

## **RABI PRE-SOWING PRICE FORECASTS FOR 2015-16**

### **CHILLI PRICE PER QUINTAL WILL BE AROUND RS 8,600-8,900 AT THE TIME OF HARVESTING**

Heavy purchase by China and Bangladesh last year has created pressure on chilli stocks and has lifted the price. Chilli exports in 2014-15 touched a record 3, 47,000 tonnes valued at Rs 3,517.10 crore. This time it remains to be seen how export will pan out. China's domestic chilli consumption has gone up so much that its production is insufficient to meet the demand and hence they are forced to buy from other sources like India. The annual chilli production in the country is about 13-14 lakh tonnes. Rising prices have led to hoarding, which in turn affects supply and boost prices further.

The price forecast was made at the network project on market intelligence, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, PJTSAU, Hyderabad based on the econometric analysis done on the price of chillies that prevailed in the Guntur regulated market and the expected price at the time of harvest would be in the range of **Rs. 8,600-8,900 /q** by the time of harvesting (February to April 2016)

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**BENGALGRAM PRICE PER QUINTAL WILL BE AROUND Rs. 4200-4400/q,  
AT THE TIME OF HARVESTING**

India is the largest producer of Bengalgram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 6 to 8 million tonnes and contributes around 70% of the total world production. Bengalgram is the most largely produced pulse crop in India accounting to a share of 40% of the total pulse production.

This crop is grown in the dry 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.

This year, the government has started importing pulses after a gap of two years. Pulses imports done largely through private traders. India imports more than 60% Bengalgram from Australia and this year contracted for about 4 lakh tonnes. The weather condition for chickpea production in Australia reported to be favorable and harvest of new season desi Bengalgram will start in September. The prices in Australia have firmed up during the growing season on anticipation of good export demand from India. According to trade sources, the FOB prices at Australia touched \$800 per tonne for the new season Bengalgram. As per 4th Advance Estimates for 2014-15, Bengalgram production is estimated at 7.17 million tonnes against 7.59 mt in 3rd estimate. According to the latest govt. data, country has imported about over 1 lakh tonnes of Bengalgram in during first two months of 2015-16. In 2014-15, Indian imported 4.19 lakh tonnes, which is more than 51.8 per cent higher than the quantity imported in the entire 2013-14. Total import of Bengalgram in 2013-14 stood at 2.76 lakh tonnes.

To know Rabi harvest prices of Bengal gram, econometric analysis of modal prices of maize in Kurnool market for a period of 13 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 Bengalgram price per quintal will be around **Rs. 4200-4400** by the time of harvesting (Feb, 2016).

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