

VANAKALAM (KHARIF) 2022-23 PRE-HARVEST PRICE FORECAST OF GROUNDNUT

Groundnut Price per Quintal will be around Rs. 5400-5800 at the Time of Harvesting (October to December 2022)

Groundnut is an important oilseed crop in India which occupies first position in terms of area and second position in terms of production after soyabean. China ranks first in groundnut production with 18.05 million tonnes followed by India 9.95 million tonnes, Nigeria 4.49 lakh tonnes, United States of America 2.78 million tonnes and Sudan 2.77 million tonnes accounting for 34, 19, 8, 5 and 5 percent of total world production of 53.69 million tonnes in 2020-21. According to the 4th advance estimates, groundnut production estimate (kharif and rabi) was 10.10 million tonnes for 2021-22 as against 10.24 million tonnes in 2020-21.

In Oct'21-June'22, India's Groundnut export went down by 19% to 4.51 Lakh tonnes as compared to 5.58 Lakh tonnes same period last year. Low demand from China attributed to the lower exports, while there is good demand from South East Asian countries like Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines.

In India, during kharif 2022-23 groundnut was sown in around 45.35 lakh hectares (112.07 lakh acres) which was 7.34 per cent less than the corresponding period of last year 58.94 lakh ha (120.94 lakh acres). In major producing state Gujarat, it was sown in 17.08 lakh hectares (42.21 lakh acres) followed by Rajasthan 7.90 lakh ha (19.52 lakh acres), Andhra Pradesh 5.38 lakh ha (13.30 lakh acres), Madhya Pradesh 4.50 lakh ha (11.12 lakh acres) and Karnataka 3.70 lakh ha (9.14 lakh acres). MSP for groundnut has been increased by Rs. 300 to Rs. 5850 per quintal for marketing season 2022-23 from Rs.5550 per quintal in 2021-22.

In Telangana, groundnut has been sown in around 14,996 acres as on 7th September 2022. Among the districts, Jogulamba Gadwal stood first in groundnut sown area with 5,980 acres followed by Warangal (3529 acres), Wanaparthy (2878 acres), Suryapet (535 acres) and B. Kothagudem (352 acres). According to the 4th advance estimates, Telangana groundnut production estimate was 3.73 lakh tonnes (kharif 0.25 lakh tonnes and rabi 3.48 lakh tonnes) for 2021-22 as against 2.90 lakh tonnes (kharif 0.24 lakh tonnes and rabi 2.66 lakh tonnes) in 2020-21.

The Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre established under a research project for development of price forecasting mechanism in the Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad at Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University with the financial support of Agricultural Marketing Department, Telangana State has assessed 2022-23 vanakalam (kharif) pre-harvest price forecast of groundnut. Considering the present crop area coverage and its condition, it is predicted that the groundnut price per quintal will be around **Rs. 5400-5800** at the time of harvesting (October to December 2022). This price forecast is based on the monthly modal price of groundnut obtained for 20 years from Gadwal regulated market using econometric models like ARIMA, SARIMA, ARCH and GARCH and also the market survey. Gadwal and Wanaparty are the two major groundnut markets in Telangana.

Note: There may be any possible deviation of the actual prices from the predicted prices in light of tentative developments in the commodity markets such as change in international prices, export or import restrictions, etc. And these price forecasts are based on past market price data & different econometric models and that actual market price may not turn out to be the same as forecasted.