

## **RABI PRE-SOWING PRICE FORECASTS FOR 2016-17**

### **CHILLI PRICE PER QUINTAL WILL BE AROUND RS 10200 - 10600 AT THE TIME OF HARVESTING (FEBRAURY TO APRIL 2017)**

Chilli production may touch a new peak in India this year as area under the crop has risen 30 to 40 per cent. The price of the largest exported spice from India touched an all-time high of Rs 150 per kg a few months ago, which has prompted growers in the main producing regions of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka to go for increased sowing. The total chilli crop in the country is around 14 lakh tonne as per data of the spices board. Prices spurred by demand from China and a 15 per cent shortfall in output from the previous year are now hovering between Rs 110 and Rs 140 per kg. Right now, the rains have been just enough for the crop. The prices may also drop further if it rains more. Export demand has slowed with the harvest in China. India had record chilli exports in 2015-16. Though volumes went up marginally, value increased 12 per cent over the previous year to about Rs 4,000 crore.

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 would be in the range of **Rs. 10200 - 10600 /q** by the time of harvesting (February to April 2017)

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**BENGALGRAM PRICE PER QUINTAL WILL BE AROUND Rs. 4200 - 4500/q, AT THE TIME OF HARVESTING (FEBRUARY 2017)**

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 leads in production with a major share of around 40% in the country. Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan respectively follow Madhya Pradesh contributing to 16% and 14% of total country's production.

India imported pulses worth \$3.90 billion in 2015-16, as against \$2.78 billion in the previous financial year. In quantity terms, pulses imports in 2015-16 stood at 5.79 mt as against 4.58 mt in 2014-15.

To know Rabi 2016 - 17 harvest prices of Bengal gram, an econometric analysis of modal prices of Bengalgram in Kurnool market for a period of 14 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 - 4500** by the time of harvesting (Feb, 2017).

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