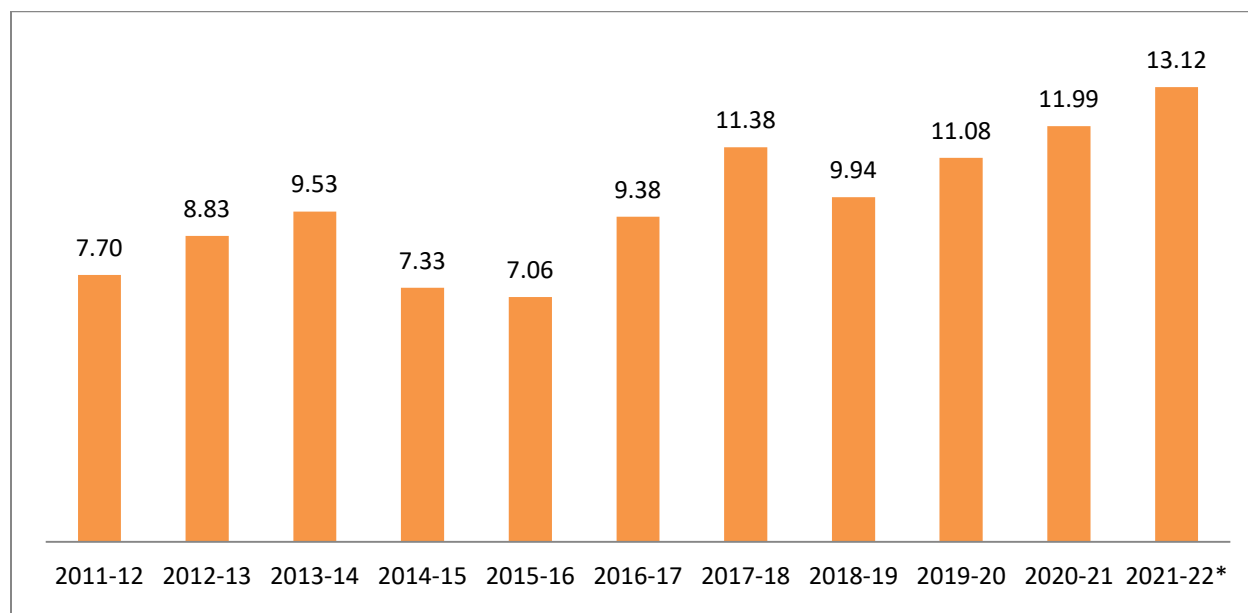


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India is the largest producer of bengalgram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 10 to 11 million tonnes and contributes around 70 percent of the total world production. Bengalgram is the most largely produced pulse crop in 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 1.48 lakh ha (3.65 lakh acres). The major districts cultivating this crop in Telangana are Kama Reddy 36,300 ha (89,700 acres), Adilabad 33,912 ha (83,789 acres), Nirmal 26,301 ha (64,992 acres), Sangareddy 14,598 ha (36,073 acres), Nizamabad 9,981 ha (24,664 acres) and Gadwal 7,627 ha (18,847 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	38446	95003	27.72	36300	89700	24.57
Adilabad	29691	73367	21.41	33912	83798	22.96
Nirmal	22342	55207	16.11	26301	64992	17.80
Sangareddy	11992	29632	8.65	14598	36073	9.88
Nizamabad	10179	25152	7.34	9981	24664	6.76
Gadwal	6225	15383	4.49	7627	18847	5.16
Others	19814	48961	14.29	19006	46965	12.87
Telangana State	138688	342705	100.00	147726	365039	100.00

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

State	Prices February, 2022	Prices January, 2022	Prices February, 2021	% Change (Over Previous Month)	% Change (Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	4368.67	4722.15	4504.74	-7.49	-3.02
Bihar		6999.81		—	—
Chhattisgarh	4399.65	4616.49	4315.6	-4.7	1.95
Gujarat	4334.98	4546.45	4235.24	-4.65	2.36
Karnataka	4656.18	5114.28	4584.7	-8.96	1.56
Kerala	6602.06	6630.84	6724.19	-0.43	-1.82
Madhya Pradesh	4619.67	4706.9	4423.59	-1.85	4.43
Maharashtra	4679.64	4870.11	4567.28	-3.91	2.46
Manipur	8382.56	8348.04	7588.62	0.41	10.46
NCT of Delhi		4977.17		—	—
Rajasthan	4424.42	4611.85	4165.91	-4.06	6.21
Telangana	4653.56	4730.04	4643.38	-1.62	0.22
Uttar Pradesh	5162.9	5316.82	5147.23	-2.89	0.3
Uttarakhand	6118.87	6155.71		-0.6	—
West Bengal	6617.84	6932.34		-4.54	—
Average	5309.31	5551.93	4990.95		

Source: agmarknet.gov.in

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

Date	Arrival (Quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
2	367	4,705	4,500	4,619
3	189	4,705	4,216	4,613
4	198	4,663	4,500	4,619
7	303	4,626	4,476	4,575
8	253	4,606	4,452	4,550
10	81.5	4,580	4,411	4,560
11	199	5,716	4,525	4,631
12	104.5	4,663	4,521	4,651
14	247.5	4,711	4,530	4,701
15	196.5	4,731	4,476	4,721
17	261.5	4,751	4,550	4,725
18	293	4,820	4,820	4,820
19	147	4,721	3,800	4,721
21	230.5	4,789	3,500	4,726
22	209.5	4,751	4,563	4,725
23	267	4,731	4,470	4,725
24	257.5	4,711	4,711	4,711
25	250	5,750	4,550	4,761
26	121.5	4,773	4,625	4,773
28	294	4,791	4,000	4,751

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Tanzania origin Bengalgram in Mumbai market recovered slightly to Rs. 4900 over the previous week. The medium term sentiment remains weak as crop condition throughout the major growing regions is normal to good so far. The import flow from the least developed countries increased to 2.25 lakh MT in 10 months against 1.50 lakh MT last year. This year up to March 2022, total import volume may increase to 3 lakh MT. The sluggish demand, continuous sale by NAFED below Rs. 4850 and the new arrivals in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh may continue to pressurize cash market. Supply side would continue to increase. The procurement drive is yet to start and it may support market at current level to some extent.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expects that Bengalgram may trade in price range between Rs. 4500 - 4700 per quintal in the month of March 2022.