

Forecast Report for January to March & April to June 2018

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Tur Price Forecast for January to March & April to June 2018

India is the largest producer and consumer of tur in the world. The average spot prices of tur in the Akola market are lying in the range of Rs. 3800 to 4400 per quintal in APMC markets nationally. As per the Govt. of India's published crop situation report, recorded tur sowing area is 42.81 lakh hectares. Previous year it was 52.19 lakh hectares. Around 18% decrease in tur area under cultivation as on date.

Government has released first advance estimate of production for Kharif Marketing Season 2017-18, expected tur production is 39.9 lakh tones. Last year it was 47.8 lakh tones. Due to bumper production the prices are likely to fall further below MSP. As per the information given by farmers, FPO's and APMC officials the prices of tur will lie below MSP in open market.

The market is influenced by last year's inventory, imported stocks, lying in various ports and bumper production this year.

The minimum support price (MSP) for the year 2017-18 is Rs. 5,450 /Qtl.

During the years 2017, the average prices of Tur in the Akola market for the months of January – March and April - June were as follows-

Year	Period	Price (Rs. Per qtl.)
2017	January - March	4323/-
	April - June	3781/-

Based on the present market sentiments, the price of tur in Akola market in the months of **January - March** and **April - June 2018** is expected in the range of **Rs. 3600 to 4200 per qtl.**

Gram Price Forecast for January to March 2018

Gram, one of the major pulses cultivated and consumed in India, is also known as Bengal gram. Gram is a major and cheap source of protein compared to animal protein. Gram is the third most important pulse crop in the world. It accounts for 20% of the world pulses production. Six countries including India, Australia, Turkey, Myanmar, Pakistan and Ethiopia account for about 90% of world Gram production. India is the major producing country for Gram, contributing for over 75% of total production in the world. Gram accounts for about 40 - 50% of total pulses produced in the country.

Crop Season – It is an important rabi crop mainly sown in September-November and harvested in February. Crop duration is 90-120 days.

As per the latest Govt. of India's reports the area under Gram is 99 lakh hectares as on 22 Dec.2017. Previous year it was 87.70 lakh hectares. Around 14% increase in area under cultivation.

Estimated production in 2017-18 is 97.50 lakh tonnes. Last year it was 93.30 lakh tonnes. The market is influenced by last year's inventory, imported stocks, lying in various ports and bumper production this year.

The minimum support price (MSP) for the year 2017-18 is Rs.4,400 per qtl.

Based on the present market sentiments, the price of Gram in Bikaner market in the months of January - March 2018 is expected in the range of **Rs. 3800 to 4200 per qtl.**

Soybean Price Forecast for January to March & April to June 2018

Soybean (*Glycine max L.*) is an important oilseed crop of the world. The major soybean producing countries are the United States of America, Brazil, Argentina, China and India. The soybean contains 40-45 percent protein and 17-18 percent oil. The soymeal is widely used as a source of animal feed. The estimates of world soybean production for 2017-18 is 348.57 Million Tonnes (USDA-WASDE, Jan-2018), previous year it was 351.32 Million Tonnes. In India, Soybean production is estimated 10 Million Tonnes, previous year it was 11.50 Million Tonnes.

The estimates of Maharashtra soybean production for 2017-18 is 35.98 lakh Tonnes, previous year, it was 46.23 lakh Tonnes. Which is 22.17 percent less than last year. The Government has increased import duty on edible oils. The import duty in soybean oil has raised from 17.50 percent to 30 percent and increased incentive in export of soymeal from 5 percent to 7 percent. The prices of soybean during the last three months in Indore market has experienced increasing trend. The average spot prices during the month of November, December 2017 and January 2018 is Rs.3058 per qtl. The Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 2017-18 is Rs.3050 per qtl. During the last two years, the average prices of Soybean in Indore market for the month of January to March was as follows: -

Marketing Year	Jan to March Prices (Rs. Per qtl.)	April to June Prices (Rs. Per qtl.)
2015-16	3793	4060
2016-17	3039	3000

The futures (closing) prices for Soybean as on 19th January 2018 in NCDEX is as follows: -

Delivery Month	Price (Rs. Per quintal)
20-Feb-18	3,365
20-Mar-18	3,406
20-April-18	3,453
20-May-18	3,504

Based on the econometric analysis of past data and the present market sentiments, the average price of soybean in the market for the months of **January to March 2018** is expected to be in between **Rs.3100 to Rs.3400 per qtl.**, and in the month of **April to June 2018** is expected to be in between **Rs.3400 to Rs.3700 per qtl.** This forecast will be revised monthly. Next forecast will be published in February 2018.

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Maize Price Forecast for January to March 2018

Maize production in India contributed 2.6 % of the global production in the year 2016-17. This constitutes 73% during kharif season and balance during Rabi season production. The prices of Maize are influenced by quality, moisture, supply and demand conditions. The spot average prices of Maize in the Nizamabad market during last 25 days is Rs. 1,300 per qtl.

This year as per 4th estimate of GOI (2016-17), Maize production is 26.26 million tones in India. This is 19 % increase over previous year. As per Kharif Marketing Season 17-18, area sown is 7.96 mln hectres as compared to 8.30 mln in previous year as per information received from Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers welfare. The first estimate indicated is 18.63 Million MT for coming Kharif season. Arrivals are there in Telengana/Karnataka belt with higher moisture content.

The minimum support price (MSP) for the Kharif Marketing Season 2016-17 was Rs.1,365. The MSP for Kharif Marketing Season 2017-18 is Rs. 1425.

Year and Month	Price (Rs. per qtl.)
January - March 2017	1,507
April – June 2017	1,572

During the last years, the average prices of Maize in the Nizamabad market for the months of Jan – Mar and Apr - June were as follows-

The futures prices for Maize as on January, 2018 in NCDEX is as follows:

Delivery Month	Price (Rs. Per quintal)
20 February 2018	1,309
20 March 2018	1,315
20 April 2018	1,322
18 May 2018 (Rabi)	1,165

Based on the econometric analysis of past data and the present market sentiments, the average price of Maize in the months of **January to March 2018** is expected to be in between **Rs.1300 to Rs.1500 per qtl.** and in the months of **April to June 2018** is expected to be in between **Rs.1200 to Rs.1500 per qtl.**

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Onion Price Forecast for February 2018

Onion is an important commercial vegetable crop. The onion prices experience very high volatility due to perishable in nature. The average price of Onion during December 2017 and January 2018 was Rs. 2970 per qtl.

India is second largest producer of onion in the world after China with 20% share in the total world production (FAO, 2014). In India, Maharashtra is a largest Onion producing state with contribution of 28% followed by Karnataka (17%) and Madhya Pradesh (15%).

As per National Horticulture Board (NHB) 1st Advanced estimates, area under Onion is expected to be around 11.96 lakh hectares in 2017-18, as compared to 13.06 lakh hectares during the previous year. The major onion producing districts of Maharashtra are Nashik, Pune, Satara, Jalgaon, Dhule, Ahmednagar, Nagpur and Solapur.

Based on the time series analysis of past data and the present market sentiments, the expected average price of onion in Lasalgaon market for the month of **February 2018** is expected to be in between **Rs 1700 to Rs. 2500 per qtl**. This forecast will be publish for next monthly. The next forecast will be published in February, 2018

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Tomato Price Forecast for February 2018

Tomato is an important commercial and dietary vegetable crop. From commercial point of view, it is a short duration, high-yielding, remunerative crop at the same time highly perishable in nature. The average prices of Tomato in Pune market during December 2017 and January 2018 was Rs. 800 per qtl.

India is second largest producer of tomato in the world after China with 8% share in the world production (FAO, 2014). Maharashtra rank tenth for the production of tomato (NHB, 2014-15). The major Tomato producing states are Madhya Pradesh (13%), Karnataka (12%), Andhra Pradesh (9%), Orissa (8.4%) and Gujarat (7.7%). The major Tomato producing districts of Maharashtra are Nashik, Pune, Satara, Ahmednagar, Nagpur and Sangli.

According to the 1st Advance Estimates of National Horticultural Board (NHB), the area under tomato is estimated in India during the year 2017-18 is expected to be around 8.01 lakh hectares as compared to 7.97 Lakh hectares during the previous year. With reference to Tomato production, it is estimated to be 22 million tonnes in 2016-17 as against 20.7 million tonnes during previous year.

Based on the time series analysis of past data, traders survey and the present market sentiments, the expected average price of Tomato in Pune market for the months of **February 2018** is expected to be in between **Rs.400 to Rs. 800 per qtl**. This forecast will be publishing on monthly basis. The next forecast will be published in February, 2018.

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