

VANAKALAM (KHARIF) 2023-24 PRE-SOWING PRICE FORECAST OF GROUNDNUT

Groundnut Price per Quintal will be around Rs. 5600-5900 at the Time of Harvesting (October to December 2023)

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 18.36 million tonnes followed by India 10.24 million tonnes, Nigeria 4.61 lakh tonnes, United States of America 2.90 million tonnes and Sudan 2.36 million tonnes accounting for 34, 19, 9, 5 and 4 percent of total world production of 53.97 million tonnes in 2020-21. According to the second advance estimates of 2022-23, Government of India groundnut production is estimated at 85.82 lakh tonnes as compared to 84.34 lakh tonnes in 2021-22.

In Oct'22-Jan'23, India's Groundnut export went up by 30% to 3.21 lakh tonnes as compared to 2.46 lakh tonnes same period last year. Good demand from South East Asian countries like Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines pushed groundnut prices higher. In Oct'22-Feb'22, India's Groundnut oil export recorded up by 807% to 76,823 tonnes as compared to 8,466 tonnes previous year same period. The higher exports can be attributed to good demand from China.

In India, during kharif 2022-23 groundnut was sown in around 45.59 lakh hectares as compared to last year (49.44 lakh ha). Among the states, Gujarat stood first in area coverage with 17.09 lakh ha followed by Rajasthan (7.90 lakh ha), Andhra Pradesh (5.47 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (4.50 lakh ha), Karnataka (3.73 lakh ha) and Telangana (0.08 lakh ha).

In Telangana, groundnut is a major oilseed crop in yasangi (rabi) season although little area is cultivated in vanakalam (kharif) season for seed purpose. During 2022-23, Groundnut has been sown in around 20,455 acres. Among the districts, Wanaparthy stood first in groundnut sown area with 7,360 acres followed by Gadwal (5980 acres) Warangal (3529 acres), B. Kothagudem (1162 acres) and B. Nagarkurnool (333 acres). According to the 3rd advance estimates, Telangana groundnut production estimate was 2.50 lakh tonnes (kharif 0.20 lakh tonnes and rabi 2.30 lakh tonnes) for 2022-23 as against 3.49 lakh tonnes (kharif 0.25 lakh tonnes and rabi 3.24 lakh tonnes) in 2021-22.

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 2023-24 vanakalam (kharif) pre-sowing price forecast of groundnut. Under expected normal rainfall and crop area coverage, it is predicted that the groundnut price per quintal will be around **Rs. 5600-5900** at the time of harvesting (October to December 2023). 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.