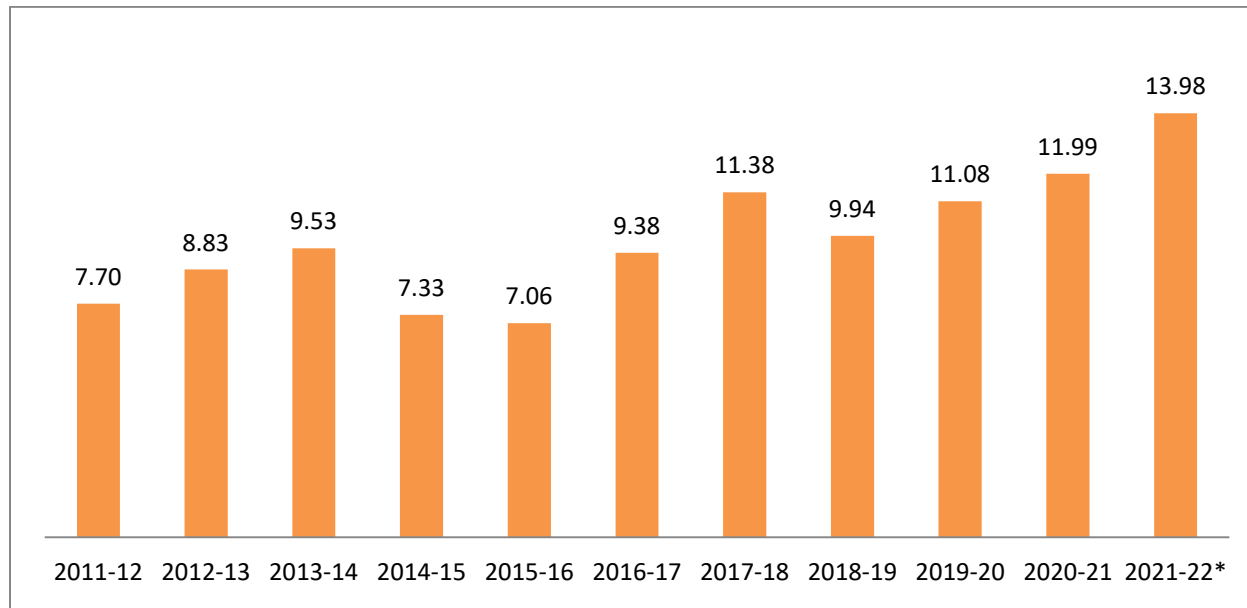


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India is the largest producer of bengalgram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 10 to 11 million tonnes and contributes around 70 percent of the total world production. Bengalgram is the most largely produced pulse crop in 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 3rd advance estimates, all India bengalgram production in 2021-22 is at 13.98 million tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES). * 3rd 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	139.8
Imports	3.00	3
Total Supply	144.22	183.5
Exports	3.50	3.5
Consumption	100.00	103
Total Demand	103.50	106.5
Ending Stocks	40.72	77.02

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 Telangana State Government 2nd advance estimates, bengalgram production in 2021-22 is at 2.24 lakh tonnes from 1.48 lakh ha (3.65 lakh acres) with productivity of 1517 Kg/ha (614 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 May 2022**

State	Prices May, 2022	Prices April, 2022	Prices May, 2021	% Change (Over Previous Month)	% Change (Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	4703.34	4590.83	3921.88	2.45	19.93
Chhattisgarh	4382.75	4491.5	5092.64	-2.42	-13.94
Gujarat	4395.52	4580.85	4676.02	-4.05	-6
Haryana	4621.02			—	—
Karnataka	4915.83	5227.4	5579.12	-5.96	-11.89
Kerala	6432.34	6474.09	6661.46	-0.64	-3.44
Madhya Pradesh	4666.64	4696.65	5053.87	-0.64	-7.66
Maharashtra	4467.95	4675.99	4882.98	-4.45	-8.5
Manipur		8205.4		—	—
Rajasthan	4410.83	4746.11	5017.62	-7.06	-12.09
Telangana	5133.15	5226.09		-1.78	—
Uttar Pradesh	4998.21	4953.14	5493.32	0.91	-9.01
Uttarakhand	5692.05	6053.88		-5.98	—
West Bengal	5985.91	6355.87		-5.82	—
Average	4985.04	5405.98	5153.21		

Source: www.agmarknet.gov.in

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

Date	Arrival (Quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
5	55	4,509	4,351	4,355
6	52	4,525	3,750	4,514
7	10.5	4,502	4,359	4,445
9	47.5	4,501	4,375	4,468
10	54	4,482	4,405	4,469
11	51	4,490	4,400	4,451
13	104.5	4,477	4,370	4,435
16	40.5	4,459	4,365	4,425
18	53	4,500	4,427	4,481
19	77	4,415	4,350	4,350
20	14	5,150	4,381	5,150
21	38.5	5,252	3,501	4,427
23	49	4,460	4,260	4,407

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Bengalgram cash market continued to trade down as the supply side is normal against the current weak demand despite the ongoing procurement drive at MSP. NAFED and other procurement agencies have already procured 22 LMT against the set target of 29 LMT for the year. Availability of old stocks, arrivals and weak demand for dal are keeping the markets under pressure. If the demand improves, likely from mid-June, prices may recover by Rs. 100-200 and may move towards Rs. 5000 mark. There is ample old stock and it will continue to enter into markets. As quality of African origin bengalgram is not good, its demand is limited.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expects that Bengalgram may trade in price range between Rs. 4400 - 4600 per quintal in the month of June 2022.

