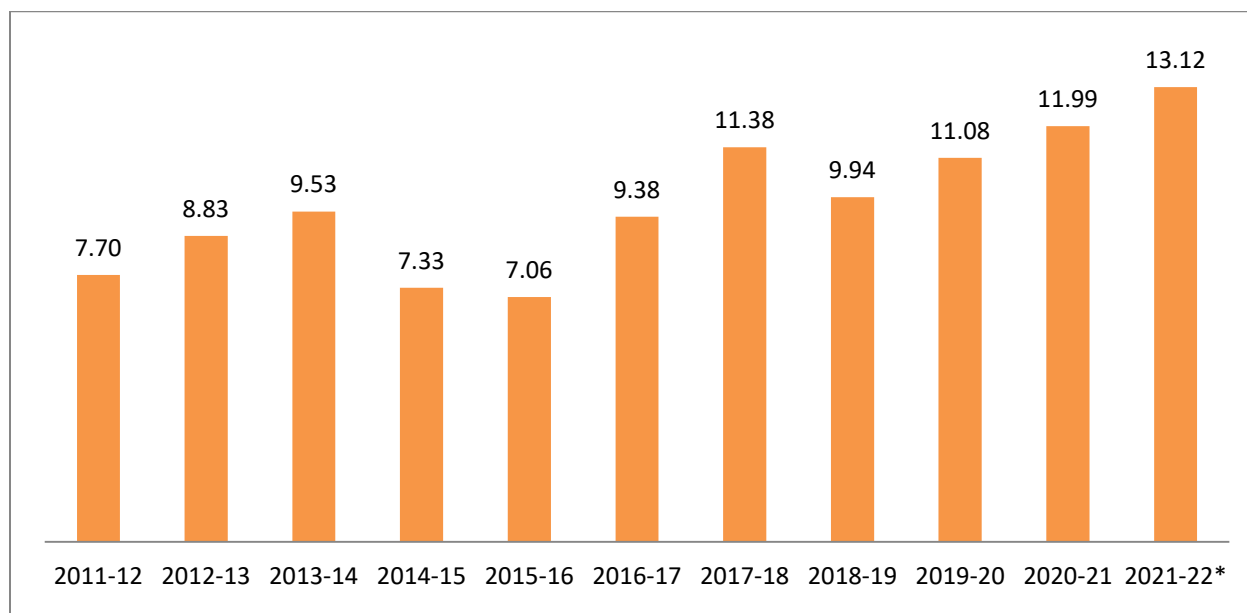


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India is the largest producer of bengalgram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 10 to 11 million tonnes and contributes around 70 percent of the total world production. Bengalgram is the most largely produced pulse crop in 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 81.42 lakh ha (201.19 lakh acres) area coverage was reported under bengalgram during rabi 2021-22 as against 80.011 lakh ha (197.71 lakh acres) during the same period in 2020-21. The states of Madhya Pradesh 20.02 lakh ha (49.47 lakh acres), Rajasthan 18.46 lakh ha (45.62 lakh acres), Maharashtra 14.19 lakh ha (35.06 lakh acres), Karnataka 9.80 lakh ha (24.22 lakh acres), Uttar Pradesh 5.63 lakh ha (13.91 lakh acres) and Andhra Pradesh 2.72 lakh ha (6.72 lakh acres) are the major producers of bengalgram in India. According to Government 2nd advance estimates, all India bengalgram production in 2021-22 is at 13.12 million tonnes. The central government has increased the minimum support price of bengalgram for the rabi marketing season (RMS) 2022-23 by Rs.130 from Rs. 5100 to Rs. 5230 per quintal.



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

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

Table 1: State wise area under bengalgram in India

State	2020-21			2021-22		
	Area (lakh ha)	Area (lakh acres)	% to total area	Area (lakh ha)	Area (lakh acres)	% to total area
Madhya Pradesh	20.42	50.46	66.41	20.02	49.47	55.94
Rajasthan	18.05	44.60	58.70	18.46	45.62	51.58
Maharashtra	13.63	33.68	44.33	14.19	35.06	39.65
Karnataka	9.62	23.77	31.28	9.8	24.22	27.38
Uttar Pradesh	5.53	13.66	17.98	5.63	13.91	15.73
Andhra Pradesh	2.94	7.26	9.56	2.72	6.72	7.60
Others	9.82	24.27	31.93	10.6	26.19	29.62
All India	80.01	197.71	100.00	81.42	201.19	100.00

Source: www.agricoop.nic.in

Table 2: Bengalgram Domestic Supply & Demand (in lakh tonnes)

	2020-21	2021-22
Opening Stocks	21.32	40.72
Production	119.90	131.20
Imports	3.00	3.00
Total Supply	144.22	174.92
Exports	3.50	3.50
Consumption	100.00	103.00
Total Demand	103.50	106.50
Ending Stocks	40.72	68.42

Source: www.agriwatch.com

In Telangana state, area covered under bengalgram during rabi 2021-22 was about 1.54 lakh ha (3.82 lakh acres). The major districts cultivating this crop in Telangana are Kama Reddy 38,024 ha (93,958 acres), Adilabad 35,663 ha (88,124 acres), Nirmal 26,301 ha (64,992 acres), Sangareddy 16,937 ha (41,851 acres), Nizamabad 9,980 ha (24,661 acres) and Gadwal 7,824 ha (19,333 acres). According to State Government 4th advance estimates, bengalgram production in 2020-21 is at 2.38 lakh tonnes with a productivity of 1668 Kg/ha (675 Kg/acre).

Table 3: District wise area under bengalgram in Telangana

District	2020-21			2021-22		
	Area (ha)	Area (acres)	% to total area	Area (ha)	Area (acres)	% to total area
Kama Reddy	39671	98030	28.04	38024	93958	24.55
Adilabad	30234	74709	21.37	35663	88124	23.03
Nirmal	22480	55548	15.89	26301	64992	16.98
Sangareddy	12124	29960	8.57	16937	41851	10.94
Nizamabad	10692	26421	7.56	9980	24661	6.44
Gadwal	6392	15794	4.52	7824	19333	5.05
Others	19888	49145	14.06	20150	49792	13.01
Telangana State	141481	349607	100.00	154878	382711	100.00

Source: www.agri.telangana.gov.in**Table 4: State wise wholesale prices of Bengalgram during March 2022**

State	Prices March, 2022	Prices February, 2022	Prices March, 2021	% Change (Over Previous Month)	% Change (Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	4239.71	4360.05	4567.36	-2.76	-7.17
Chhattisgarh	4566.04	4411.23	4825.38	3.51	-5.37
Gujarat	4498.11	4370.21	4460.88	2.93	0.83
Karnataka	5169.81	4673.83	4852	10.61	6.55
Kerala	6517.97	6597.91	6655.14	-1.21	-2.06
Madhya Pradesh	4805.03	4626.66	4703.58	3.86	2.16
Maharashtra	4606.3	4660.39	4710.32	-1.16	-2.21
Manipur	8389.52	8369.04		0.24	—
NCT of Delhi	5151.14			—	—
Rajasthan	4661.42	4433.91	4621.64	5.13	0.86
Telangana	4988.63	4659.05	4829.35	7.07	3.3
Uttar Pradesh	5128.12	5159.81	5036.54	-0.61	1.82
Uttrakhand	6824.87	6118.87	6120.7	11.54	11.5
West Bengal	6562.33	6620.78		-0.88	—
Average	5436.36	5382.98	5034.81		

Source: www.agmarknet.gov.in

Table 5: Prices and arrivals of bengalgram in Zaheerabad market during March 2022

Date	Arrival (Quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
3	211	4,825	4,500	4,791
4	337.5	4,811	4,562	4,811
5	158.5	4,951	4,700	4,781
7	343	4,911	4,000	4,811
8	238	4,870	4,610	4,821
11	347	4,811	4,400	4,811
12	152.5	4,821	4,562	4,656
14	305	4,751	4,300	4,751
15	289.5	4,811	4,510	4,701
16	213.5	5,011	4,546	4,621
21	491	4,680	4,425	4,665
22	302.5	4,629	4,450	4,580
23	232	4,631	4,463	4,601
24	101.5	4,650	4,471	4,575
25	174.5	4,652	4,451	4,609
26	141.5	4,655	4,535	4,651
25	198.5	4,685	4,500	4,685
28	203.5	4,800	4,500	4,711
30	136.5	4,891	4,525	4,600

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Arrivals have started increasing in various markets and would continue to increase in coming weeks. Farmers had covered 114.27 lakh ha last year, up by 4.48% from the previous year despite less area coverage in major states like Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Karnataka. Apart from this, the import flow from the least developed countries increased to 2.25 Lakh MT in 11 months against 1.65 lakh MT last year. Supply side would continue to increase. Steady to slightly week tone may prevail. Traders remained engaged in settling accounts at the year end. Fresh buying is expected from traders amid the ongoing procurement drive. It may push up price to some extent. Government agencies have already procured 2.66 LMT so far. In various markets is trading in the range of Rs. 4700-5100.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expects that Bengalgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4600 - 4800 per quintal in the month of April 2022.