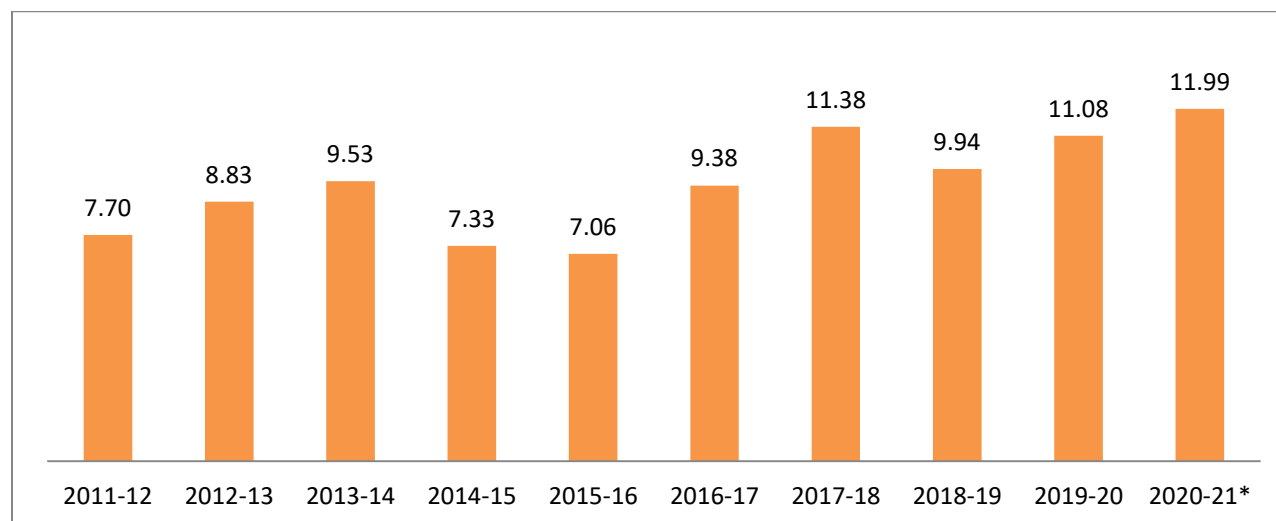


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India is the largest producer of bengalgram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 10 to 11 million tonnes and contributes around 70 percent of the total world production. Bengalgram is the most largely produced pulse crop in 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 4th advance estimates, all India bengalgram production in 2020-21 is at 11.99 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). * 4th 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)

	2019-20	2020-21*
Opening Stocks	16.80	34.85
Production	110.80	119.90
Imports	4.50	2.50
Total Supply	132.10	157.25
Exports	1.75	2.00
Consumption	95.50	99.50
Total Demand	97.25	101.50
Ending Stocks	34.85	55.75

Source: www.agriwatch.com

Table 3: State wise wholesale prices of Bengalgram during December, 2021

State	Prices December, 2021	Prices November, 2021	Prices December, 2020	% Change (Over Previous Month)	% Change (Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	4994.82	4735.57	4751.46	5.47	5.12
Chattisgarh	4480.06	4701.77	4168.47	-4.72	7.47
Gujarat	4516.29	4647.33	4392.26	-2.82	2.82
Karnataka	5646.99	5524.55	4841.19	2.22	16.64
Kerala	7168.02	7216.96	7114.45	-0.68	0.75
Madhya Pradesh	4457.52	4573.02	4401.84	-2.53	1.26
Maharashtra	4594.95	4688.15	4340.27	-1.99	5.87
Rajasthan	4374.32	4500.78	4131.86	-2.81	5.87
Telangana		3952.15	6729	—	—
Uttar Pradesh	5363.86	5441.53	5393.69	-1.43	-0.55
Average	5066.31	4998.18	5026.45		

Source: www.agmarknet.gov.in**Table 4: 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	27307	67476	24.57	33243	82146	25.87
Adilabad	24061	59457	21.65	28691	70897	22.33
Nirmal	23492	58050	21.14	21759	53768	16.93
Sangareddy	7955	19658	7.16	11054	27315	8.60
Nizamabad	11547	28532	10.39	9970	24636	7.76
Gadwal	5135	12690	4.62	5751	14211	4.48
Others	11634	28749	10.47	18038	44572	14.04
Telangana	111132	274612	100.00	128506	317545	100.00

Source: www.agri.telangana.gov.in

In Telangana state, area covered under bengalgram during rabi 2021-22 was about 1.28 lakh ha (3.17 lakh acres). The major districts cultivating this crop in Telangana are Kama Reddy 33,243 ha (82,146 acres), Adilabad 28,691 ha (70,897 acres), Nirmal 21,759 ha (53,768 acres), Sangareddy 11,054 ha (27,315 acres), Nizamabad 9,970 ha (24,636 acres) and Gadwal 5,751 ha (14,211 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 5: Prices and arrivals of bengalgram in Zaheerabad market during December 2021

Date	Arrival (Quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
3	1	4,220	4,220	4,220
21	4	4,200	4,129	4,200

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

The pressure on Bengalgram market continues with increasing supply of the old stock from the central pool as well as private stock. Area coverage in current season is almost similar to last year at 102.49 lakh ha. As weather condition is favorable to Bengalgram crop, production may cross 100 lakh MT. Demand is not improving as per expectation. Hence, the price of Bengalgram may continue to trade in the range of Rs. 4700-5200 at various centres. Some losses have been reported in Maharashtra due to rains and hailstorm but the loss might be making up with good crop condition in other states and higher area coverage. The overall tone seems weak. Demand for besan is yet to pick up.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expects that Bengalgram may trade in price range between Rs. 4700 - 4900 per quintal in the month of January 2022.