

Black gram Outlook – January 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 03rd December 2021 black gram area is down by 8.1% at 3.26 lakh ha (8.06 lakh acres) as against 3.55 lakh ha (8.77 lakh acres) last year. The major rabi growing states are Tamil Nadu 1.65 lakh ha (4.08 lakh acres), Andhra Pradesh 0.82 lakh ha (2.03 lakh acres), Odisha 0.41 lakh ha (1.01 lakh acres), Telangana 0.26 lakh ha (0.64 lakh acres) and West Bengal 0.07 lakh ha (0.17 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
Tamil Nadu	2.23	5.51	62.82	1.65	4.08	50.61
Andhra Pradesh	0.67	1.66	18.87	0.82	2.03	25.15
Odisha	0.4	0.99	11.27	0.41	1.01	12.58
Telangana	0.11	0.27	3.10	0.26	0.64	7.98
West Bengal	0.09	0.22	2.54	0.07	0.17	2.15
Others	0.05	0.12	1.41	0.05	0.12	1.53
All India	3.55	8.77	100.00	3.26	8.06	100.00

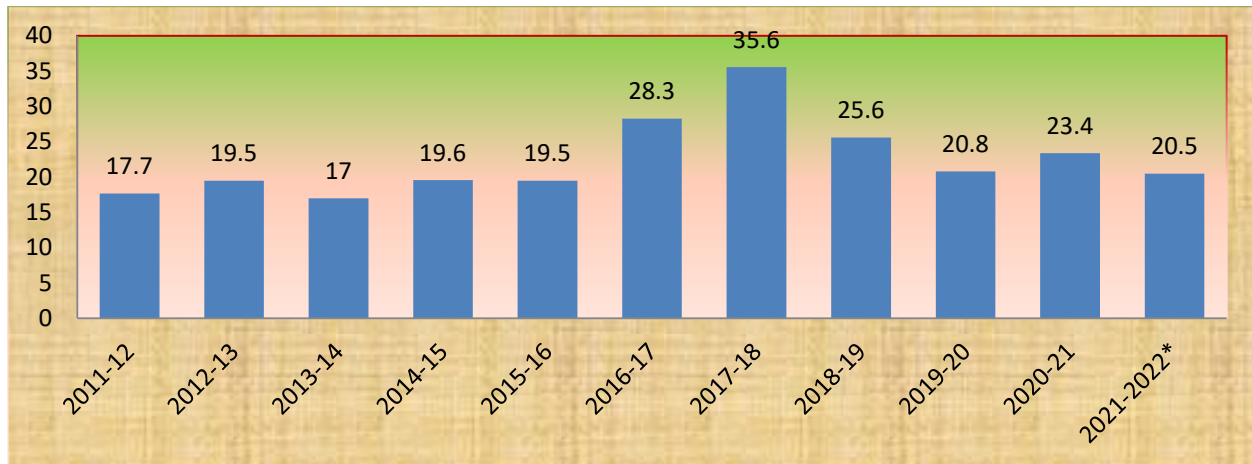
Source: www.agricoop.nic.in

Table 2: Black gram Growing Districts in Telangana State

District	2020-21			2021-22		
	Area (ha)	Area (acres)	% to total area	Area (ha)	Area (acres)	% to total area
Wanaparthy	6191.70	15300	39.77	11482.97	28375	37.99
Nagarkurnool	2410.31	5956	15.48	7532.43	18613	24.92
Gadwal	3614.25	8931	23.21	3086.14	7626	10.21
Yadadri	30.35	75	0.19	1454.44	3594	4.81
Jagityal	809.78	2001	5.20	1274.36	3149	4.22
Nizamabad	34.80	86	0.22	602.58	1489	1.99
Others	2479.51	6127.00	15.92	4796.75	11853.00	15.87
Telangana State	15570.71	38476	100.00	30229.66	74699	100.00

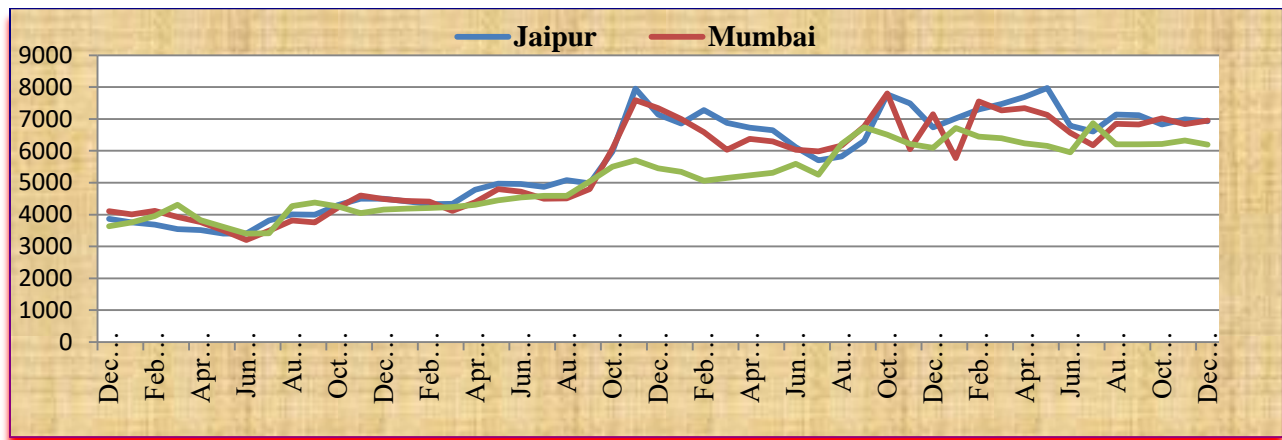
Source: www.agritelangana.gov.in

As on 02nd February 2022, Telangana area coverage under black gram during Yasangi (Rabi) 2021-22 was 30229 ha (74699 acres) and major growing districts are Wanaparthy 11482 ha (28375 acres), Nagarkurnool 7532 ha (18613 acres), Gadwal 3086 ha (7626 acres), Jagityal 1274 ha (3149 acres), Nizamabad 602 ha (1489 acres) and Yadadri 1454 ha (3594 acres).



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), *1st 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. 6000-6300 per quintal.

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

State	Prices January, 2022	Prices December, 2021	Prices January, 2021	% Change (Over Previous Month)	% Change (Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	4415.95	4699.19		-6.03	—
Chattisgarh	4935.94	5265.52	6130.49	-6.26	-19.49
Gujarat	5423.09	5936.5	6756.73	-8.65	-19.74
Karnataka	7905.31	7213.91	6800.85	9.58	16.24
Kerala	10839.21	10701.73	8647.38	1.28	25.35
Madhya Pradesh	4546.54	4871.98	6104.45	-6.68	-25.52
Maharashtra	5206.03	5859.34	5892.17	-11.15	-11.64
Manipur	11500				
Odisha	7811.96	6174.16	7433.57	26.53	5.09
Pondicherry	5967.1				
Rajasthan	5215.04	5399.65	6290.93	-3.42	-17.1
Tamil Nadu	6202.75	4577.6	6687.65	35.5	-7.25
Telangana	6925.7	5831.27	5726.55	18.77	20.94
Uttar Pradesh	6443.53	6682.53	6699.9	-3.58	-3.83
Uttrakhand	8380				
West Bengal	9568.77				
Average	6955.43	6101.12	6651.88		

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

Continuous improvement in Rabi black gram area and a good import prospect from Myanmar has suppressed the prevailing inner tone in the black gram cash market. Farmers have covered 7.22 lakh ha area under black gram this year so far, down by 7.34% from last year till 21st Jan 2022. Sowing has got delayed by 15-20 days and was done by end of Jan. As sowing has got delayed, it may limit acreage increase by 4 to 5% despite attractive prices prevailing in the market. Import flow too has been low amid tight supplies and quality loss in the Kharif season. Also demand is weak. So, prices may trade steady to slightly weak this week too.

FAQ black gram is being traded at Rs. 6400-6450 per qtl in Mumbai market while in Chennai local crop is being traded at Rs. 6300 per quintal. If demand improves then prices may recover (unlikely this week). Myanmar is offering black gram FAQ at \$805, down by \$5 from last week and offering SQ at \$895 which is down by \$20 as compared to the last week.

Table 4: Arrivals and Prices for the Month of January 2022 in Tandur Market Black gram

Date	Arrival (Quintals)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
4	14	3,800	4,300	5,300
18	21	6,357	6,417	6,417
21	3	6,407	6,407	6,407

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

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expects that Black gram may trade in price range between Rs. 6000 - 6200 per quintal in the month of February 2022.