



**United Republic of Tanzania
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Agricultural Marketing Section**

Weekly Market Bulletin

12th - 16th February, 2024

Key Messages

Food crops: wholesale prices for food crops this week have been varying at different rates compared to price level last week. Price of finger millet increased by 6.3%, price of rice and beans decreased by 4.3% and 4.2% respectively, while prices of maize, sorghum, bulrush millet and round potato remained constant.

Horticulture: The period of 09th – 14th February, 2024 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of green pepper, onions, watermelon, cucumber, pineapple and tomato increased 47.6%, 33.2%, 24.9%, 22.7%, 12.0% and 6.2% respectively.

Cocoa: Total sales were 8,720,040 kilograms with a total value of TZS 79 billion for the week ended 12th February, 2024.

Cashew nut: Until 05th January 2023/24 trade season total sales of raw cashew nut was 241,477,696 kilograms with a total value of TZS 433 billion.

Table 1: National weekly average wholesale prices (TZS/kg)

Previous week	05 -09 February 2024		Current week	12 -16 February 2024				
	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
National Average	Current	700	2,300	2,400	1,400	1,600	1,600	900
	Previous	700	2,400	2,500	1,400	1,600	1,500	900
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.3%	▼ 4.2%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 6.3%	▶ 0.0%

Table 2: Regional weekly average wholesale market prices (TZS/ kg)

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Dodoma	Current	600	-	-	500	-	-	-
	Previous	700	2,700	2,900	700	-	-	800
	Change	▼16.7%			▼40.0%			
Arusha	Current	600	2,900	2,300	1,400	-	1,600	800
	Previous	700	2,700	2,000	1,400	-	1,500	800
	Change	▼16.7%	▲6.9%	▲13.0%	▶0.0%		▲6.3%	▶0.0%
Dar es Salaam	Current	1,000	2,400	2,900	1,000	1,200	-	900
	Previous	1,000	2,400	3,000	1,100	-	-	-
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼3.4%	▼10.0%			
Lindi	Current	1,000	2,800	3,800	2,500	2,900	1,900	700
	Previous	1,000	2,800	2,700	2,500	2,900	1,900	700
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲28.9%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Morogoro	Current	900	2,400	2,700	1,600	1,800	1,800	800
	Previous	800	2,600	2,800	1,300	-	1,800	600
	Change	▲11.1%	▼8.3%	▼3.7%	▲18.8%		▶0.0%	▲25.0%
Tanga	Current	1,100	2,400	2,600	1,300	1,800	2,000	1,000
	Previous	900	2,400	2,500	-	1,200	1,500	600
	Change	▲18.2%	▶0.0%	▲3.8%		▲33.3%	▲25.0%	▲40.0%
Iringa	Current	600	2,400	2,500	1,300	-	-	600
	Previous	600	2,400	2,500	1,300	-	-	700
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%			▼16.7%
Ruvuma	Current	600	2,300	2,400	-	-	-	700
	Previous	600	2,300	-	-	-	-	500
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%					▲28.6%
Tabora	Current	700	2,400	2,600	-	-	-	800
Rukwa	Current	600	2,200	1,600	-	-	700	-
	Previous	700	2,200	1,900	-	-	800	-
	Change	▼16.7%	▶0.0%	▼18.8%			▼14.3%	
Kigoma	Current	800	2,200	2,400	1,000	-	-	700
	Previous	800	2,300	-	1,000	-	-	800
	Change	▶0.0%	▼4.5%		▶0.0%			▼14.3%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Shinyanga	Current	800	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	800
	Previous	800	2,100	2,100	-	-	-	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 5.0%	▼ 5.0%				▶ 0.0%
Mwanza	Current	800	2,100	2,100	1,400	-	-	800
	Previous	800	2,300	2,100	1,500	-	-	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 9.5%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 7.1%			
Kagera	Current	700	2,800	2,000	1,600	-	-	800
	Previous	800	2,800	2,300	1,700	-	-	800
	Change	▼ 12.5%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 13.0%	▼ 5.9%			▶ 0.0%
Mara	Current	500	2,100	2,400	1,100	2,000	2,000	1,000
	Previous	600	2,200	2,600	1,100	2,000	2,000	1,000
	Change	▼ 20.0%	▼ 4.8%	▼ 8.3%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Manyara	Current	600	2,800	2,800	-	-	-	1,000
Njombe	Current	600	2,500	2,200	800	-	1,200	500
	Previous	600	2,400	2,200	-	-	1,200	500
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 4.0%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Katavi	Current	700	2,000	2,100	3,000	-	-	1,500
	Previous	700	2,000	2,300	3,000	-	-	1,600
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 9.5%	▶ 0.0%			▼ 6.7%
Mbeya	Current	500	2,200	2,300	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	2,200	2,300	-	-	-	-
	Change	▼ 20.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%				
Singida	Current	600	2,100	2,100	500	400	900	-
	Previous	600	2,100	2,400	500	400	900	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 14.3%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	
Geita	Current	800	1,900	2,900	2,300	-	-	-
	Previous	700	2,100	3,000	-	-	-	2,500
	Change	▲ 12.5%	▼ 10.5%	▼ 3.4%				
Songwe	Current	500	2,400	1,400	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	-	2,400	-	-	-	-
	Change	▼ 20.0%		▼ 71.4%				
Simiyu	Current	700	2,000	2,600	1,100	1,900	1,900	700
	Previous	800	-	2,600	-	-	-	-
	Change	▼ 14.3%		▶ 0.0%				

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, 2024

Notes:

- ✓ Unit of measurement: for food crops are in TZS per 100kg.
- ✓ The symbols (▲▼▶) depict the direction of price changes. (▲) price increased; (▼) price decreased; (▶) no change in price.
- ✓ (-) means data not available.

Table 3: Average Retail prices (TZS) for Horticulture products for a week of 09th - 14th February, 2024

Region	Tomato (40 Kg Crate)	Onion (100 Kg Sack)	Watermelon (Kg)	Pineapple (Kg)	Green Pepper (50 Kg Sack)	Cucumber (100 Kg Sack)
Nairobi	44,000	220,000	660	770	113,667	187,000
Mombasa	47,300	286,550	550	1,550	112,750	159,500
Zanzibar	83,333	390,000	1,000	550	183,333	108,000
Dar es salaam	49,167	409,028	633	600	176,528	49,000
Morogoro	60,000	276,667	600	700	50,000	83,333
Mwanza	48,667	322,222	1,083	1,583	31,667	96,667
Arusha	46,500	400,000	800	330	60,000	146,000
Mbeya	49,000	218,333	1,153	903	48,000	124,000
Current week average	53,496	315,350	810	873	96,993	119,188
Previous average	50,364	236,714	649	780	65,694	97,162
Change	▲6.2%	▲33.2%	▲24.9%	▲12.0%	▲47.6%	▲22.7%

Source: TAHA, 2024

Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 12th February, 2024

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
6,240,220	1,776,180	703,640	8,720,040	9,339.42	79,408,772,030.00

Source: Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission, 2024

Table 5: Raw Cashew nut sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 05th January, 2024

Union	Amount (Kgs)	Maximum price (TZS)	Minimum price (TZS)	Value (TZS)
TANECU	74,181,716	2,150	1,500	133,770,196,698
MAMCU	63,038,792	2,135	1,250	106,056,915,122
Lindi Mwambao	15,137,180	2,075	1,500	26,323,818,200
RUNALI	52,553,442	2,190	1,550	102,397,788,753
CORECU	10,546,233	2,120	1,400	18,646,882,860
TAMCU	26,020,333	2,032	1,345	45,575,670,183
UKICU	179,920	1,580	1,570	284,016,800
Total	241,477,696	2,040	1,445	432,771,271,816

Source: Tanzania Cashew Board, 2024

Table 6: Planting and harvesting time for better market price for horticultural crops

Commodity	The appropriate harvesting time	The inappropriate harvesting time	Proper time for planting
Onions	Feb- July	July- Nov	Sept- Dec
Tomatoes	Jan- May	Jun- Dec	Sept- Dec
Green pepper	Feb- Apr.	Jun- Jan.	Oct – Nov
Carrot	Oct- Mar.	Apr- Sept	July- Oct
Cucumber	Feb- May	May- Jan	Dec- Jan
Round potatoes	March- Jun	Jul- Jan	Dec- Feb
Watermelon	Mar- Apr. Oct-Dec	May- Sept, Dec- Feb	Jan- Feb, Aug- Sept
Sweet pepper	Jun- Nov	Dec- May	Feb- March
Ginger	Apr- Jul	Aug - Mar	Dec- Feb

Source: TAHA, 2023

Important updates

- ✓ The Ministry of Agriculture has established an online market platform (M-Kilimo) to facilitate market access by farmers and traders through their mobile phones, how to access services; -
 - ❖ USSD: Dial *152*00# select No. 7 then Na. 2 then follow the instructions
 - ❖ Website: open exts.kilimo.go.tz then select the service

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