 6500 till date. Currently, greengram is being traded in all major markets of country at around Rs. 6300 per quintal.

Table 2: Prices and arrivals of Greengram in Suryapet market during December 2019

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
2	11	5873	2349	5592
5	6	5742	4392	5742
7	5	5742	5319	5319
9	25	5861	3339	5626
11	14	6075	2691	5961
12	17	6143	3706	4856
14	5	5972	4761	5972
16	22	6143	2486	5506
17	11	6186	5256	6155
18	14	6156	4046	4622
19	4	6156	5350	6156
20	16	6246	3591	5511
23	26	6246	3665	6246
24	8	6216	2862	5556
27	17	6419	2376	6419
28	17	6606	5806	5956
30	12	6773	4046	4046

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Lower kharif production size and no import parity may lead for shortage of quality moong in coming weeks. Steady to slightly firm trend may prevail in cash greengram market. Arrivals are decreasing, while procurement is on. Millers are engaged in need based buying. Demand at higher level is weak at this point of time. However, quality crop would continue to rule higher as availability is lower. Greengram may continue to trade at Rs. 6000-6500 in various cash markets depending on quality.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Greengram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 6000 - 6100 per quintal in the month of January 2020.