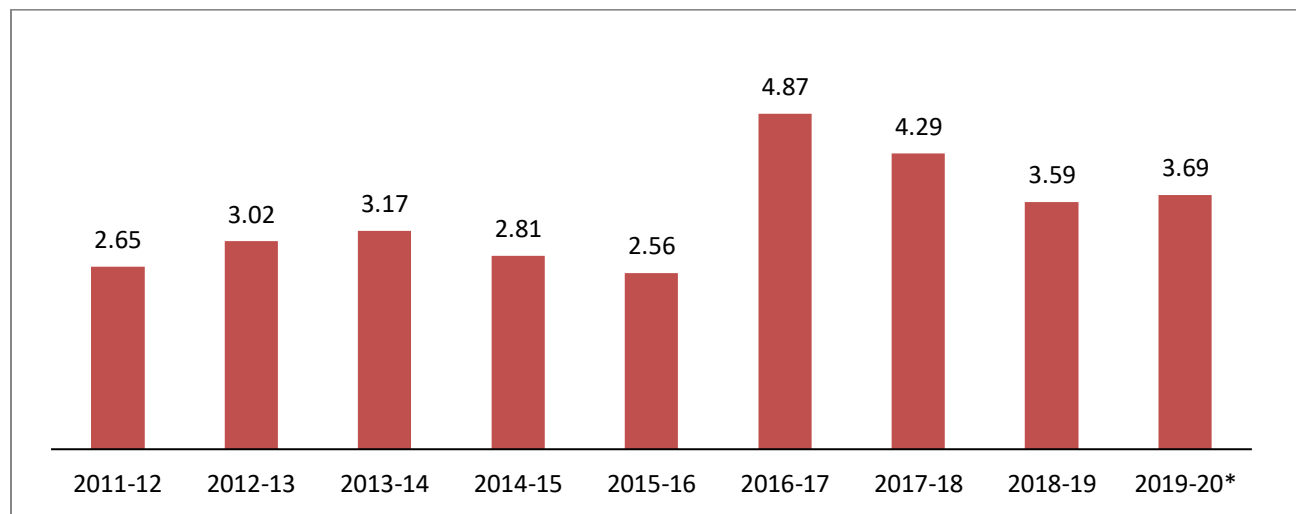


## Redgram Outlook – May 2020

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> advance estimates, all India redgram production in 2019-20 is at 3.69 million tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES). \*2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.agriwatch.com) \* Estimated

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: State wise weekly wholesale prices during lockdown period in Rs/q**

State	01-08 May 2020	24-30 Apr 2020	16-23 Apr 2020	09-15 Apr 2020	01-08 Apr 2020	24-31 Mar 2020
<b>Maharashtra</b>	4906	5281	5262	5138	NR	5000
<b>Karnataka</b>	5099	5410	5152	5255	5215	5219
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	4112	4455	4138	NR	NR	NR
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	4760	4861	4875	4462	4554	4554
<b>Telangana</b>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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

Due to COVID-19 from last week of March and further extension till 17<sup>th</sup> May-2020 have disrupted normal course of trading. Disturbed supply chain, improved demand due to fear of longer duration lockdown have given much needed support to tur cash market. Tur procurement target has been fixed at 5.45 Lakh MT. As of now around 3.70 lakh MT has been procured. Steady to slightly firm movement may prevail this month.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5000 - 5200 per quintal in the month of May 2020.