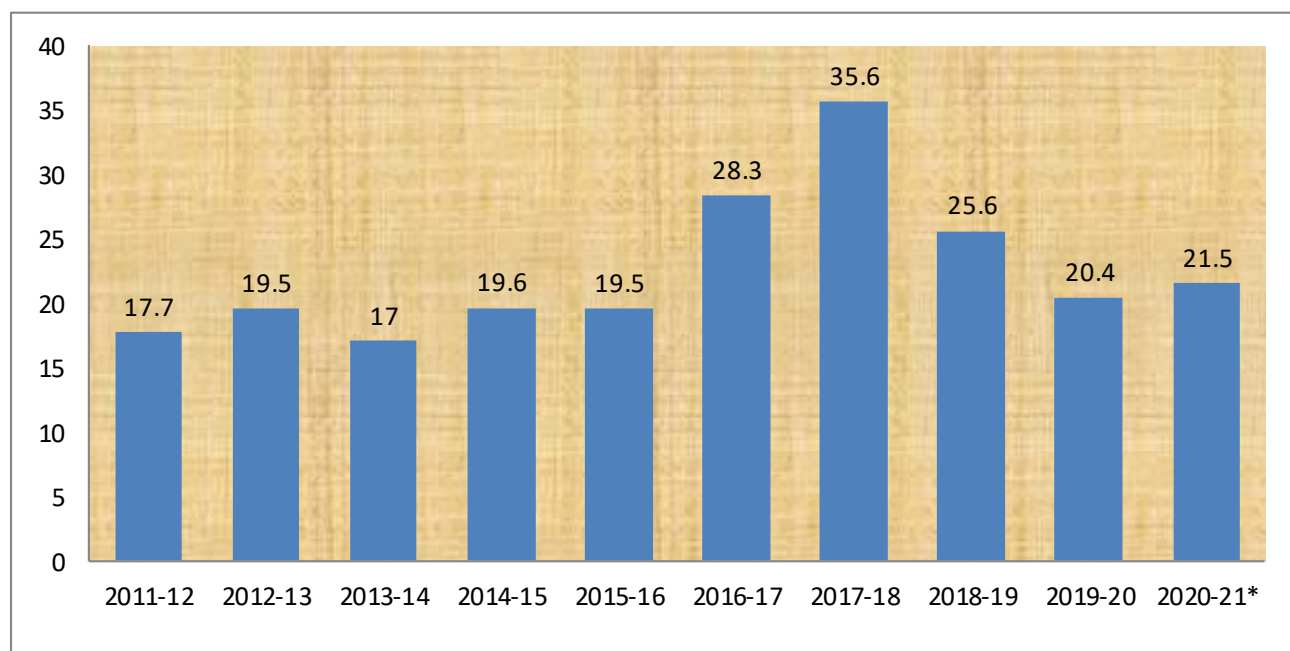


## Black gram Outlook – November 2020

Black gram is a highly priced pulse, very rich in phosphoric acid. India currently represents the largest producer of black gram accounting for more than 70% of the global production. India is followed by Myanmar and Pakistan in black gram production.

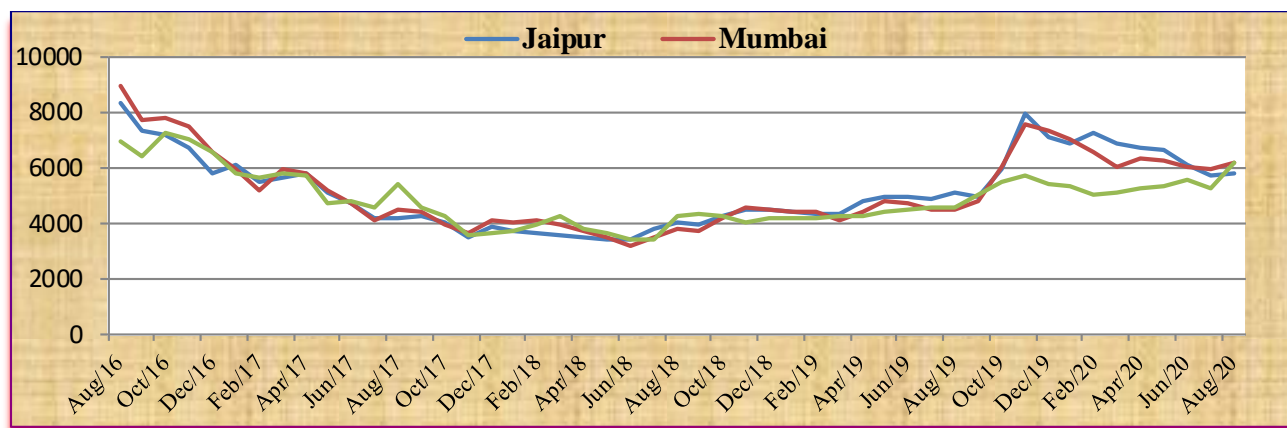
In India during kharif 2020-21, black gram area is up by 1.5% at 38.62 lakh ha (95.43 lakh acres) as against 38.03 lakh ha (97.97 lakh acres) last year. The major kharif growing states are Madhya Pradesh 16.01 lakh ha (39.56 lakh acres), Uttar Pradesh 6.92 lakh ha (17.10 lakh acres), Maharashtra 3.88 lakh ha (9.59 lakh acres), Rajasthan 3.76 lakh ha (9.29 lakh acres), Karnataka 1.09 lakh ha (2.69 lakh acres), Telangana 0.18 lakh ha (0.44 lakh acres) and Andhra Pradesh 0.18 lakh ha (0.44 lakh acres). In Telangana area coverage under black gram during kharif 2020-21 was 19005 ha (46963 acres) and major growing districts are Kamareddy 4243 ha (10485 acres), Sangareddy 5455 ha (13481 acres), Vikarabad 4413 ha (10905 acres), Nirmal 1804 ha (4459 acres), Medak 564 ha (1395 acres) and Adilabad 383 ha (947 acres).



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), \*1<sup>st</sup> Advance Estimates

**Figure 1: Production of black gram in India (in lakh tonnes)**

It is clear from Figure 2 that all major markets of black gram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. The black gram prices which were above Rs. 11000 per quintal in April 2016 observed continuous decline and fluctuating around Rs. 4000-5000 since last one year. Currently black gram in major markets is being traded at a normal price of around Rs. 5900-7050 per quintal.



Source: [www.agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in](http://www.agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in)

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

Slight downward correction was seen in Black gram market during week under review as government has allowed 1.5 lakh MT Black gram import. As kharif arrivals are low and private buyers are active, any major dip is unlikely in Black gram cash market right now.

Farmers too are restricting release of the crop sensing strong inner tone. Apart from it, the news of some crop loss too helped market to push up by Rs. 100-200. DGFT has not allowed release of old stocks lying at ports as these stocks have been imported without proper documents or presenting wrong information about mills / capacity. Quotes for FAQ Black gram moved up by \$75 to \$975 per MT while SQ moved up by \$60 to \$1150 per MT basis Indian port.

Prices in domestic market moved up to Rs. 7700-7800 for FAQ and Rs. 8600-8800 for SQ at week end. If demand improves and new arrival is delayed, prices would increase against normal expectation. Arrival pressure from kharif crop is expected now.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Black gram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 6200 - 6500 per quintal in the month of November 2020.