

BENGAL GRAM PRICE WILL BE IN THE RANGE OF Rs.3000-3200 /Q AT RABI (2014-15) HARVEST

India imports modest quality to fulfill domestic pulse requirement and export little quantity of Bengal gram only to such countries, where population of Indian population resides. India exports to USA, UK, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Sri-Lanka, Malaysia etc. India imports from Myanmar, Tanzania, Iran, Canada, Pakistan, Turkey etc. India is the world's largest producer, consumer and importer of pulses in the world.

India is the largest producer of Bengal gram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 6 to 8 million tonnes and contributes around 70% of the total world production. Bengal gram is the most largely produced pulse crop in India accounting to a share of 40% of the total pulse production. India produces mostly the Desi type Bengal gram. This crop is grown in the drier areas of the country as they are best suited for its production. Madhya Pradesh produces the major share of around 40% in the country. Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan follow Madhya Pradesh contributing to 16% and 14% of production respectively.

It is seeded in the months of September to November (Rabi Season) in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The maturity period of desi type Bengal gram is 95-105 days. Harvesting of the plant is done when its leaves start drying and shedding and can be done directly or with the help of a harvester. In Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, it is harvested in February, March and April.

To know Rabi harvest prices of Bengal gram , econometric analysis of modal prices of maize in Kurnool market for a period of 12 years was undertaken by the Network Project on Market Intelligence (NPMI) in the Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Hyderabad. The outcome of the analysis along with traders' survey has indicated that the maize price per quintal will be around **Rs.3000-3200/q** by the time of harvesting (feb, 2015).