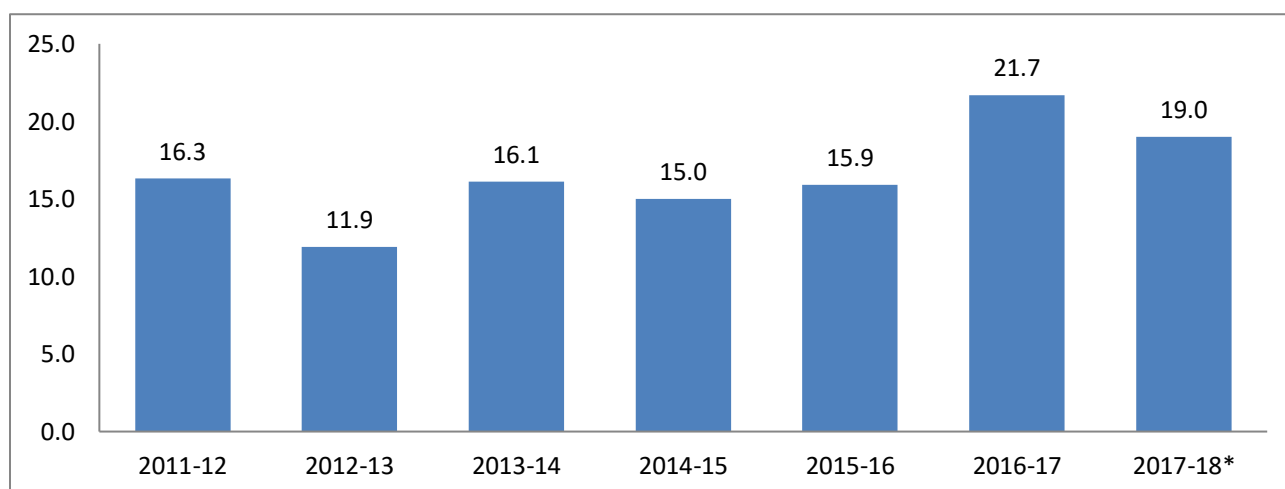


Greengram Outlook – August 2018

Greengram is an important pulse crop in India and believed to be originated from India. It is short duration legume crop grown mostly as a fallow crop in rotation with rice. Similar to the leguminous pulses, greengram enriches soil nitrogen content. It is grown mostly in Asian region traditionally, while its cultivation has spread to Africa and America relatively in the recent times. India contributes more than 70% of world's greengram production.

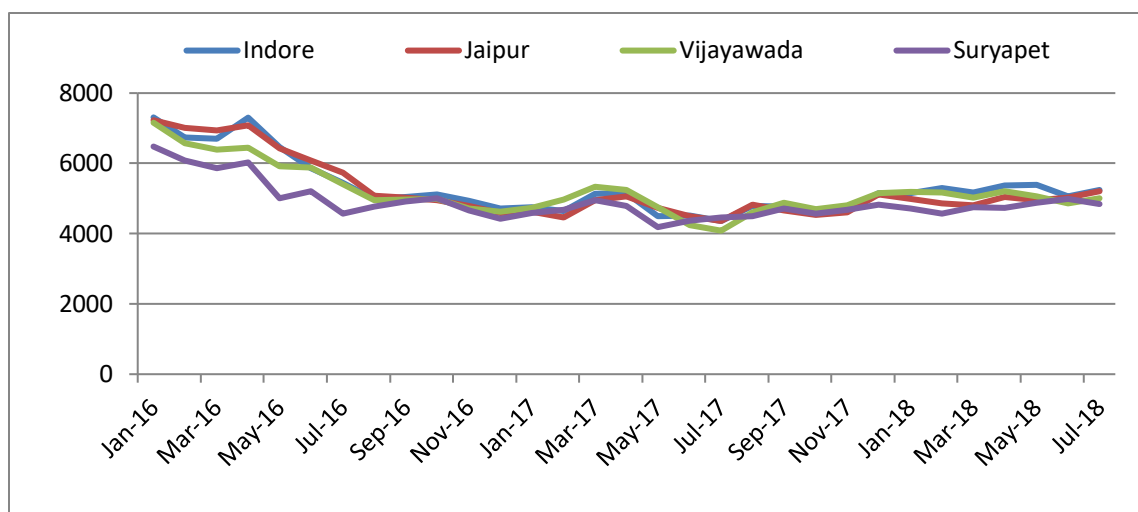
In India during 2018-19, about 28.89 lakh ha area was covered under greengram. The states of Rajasthan (15.86 lakh ha), Karnataka (3.80 lakh ha), Maharashtra (3.38 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (1.71 lakh ha) and Telangana (0.66 lakh ha) are the major producers of greengram in India. The major greengram growing districts in Telangana are Suryapet, Sangareddy, Vikarabad, Mahbubabad, Khammam and Medak.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), *3rd Advance Estimates

Figure 1: Production of Greengram in India (in lakh tonnes)

Greengram production in 2017-18 is expected to decrease to 19.0 lakh tonnes from 21.7 lakh tonnes in the year 2016-17 as per third advance estimate of Directorate of Economics and Statistics.



Source: www.agriwatch.com, agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Figure 2: Average monthly prices of greengram in major markets of India (Rs/q)

All major markets of greengram in the country were found to be integrated as indicated by the price movement in Figure 2. The prices which were about Rs. 7000 per quintal during April 2016 started declining to around Rs. 4500 in March 2017 and since then fluctuating in the range of Rs. 4500 to Rs.5000 till date. Currently, greengram is being traded in all major markets of country at around Rs. 5000 per quintal while, the MSP (2018-19) is Rs. 6976 per quintal. Compared to all markets in India, greengram was traded at a lower price in Suryapet market.

Table 1: Prices and arrivals of Greengram in Khammam market during July 2018

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
3	5.8	4350	4652	4400
4	9.5	4650	4750	4700
5	9.5	4500	4775	4550
7	0.4	3500	3500	3500
9	1.1	4000	4950	4500
11	1.1	4000	4700	4300
12	0.2	4900	4900	4900
14	3.5	3000	5100	4680
16	2.7	3000	5200	4950
17	1.4	4500	5251	5100
18	1.3	4000	5000	4600
19	1.9	5000	5200	5100
30	0.3	4000	5100	4500
31	3.4	3500	5050	4850

Source: agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Despite higher MSP, market is unlikely to move up from current level as there is sufficient stock in private as well as government hands. Kharif greengram area has increased and will continue to increase. This means higher production is expected this year too. However, government would buy greengram at MSP Rs. 6975 per quintal, so market is unlikely to move lower. Normal trade might be seen in weeks ahead.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that greengram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4800 - 5000 per quintal in the month of August 2018.