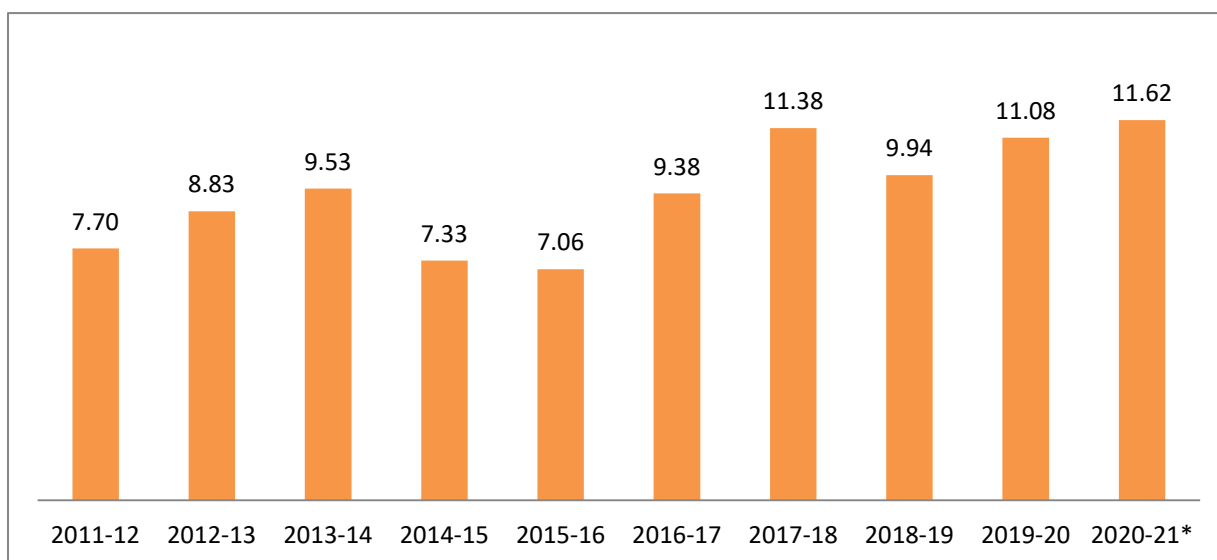


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India is the largest producer of bengalgram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 10 to 11 million tonnes and contributes around 70 percent of the total world production. Bengalgram is the most largely produced pulse crop in India accounting for a share of 40% of the total pulse production. India imports around 8-9 lakh tonnes of bengalgram annually from Canada, Australia, Iran and Myanmar.

In India about 111.99 lakh ha (276.73 lakh acres) area coverage was reported under bengalgram during rabi 2020-21. The states of Madhya Pradesh 25.75 lakh ha (63.63 lakh acres), Maharashtra 24.52 lakh ha (60.59 lakh acres), Rajasthan 21.24 lakh ha (52.49 lakh acres), Karnataka 11.75 lakh ha (29.03 lakh acres), Uttar Pradesh 5.84 lakh ha (14.43 lakh acres) and Andhra Pradesh 4.12 lakh ha (10.18 lakh acres) are the major producers of bengalgram in India. According to Government 2nd advance estimates, all India bengalgram production in 2020-21 is at 11.62 million tonnes. The central government has increased the minimum support price of bengalgram for the year 2020-21 by Rs.225 from Rs. 4875 to Rs. 5100 per quintal.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), *2nd advance estimates.

Figure 1: Production of Bengalgram in India (in million tonnes)

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

	2019-20	2020-21*
Opening Stocks	18.22	26.02
Production	110.8	116.2
Imports	4	2
Total Supply	133.02	144.22
Exports	2	4
Consumption	105	106
Total Demand	107	110
Ending Stocks	26.02	34.22

Source: www.agriwatch.com

In Telangana state, area covered under bengalgram during rabi 2020-21 was about 1.43 lakh ha (3.53 lakh acres). The major districts producing this crop in Telangana are Kama Reddy 40,506 ha (1,00,092 acres), Adilabad 30,910 ha (76,379 acres), Nirmal 22,502 ha (55,603 acres), Nizamabad 10,646 ha (26,308 acres) and Gadwal 6,415 ha (15,851 acres). According to State Government 3rd advance estimates, bengalgram production in 2019-20 is at 2.05 lakh tonnes with a productivity of 1532 Kg/ha (620 Kg/acre).

Table 2: State wise wholesale prices of Bengalgram during March, 2021

State	Prices March, 2021	Prices February, 2021	Prices March, 2020	% Change (Over Previous Month)	% Change (Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	4567.17	4504.74	3535.32	1.39	29.19
Chattisgarh	4808.00	4315.6	3765.95	11.41	27.67
Gujarat	4460.39	4235.24	3716.91	5.32	20
Karnataka	4863.51	4588.53	3884.96	5.99	25.19
Kerala	6665.48	6724.19	6673.4	-0.87	-0.12
Madhya Pradesh	4700.50	4423.59	3746.49	6.26	25.46
Maharashtra	4705.89	4567.28	3657.06	3.03	28.68
Rajasthan	4620.15	4165.91	3617.01	10.9	27.73
Telangana	4828.81	4643.38	3902.18	3.99	23.75
Uttar Pradesh	5035.08	5147.23	4934.27	-2.18	2.04
Average	4925.49	4731.56	4143.35		

Source: www.agmarknet.gov.in

Table 3: Prices and Arrivals of Bengalgram in Narayanpet during March 2021

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
1	22.05	4896	4775	4775
2	12.74	4855	4825	4855
3	13.72	4906	4511	4906
4	29.4	4950	4629	4950
5	3.43	4976	4976	4976
6	11.27	5032	4919	5032
9	5.88	4856	4856	4856
10	21.56	4892	4555	4873
15	18.13	4918	4409	4918
16	4.41	4939	4860	4860
17	7.35	4933	4933	4933
18	2.94	4612	4612	4612
19	20.58	4854	4709	4709
22	13.72	4850	4850	4850
31	10.78	4783	4625	4758

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Crop size in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan is lower than normal expectation. NAFED intends to buy 32 lakh MT in various states in the current season. This would remain supportive for cash market. New crop started hitting all markets now. Normal trade is expected from the second week of April month. As crop size is said to be lower amid increasing demand and NAFED drive to procure at MSP, market price of Chana may cross MSP soon.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expects that Bengalgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4600 - 4900 per quintal in the month of April 2021.