PATTERN OF PRICES AND MARKET INTEGRATION OF MAJOR PULSE CROPS IN GUJARAT

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Abstract: The study has analyzed price and arrivals pattern and market integration of major pulse crops i.e. gram and tur in Gujarat state. The secondary data on monthly wholesale prices and arrivals were collected from the website of agmarknet.gov.in of selected regulated markets for last ten years (2007 to 2016). The study has indicated that the inter-year price analysis shows upward trend of annual price indices and there was a significant increase in the price of gram and tur in all the selected markets with positive and statistically significant compound growth rate during the study period. The intra-year price analysis revealed that the general pattern of seasonal variations in prices were found with increased the prices in off season and decreased in main season all most in all the selected markets in both the crops. The pattern of arrivals shows that the quantity of arrival was more in off season in the selected markets. This may be due to that the stockiest released their stocks with the commencement of new season. The results of market integration exposed that there was positive and significant correlation was found for each market pairs that means the wholesale prices of gram and tur was integrated in all the selected markets. Thus, it can be inferred from the above results that the prices increased in one market, it leads to increase the prices in other markets.

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