

Black gram Outlook – April 2022

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 India during Rabi 2021-22, as on 04th February 2021 black gram area is down by 2.1 % at 8.16 lakh ha (20.16 lakh acres) as against 8.33 lakh ha (20.58 lakh acres) last year. The major rabi blackgram growing states are Andhra Pradesh 3.43 lakh ha (8.48 lakh acres), Tamil Nadu 2.70 lakh ha (6.69 lakh acres), Odisha 1.49 lakh ha (3.68 lakh acres), Telangana 0.38 lakh ha (0.94 lakh acres) and West Bengal 0.097 lakh ha (0.24 lakh acres).

Table 1: Black gram Growing States 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
Andhra Pradesh	3.37	8.33	40.46	3.43	8.48	42.03
Tamil Nadu	2.63	6.50	31.57	2.708	6.69	33.19
Odisha	1.9	4.69	22.81	1.49	3.68	18.26
Telangana	0.195	0.48	2.34	0.381	0.94	4.67
West Bengal	0.09	0.22	1.08	0.097	0.24	1.19
Others	0.15	0.36	1.74	0.05	0.13	0.66
All India	8.33	20.58	100.00	8.16	20.16	100.00

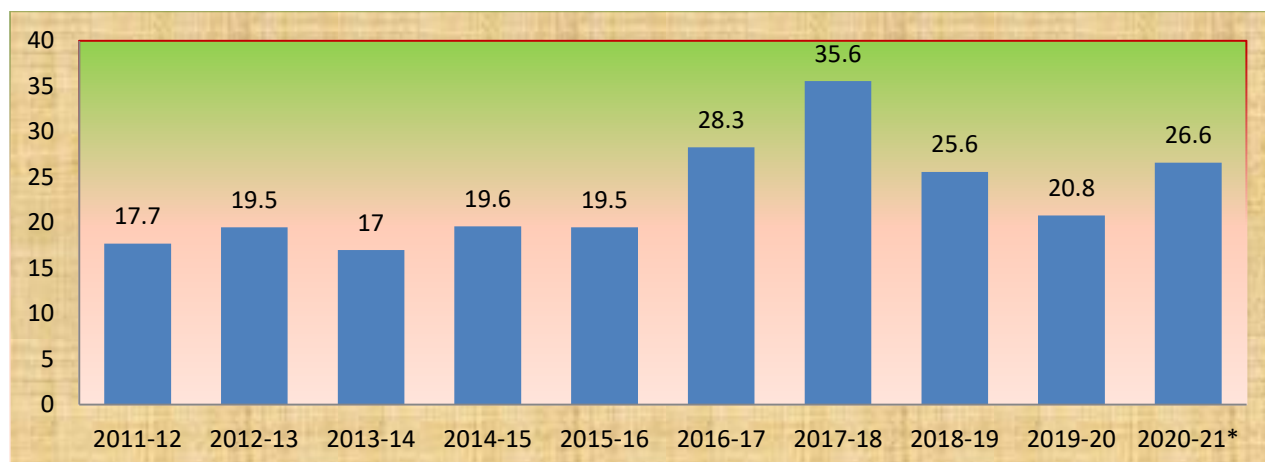
Source: www.agricoop.nic.in

Table 2: Black gram Growing Districts in Telangana State

State	2020-21			2021-22		
	Area (ha)	Area (acres)	% to total area	Area (ha)	Area (acres)	% to total area
Wanaparthy	7511.38	18561	38.45	12715.65	31421	33.35
Nagarkurnool	4224.92	10440	21.62	8115.58	20054	21.28
Gadwal	3961.07	9788	20.27	5067.08	12521	13.29
Jagityal	654.78	1618	3.35	2109.63	5213	5.53
Yadadri	4.45	11	0.02	1991.87	4922	5.22
Nizamabad	54.23	134	0.28	634.14	1567	1.66
Khammam	912.16	2254	4.67	580.32	1434	1.52
Others	2214.85	5473	11.34	6916.90	17092	18.14
Telangana State	19537.85	48279	100.00	38131.16	94224	100.00

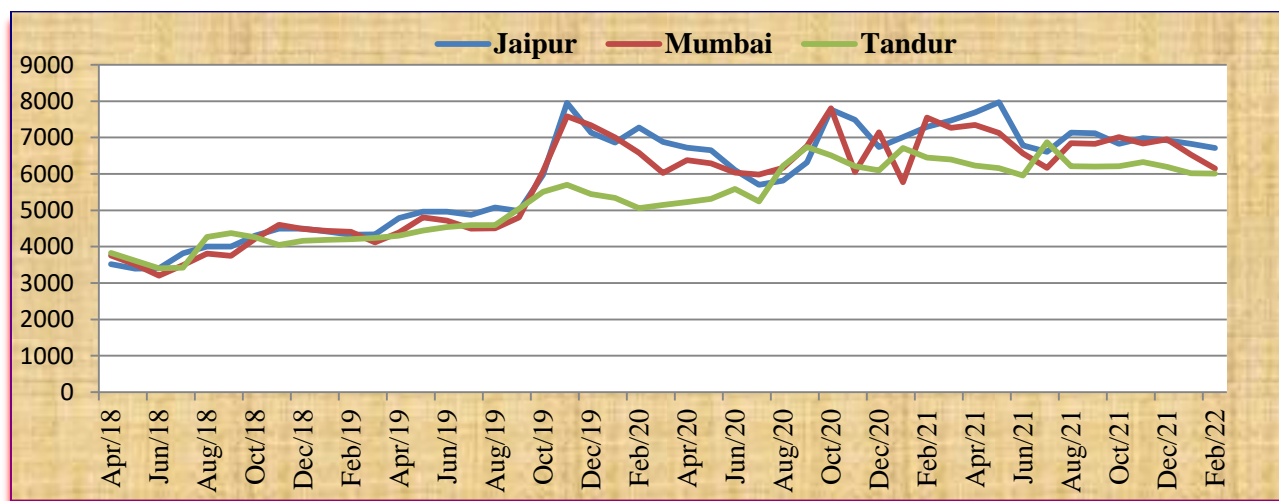
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As on 16th March 2022, area coverage under black gram during Yasangi (Rabi) 2021-22 in Telangana was 38131 ha (94224 acres) and major growing districts are Wanaparthy 12715 ha (31421 acres), Nagarkurnool 8115 ha (20054 acres), Gadwal 5067 ha (12521 acres), Jagityal 2109 ha (5213 acres), Nizamabad 634 ha (1567 acres) and Yadadri 1991 ha (4922 acres).



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), *2nd Advance Estimates

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



Source: www.agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

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

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. 5000-7000

since last one year. Currently black gram in major markets is being traded at a normal price of around Rs.6000-6150 per quintal.

Table 3: Average Price of Black gram at Major States in India March, 2022

State	Prices March, 2022	Prices February, 2022	Prices March, 2021	% Change (Over Previous Month)	% Change (Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	5532.46	4545.39		21.72	—
Chattisgarh	4594.99	3815.07	4823.9	20.44	-4.75
Gujarat	5117.42	5007.07	6229.19	2.2	-17.85
Karnataka	7881.7	7667.88	8680.59	2.79	-9.2
Kerala	10330.55	10802.65	10926.04	-4.37	-5.45
Madhya Pradesh	4995.52	4464.42	5681.44	11.9	-12.07
Maharashtra	4960.73	5184.89	5813.82	-4.32	-14.67
Manipur	11500	11367		1.17	—
Odisha	6865.51	6900.76	7537.04	-0.51	-8.91
Pondicherry	5253.9	6734.77		-21.99	—
Rajasthan	5178.72	4931.83	6068.64	5.01	-14.66
Tamil Nadu	6767.08	6434.78	5989.94	5.16	12.97
Telangana	6145.42	5129.79	5837.52	19.8	5.27
Uttar Pradesh	6372.36	6265.96	6630.72	1.7	-3.9
Uttrakhand	6391.23	7697.06	9549	-16.97	-33.07
West Bengal	10201.55	10192.79		0.09	—
Average	6755.57	6696.38	6980.65		

Source; <https://agmarknet.gov.in/>

Short supply in black gram cash market and the normal demand after Holi may continue to push up cash market further. Import that is coming to ports is going into godowns and market is facing shortage of black gram at this point of time. If the BL (Bill of Lading) date is extended, import would be on requirement basis. It may help market to pressurize the stockiest to release stock and ease supply side as the import opportunity will be there. Black gram moved up by 0.77 % to Rs 6550 in Mumbai market while it stayed steady to Rs 6300 in Chennai market.

This year the export availability in Myanmar is said to be around 6 to 6.5 LMT. It may cap the current upward momentum in local black gram market if the BL date is extended. The traders, stockiest and mills are very cautious to go for bulk buying right now and waiting for government's move on BL date.

This year the local production has been pegged at 22.91 lakh MT against 24.19 lakh MT last year. The import volume may increase to over 5.25 lakh MT against 3.20 last year during August to July (MY). The overall tone seems steady to slightly firm this week.

Table 4: Arrivals and Prices for the Month of March 2022 in Thirumalagiri Market Black gram

Date	Arrival (Quintals)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
3	2	4,311	4,529	4,311
4	5	4,459	6,151	6,011
7	2	4,359	5,759	5,759
8	1	4,569	4,569	4,569
9	1	4,759	4,759	4,759
10	2	5,809	5,809	5,809
11	1	4,659	4,659	4,659
12	10	5,925	5,929	5,929
15	4	4,725	5,651	4,725
16	8	4,739	5,899	4,809
19	1	4,819	4,819	4,819
21	24	4,819	5,919	5,055
23	1	4,759	4,759	4,759
24	7	2,011	5,909	5,109
25	4	4,609	5,809	5,309
30	65	4,809	6,059	5,959
31	21	4,511	5,019	4,919

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in/>

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expects that Black gram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 6000 - 6150 per quintal in the month of April 2022.