## **Groundnut Outlook – January 2021**

Groundnut (*Arachis hypogaea L*.) is an important oilseed crop in India which occupies first position in terms of area and second position in terms of production. China ranks first in groundnut production with 17.39 million tonnes followed by India 6.70 million tonnes, Nigeria 2.89 lakh tonnes, Sudan 2.88 million tonnes and Myanmar 1.60 million tonnes accounting for 37, 14, 6, 2 and 1 percent of total world production of 46.01 million tonnes during 2018-19.

Table 1: State wise area under groundnut in India

		2019-20		2020-21			
State	Area (lakh ha)	Area (lakh acres)	% to total area	Area (lakh ha)	Area (lakh acres)	% to total area	
Karnataka	0.96	2.37	27.12	1.28	3.16	37.98	
Telangana	1.08	2.67	30.51	0.73	1.81	21.66	
Tamil Nadu	0.55	1.36	15.54	0.48	1.19	14.24	
Odisha	0.37	0.91	10.45	0.44	1.09	13.06	
Andhra Pradesh	0.50	1.24	14.12	0.35	0.86	10.39	
Others	0.08	0.20	2.26	0.09	0.22	2.67	
All India	3.54	8.75	100.00	3.37	8.33	100.00	

Source: www.agricoop.gov.in

According to the all India rabi crop coverage report, Government of India, as on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020, groundnut was sown in around 3.37 lakh hectares as compared to last year (3.54 lakh ha). Among the states, Karnataka stood first in area coverage with 1.28 lakh ha followed by Telangana (0.73 lakh ha), Tamil Nadu (0.48 lakh ha), Odisha (0.44 lakh ha), and Andhra Pradesh (0.35 lakh ha).

Table 2: State wise Wholesale Prices Monthly Analysis for Groundnut December, 2020

State	Prices December, 2020	Prices November, 2020	Prices December, 2019	% Change (Over Previous Month)	% Change (Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	4399.85	4359.7	4393.5	0.92	0.14
Gujarat	4930.8	4883.58	4600.79	0.97	7.17
Karnataka	4459.32	4257.62	4117.6	4.74	8.3
Madhya Pradesh	4530.86	4370.85	3913.41	3.66	15.78
Odisha	6891.49	5666.36	6930.77	21.62	-0.57
Rajasthan	4820.2	4807.14	4472.86	0.27	7.77
Tamil Nadu	6745.75	6293.55	5504.48	7.19	22.55
Telangana		5003.48	4392.32		
West Bengal	6525.84	6676.82	6301.39	-2.26	3.56
Average	5049.59	4997.05	4960.08		

Source: https://agmarknet.gov.in

Table 3: District wise area under groundnut in Telangana State

		2019-20		2020-21		
Districts	Area (ha)	Area (acres)	% to total area	Area (ha)	Area (acres)	% to total area
Nagarkurnool	45833.96	113258	41.24	30240.99	74727	41.11
Wanaparthy	20250.50	50040	18.22	11758.97	29057	15.99
Gadwal	9288.76	22953	8.36	5179.58	12799	7.04
Vikarabad	5211.95	12879	4.69	5082.86	12560	6.91
Narayanpet	2791.12	6897	2.51	3635.30	8983	4.94
Others	27767.55	68615	24.98	17656.06	43629	24.00
Total	111143.85	274642	100.00	73553.75	181755	100.00

Source: www.agritelangana.gov.in

In Telangana, groundnut has been sown in around 1,81,755 acres as on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Among the districts, Nagarkurnool stood first in groundnut sown area with 74,727 acres followed by Wanaparthy (29,057 acres), Gadwal (12,799 acres), Vikarabad (12,560 acres) and Narayanpet (8,983 acres).

Table 4: Arrivals and Prices of Groundnut at Suryapet Market in the Month of December 2020

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Minimum Price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum Price (Rs/quintal)	Modal Price (Rs/quintal)
7	3	3,025	3,825	3,025
9	2	4,329	4,329	4,329
15	4	4,411	4,411	4,411
23	1	4,525	4,525	4,525
28	2	5,059	5,059	5,059
29	5	3,159	3,159	3,159

Source: http://agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in/indexnew.jsp

## **Groundnut Price Outlook**

As per the first advance estimate of Gujarat, crop output is set to hit a record 5.40 million tonnes. The peanut export from India surged close to 1,90,000 tonnes during Apr to Sep 2020 as against 1,60,000 tonnes in the same period last year.

Lower peanut production in China pushed Indian exports upward, while fueling good domestic demand for peanut oil across the nation induced oil mills and crushers to increase their purchases. Market prices went higher and exporters struggled to perform old contracts confirmed at prices 100 - 150 \$/tonne lesser compared with current market price. Such difference resulted in lower export volume in October.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expects that groundnut may trade in a range of **Rs.** 3900 – 4250 per quintal during the month of January 2021.