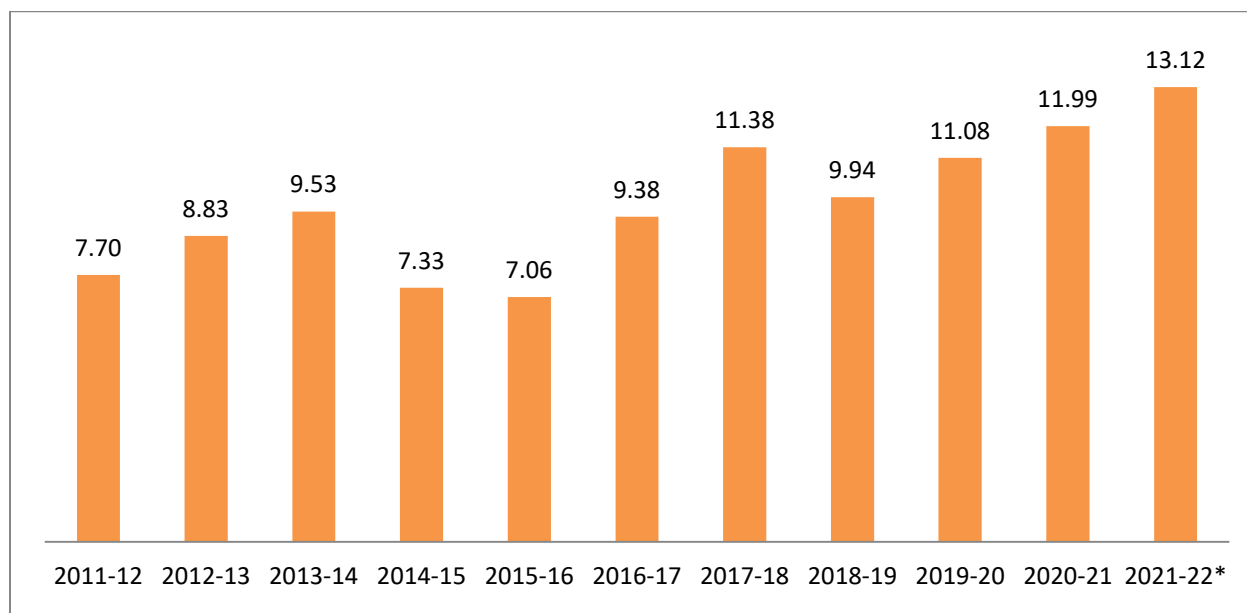


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India is the largest producer of bengalgram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 10 to 11 million tonnes and contributes around 70 percent of the total world production. Bengalgram is the most largely produced pulse crop in 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 1.54 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 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	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	141481	349607	100.00	154878	382711	100.00

Source: www.agri.telangana.gov.in

Table 4: State wise wholesale prices of Bengalgram during April 2022

State	Prices April, 2022	Prices March, 2022	Prices April, 2021	% Change(Over Previous Month)	% Change(Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	4586.27	4149.76	4595.47	10.52	-0.2
Chattisgarh	4476.27	4631.18	4886.31	-3.34	-8.39
Gujarat	4590.76	4499.03	4630.99	2.04	-0.87
Karnataka	5225.13	5093.56	5541.68	2.58	-5.71
Kerala	6465.77	6530.44	6581.25	-0.99	-1.75
Madhya Pradesh	4721.73	4806.13	5106.31	-1.76	-7.53
Maharashtra	4695.5	4606.64	5096.83	1.93	-7.87
Manipur	8216.61	8390.58		-2.07	—
NCT of Delhi		5151.14		—	—
Rajasthan	4752.93	4674.6	5063.49	1.68	-6.13
Telangana	5227.66	5009.37	4983.39	4.36	4.9
Uttar Pradesh	4962.46	5132.39	5181.55	-3.31	-4.23
Uttarakhand	5882.09	6824.87		-13.81	—
West Bengal	6356.29	6558.3		-3.08	—
Average	5396.88	5432.71	5166.73		

Source: www.agmarknet.gov.in

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

Date	Arrival (Quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
4	201.5	4,716	4,360	4,696
6	322	4,750	4,570	4,665
7	154.5	4,750	4,350	4,701
8	275	4,781	4,410	4,721
9	140.5	4,748	4,516	4,681
11	229.5	4,708	4,210	4,625
18	7,511	4,612	4,313	4,550
19	261.5	4,590	4,210	4,502
20	192	4,562	4,475	4,551
21	129	4,521	3,759	4,465
23	202	4,556	4,360	4,472
25	144	4,500	4,200	4,328
26	166.5	4,508	4,250	4,508
27	84	4,518	4,340	4,472
29	79	4,520	3,659	4,421

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Bengalgram cash market traded down by 0.5 to 1% in various markets. The reason behind weak momentum was the weak buying interest and poor off take by mills. Prices are expected to improve now as demand is bound to go up with the beginning of ongoing smooth procurement drive. State agencies, including NAFED have procured over 11 lakh MT so far. Under the prevailing market fundamentals may move towards MSP level of Rs. 5230 soon. Beyond that level market may face resistance as there are ample old stocks, and it will continue to enter into markets. In various markets, is trading at Rs 4850-5050. It may move up by Rs100-150 in the coming weeks.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expects that Bengalgram may trade in price range between Rs. 4600 - 4800 per quintal in the month of May 2022.