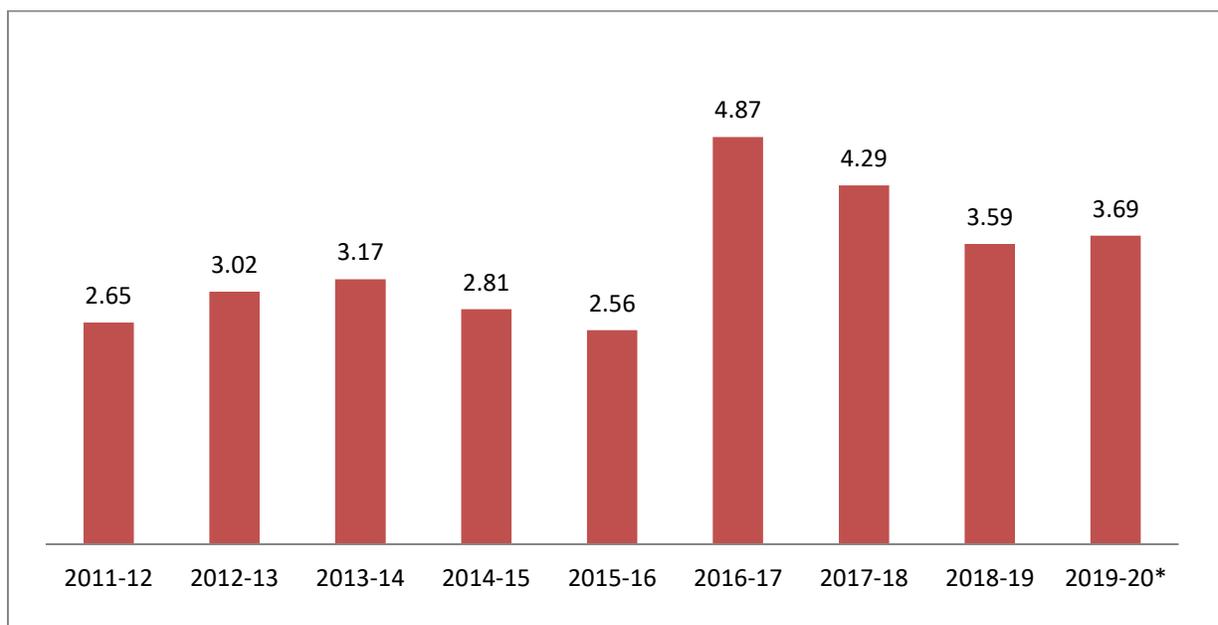


Redgram Outlook – March 2020

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 dryland 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 (12.07lakh 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, redgram production in 2019-20 is at 3.69 million tonnes.



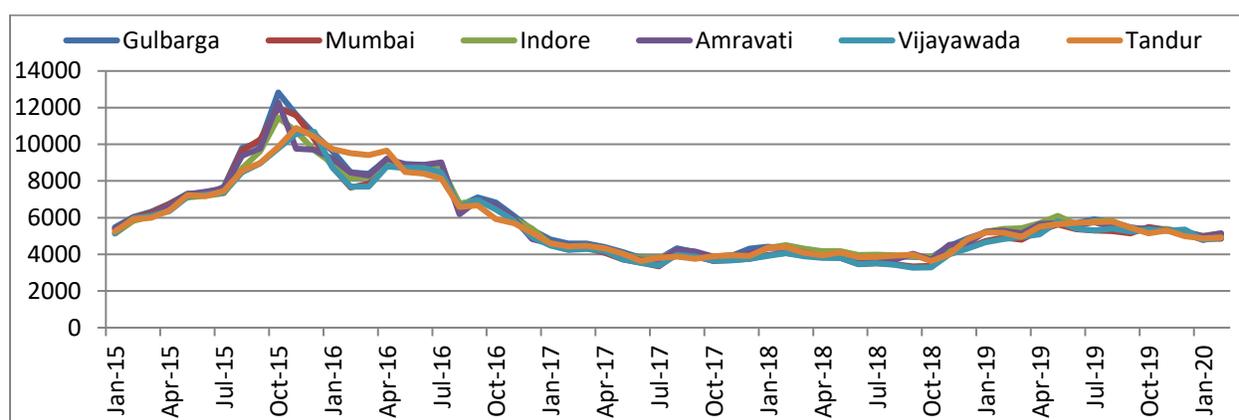
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES). *2nd Advance Estimates

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 February 2020

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
3	3112	5211	4011	4611
4	1955	5202	3801	4959
6	1457	5169	4006	4907
7	1317	5166	4350	4750
8	1883	5173	3509	4815
12	1931	5259	4200	4905
13	1599	5170	3805	4905
15	1492	5311	4251	4959
17	2300	5355	4600	5157
18	1866	5355	3915	5237
19	1281	5305	3750	5009
20	1241	5251	4500	4989
24	2184	5159	4011	4770
25	1791	5175	4100	5011
26	1917	5289	4211	4878
27	1263	5301	4350	5004
28	1868	5329	4300	5166
29	1508	5275	4321	5157

Source: www.tsmarketing.in

Redgram procurement pace is increasing now with decreasing moisture level in new crop and improving arrivals in various states. Against the set target of 5.5 lakh MT, total procurement crossed 2.64 lakh MT so far. Contribution of Karnataka, Telangana, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat to total 2,64,756.61 MT procured, was around 1,73,517.64, 51,625.00, 25,125.84, 12,228.73 and 2047.15 MT respectively. Procurement is likely to increase in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. Arrival is expected to decline by the end of March and it may support market again. However, any major recovery is unlikely as import may start by the end of April. Price may recover further with increasing volume of procurement.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4800 - 4900 per quintal in the month of March 2020.