

Black gram Outlook – March 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	0.18	0.46	3.10	0.35	0.86	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

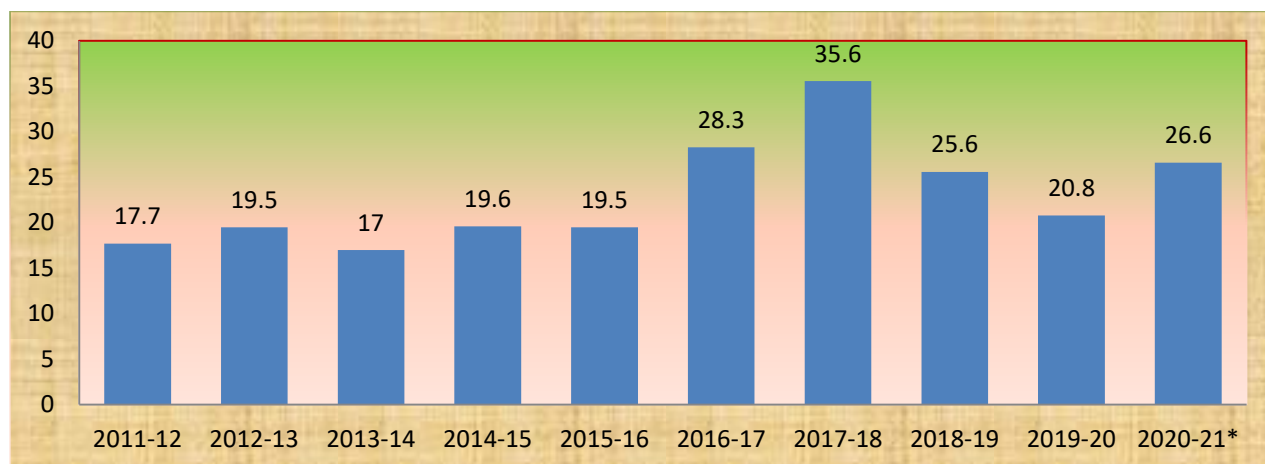
Source: www.agricoop.nic.in

Table 2: Black gram Growing Districts in Telangana State

State	2020-21			2021-22		
	Area (ha)	Area (acres)	% to total area	Area (ha)	Area (acres)	% to total area
Wanaparhty	7273.83	17974	38.73	11916.39	29446	33.95
Nagarkurnool	3938.81	9733	20.97	7551.04	18659	21.51
Gadwal	3887.82	9607	20.70	4731.19	11691	13.48
Jagityal	660.85	1633	3.52	1874.91	4633	5.34
Yadadri	32.37	80	0.17	1854.27	4582	5.28
Nizamabad	53.82	133	0.29	608.24	1503	1.73
khammam	836.08	2066	4.45	478.74	1183	1.36
Others	2098.70	5186	11.17	6086.08	15039	17.34
Telangana State	18782.30	46412	100.00	35100.87	86736	100.00

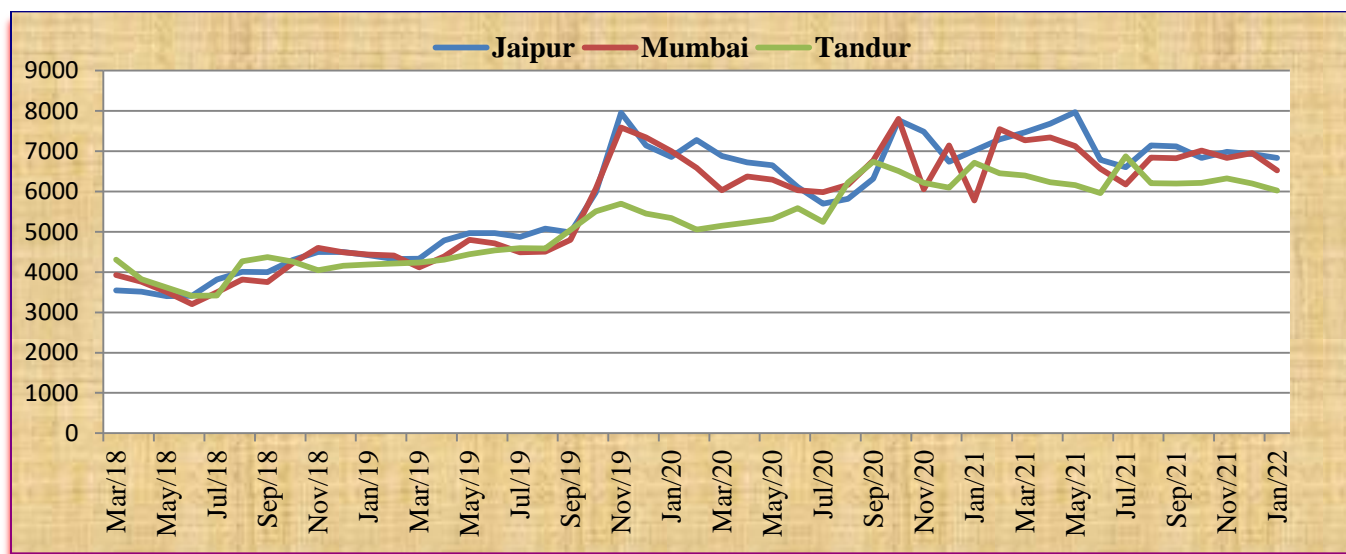
Source: www.agri.telangana.gov.in

As on 23rd February 2022, Telangana area coverage under black gram during Yasangi (Rabi) 2021-22 was 35100 ha (86736 acres) and major growing districts are Wanaparthy 11916 ha (29446 acres), Nagarkurnool 7551 ha (18659 acres), Gadwal 4731 ha (11691 acres), Jagityal 1874 ha (4633 acres), Nizamabad 608 ha (1503 acres) and Yadadri 1854 ha (4582 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.6000-6200 per quintal.

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

State	Prices February, 2022	Prices January, 2022	Prices February, 2021	% Change (Over Previous Month)	% Change (Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	4518	4449.2		1.55	—
Chhattisgarh	3244.44	3370.49	7691.01	-3.74	-57.82
Gujarat	5009.84	5408.78	6794.23	-7.38	-26.26
Karnataka	7931.34	7860.3	7155.13	0.9	10.85
Kerala	10838.93	10840.03	11188.01	-0.01	-3.12
Madhya Pradesh	4454.61	4542.69	5752.43	-1.94	-22.56
Maharashtra	5216.97	5202.68	5918.86	0.27	-11.86
Odisha	6900.76	7676.53	7219.99	-10.11	-4.42
Pondicherry	6734.55	5953.08	5400.57	13.13	24.7
Rajasthan	4919.04	5199.47	6348.98	-5.39	-22.52
Tamil Nadu	6440.34	6331.59	5951.93	1.72	8.21
Telangana	5092.85	6801.28	5536.99	-25.12	-8.02
Uttar Pradesh	6263.4	6432.44	6841.56	-2.63	-8.45
Uttarakhand	7697.06	8380		-8.15	—
West Bengal	10236.42	9550.87		7.18	—
Average	6679.1	6843.71	6816.64		

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

Blackgram cash market continued to trade under pressure as area continues to recover. Now it is 1.92% down from last year same time. Good import prospects from Myanmar and continuous release by stockiest have weakened the inner tone in the market. Availability in Myanmar is expected to be over 6.5 -7.5 lakh MT, and the extended import timeline by India till June-2022 from the previous deadline of March-2022 would ensure ample availability in India.

Apart from it, arrivals from the south Indian states have started from the end of February. The new crop from Myanmar too would hit India in March. So, the traders, stockiest and millers are very cautious to go for bulk buying. All these factors are pushing prices down. The price gap between the imported & local crops is contracting and it may settle and stabilize after a decline by Rs. 200 - 300 more. Demand is yet to pick up. This year the local production has been pegged at 22.91 lakh MT crop against 24.19 lakh MT last year. The import volume may increase to over 5.25 lakh MT against 3.20 lakh MT last year during Aug to Jul (MY). The overall tone seems steady to

slightly weak in Feb. Prices decreased in Mumbai by 7.5 % to Rs 5900 and Chennai by Rs 8% 5700 last week. It may touch to Rs 5400-5500

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

Date	Arrival (Quintals)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
4	1	6,156	6,156	6,156
5	2	5,211	5,211	5,211
7	2	5,111	5,211	5,211
10	5	5,559	5,559	5,559
12	3	3,859	4,259	4,259
14	7	4,311	4,359	4,359
18	1	4,311	4,311	4,311
25	4	4,561	4,561	4,561
26	2	4,411	5,759	4,609
28	2	4,459	4,459	4,459

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

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expects that Black gram may trade in price range between Rs. 6000 - 6100 per quintal in the month of March 2022.