



United Republic of Tanzania
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WEEKLY MARKET BULLETIN

Aug 30th- Sep 03rd, 2021

Key Messages

Overall, prices of the main staple food commodities slightly decreased compared to their levels a week earlier with variations observed in spatial markets.

Prices for maize, rice, beans, bulrush millet, finger millet, and round potatoes eased by 3, 4, 2, 7, 7 and 1 percent respectively. Sorghum prices continued to increase by 15% last week and by 0.3 percent this week.

Staple food prices are projected to trend seasonably due to the on-going May-to-August harvesting season which could result in increase in market supply and reduced market prices.

Tobacco: Total sales were 56,057 tons with a total value of USD 86.87 million for the week ended 23rd August.

Cotton: Total sales were 138,482 tons week ended 15th August.

Coffee: Total sales were 10,934 tons with a total value of USD 21.8 Million for the week ended 30th August.

Pigeon peas: Total sales were 4,958 tons with a total value of TZS 6.76 billion for the week ended 25th August.

Table 1: National weekly average wholesale prices (TZS/100 kg bag)

		Weekly Wholesale Market Price Averages						
Previous week	23-27 Aug 2021	Current week 30 Aug-03 Sep						
National Average	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
	Current	41,900	133,100	163,400	87,100	102,600	145,900	59,800
	Previous	43,300	138,500	166,900	86,800	109,500	155,700	60,300
	Change	▼ 3.3%	▼ 4.1%	▼ 2.1%	▲ 0.3%	▼ 6.7%	▼ 6.7%	▼ 0.8%

Table 2: Regional weekly average wholesale market prices (TZS/100 kg bag)

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Dodoma	Current	39,300	142,500	182,500	48,500	48,500	120,000	63,000
	Previous	40,300	142,500	185,000	47,000	46,500	132,500	58,000
	Change	▼ 2.5%	► 0.0%	▼ 1.4%	▲ 3.1%	▲ 4.1%	▼ 10.4%	▲ 7.9%
Arusha	Current	47,500	160,000	155,000	69,000	71,000	NA	42,500
	Previous	46,500	155,000	150,000	67,500	69,000	122,500	47,500
	Change	▲ 2.1%	▲ 3.1%	▲ 3.2%	▲ 2.2%	▲ 2.8%		▼ 11.8%
Dar es Salaam	Current	51,200	155,000	211,700	82,500	76,300	160,000	51,700
	Previous	50,600	155,000	213,000	86,700	76,700	165,000	48,600
	Change	▲ 1.2%	► 0.0%	▼ 0.6%	▼ 5.1%	▼ 0.5%	▼ 3.1%	▲ 6.0%
Tanga	Current	43,100	145,000	160,000	95,000	100,000	NA	45,500
	Previous	43,500	145,000	175,000	95,000	100,000	170,000	47,500
	Change	▼ 0.9%	► 0.0%	▼ 9.4%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%		▼ 4.4%
Ruvuma	Current	27,000	175,000	130,000	NA	NA	NA	73,800
	Previous	27,500	170,000	125,000	NA	NA	NA	72,500
	Change	▼ 1.9%	▲ 2.9%	▲ 3.8%				▲ 1.8%
Iringa	Current	34,000	160,000	145,000	90,000	NA	150,000	50,000
	Previous	34,000	160,000	145,000	NA	NA	NA	50,000
	Change	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%				► 0.0%
Njombe	Current	36,500	145,000	152,000	NA	NA	125,500	31,300
	Previous week	40,000	215,000	175,000	NA	NA	160,000	42,800
	Change	▼ 9.6%	▼ 48.3%	▼ 15.1%			▼ 27.5%	▼ 36.7%
Rukwa	Current	34,300	105,000	173,800	NA	NA	142,500	65,000
	Previous	34,000	100,000	167,500	NA	NA	125,000	65,000
	Change	▲ 0.9%	▲ 4.8%	▲ 3.6%			▲ 12.3%	► 0.0%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Katavi	Current	31,300	90,000	175,000	60,000	NA	165,000	45,000
	Previous	34,500	97,500	175,000	60,000	NA	165,000	45,000
	Change	▼ 10.2%	▼ 8.3%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%		► 0.0%	► 0.0%
Tabora	Current	35,500	102,500	170,000	145,000	NA	175,000	62,500
	Previous	35,500	102,500	170,000	145,000	NA	175,000	62,500
	Change	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%		► 0.0%	► 0.0%
Kigoma	Current	47,200	88,500	135,000	80,000	NA	150,000	55,000
	Previous	44,500	110,000	145,000	100,000	100,000	150,000	55,000
	Change	▲ 5.7%	▼ 24.3%	▼ 7.4%	▼ 25.0%		► 0.0%	► 0.0%
Kagera	Current	54,500	135,000	130,000	125,000	127,500	150,000	60,000
	Previous	53,500	130,000	130,000	NA	160,000	140,000	58,500
	Change	▲ 1.8%	▲ 3.7%	► 0.0%		▼ 25.5%	▲ 6.7%	▲ 2.5%
Mara	Current	62,500	105,000	195,000	62,500	190,000	125,000	92,500
	Previous	62,500	102,500	195,000	62,500	190,000	190,000	92,500
	Change	► 0.0%	▲ 2.4%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	▼ 52.0%	► 0.0%
Manyara	Current	45,000	150,000	135,000	70,000	90,000	125,000	62,500
	Previous	45,000	150,000	135,000	70,000	90,000	190,000	57,500
	Change	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	▼ 52.0%	▲ 8.0%
Shinyanga	Current	43,500	110,000	177,500	115,000	105,000	115,000	85,000
	Previous	43,500	110,000	185,000	72,500	72,500	105,000	85,000
	Change	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	▼ 4.2%	▲ 37.0%	▲ 31.0%	▲ 8.7%	► 0.0%
Mtwara	Current	40,000	145,000	167,500	57,500	NA	180,000	57,500
	Previous	40,000	145,000	177,500	70,000	NA	NA	57,500
	Change	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	▼ 6.0%	▼ 21.7%			► 0.0%

Notes:

- ✓ Unit of measurement: for food crops are in TZS per 100kg.
- ✓ Commodity prices varies according to quality and variety.
- ✓ The symbols (▲▼►) depict the direction of price changes. (▲) price increased; (▼) price decreased; (►) no change or changes smaller than one percent.
- ✓ The indicative prices for fertilizers are retail and vary from region to region depending on the distance.
- ✓ N/A - data not available.

Source: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) in Collaboration with the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIT)

Table 3: Prices for rice and maize in Uganda (TZS/kg)

	Rice		Maize	
	Min. price	Max. price	Min. price	Max. price
Uganda (wholesale)	1,845	1,975	494	527
Uganda (retail)	1,976	2,306	857	922

Source: <https://farmgainafrica.org/> Date 03th September, 2021

Table 4: Tobacco sales for 2021/22 trade season ending 22nd August, 2021

Tobacco type	Company	Contracted volume (kg)	EVALUATED MARKETS (CUMMULATIVE)			
			BELO	KG	Value (USD)	Average price (USD/KG)
VFC	Alliance One Tobacco Tanzania Ltd	20,040,000	410,978	18,857,569	28,307,316	1.50
	JTI Leaf Services Ltd	14,460,000	297,865	14,074,601	24,034,375	1.71
	Premium Active Tanzania Ltd	16,000,000	287,194	13,488,012	20,740,505	1.54
	Pachtec Company Ltd	4,461,838	57,284	2,609,127	3,627,934	1.39
	Mo Green International Company Limited	2,800,000	36,017	1,677,408	2,545,870	1.52
	Naile Leaf (T) Co. Ltd	2,535,000	43,336	1,851,806	2,775,124	1.50
	Grand Tobacco Limited	1,815,000				
	Magefa Growers Ltd	4,400,000	40,179	1,755,989	2,414,887	1.38
	Jespan Company Ltd	760,000	9,865	486,296	661,391	1.36
	ENV Services Ltd	800,000	7,932	360,503	520,860	1.44
	Biexen Company Limited	29,145	717	29,145	40,041	1.37
SUB TOTAL VFC		68,071,838	1,191,367	55,190,456	85,668,303	1.55
DFC	Premium Active Tanzania Ltd	500,000	11,022	531,792	698,768	1.31
GRAND TOTAL		68,571,838	1,202,389	55,722,247	86,367,071	1.55

Table 5: Cotton sales for 2021/22 trade season ending 29th August, 2021

SALES			TRANSPOTATION		
Previous weeks (KGS)	Current week (KGS)	Total (KGS)	Previous weeks (KGS)	Current week (KGS)	Total (KGS)
133,918,964	4,563,526	138,482,490	133,918,964	4,563,526	138,482,490

Source: Tanzania Cotton Board, 2021

Table 6: Coffee sales (by varieties) for 2021/22 trade season ending 30th August, 2021

Type of Coffee	Auction		Direct exports		Local roast		Total	
	KGS	USD	KGS	USD	KGS	KGS	USD	KGS
Mild Arabica	2,316,436	8,413,351	199,507	829,525	-	-	2,515,942.50	9,242,876.07
Hard Arabica	-	-	38,820	97,050	-	-	38,820.00	97,050.00
Robusta	-	-	8,379,330	12,494,819	-	-	8,379,330.00	12,494,818.84
Total	2,316,436	8,413,351	8,617,657	13,421,393	-	-	10,934,092.50	21,834,744.91

Chanzo: Bodi ya Kahawa, 2021

Table 7: Pigeon peas sales for 2021/22 season as of 25th August 2021

Date	District	AMCOS	Company	Amount (Kg)	TZS/Kg	TZS
11/08/2021	Namtumbo	Ushirika B	Afrisian Ginning	41,428	1,280	53,027,840
12/08/2021	Tunduru	Mtatesi	MeTL	150,000	1,300	195,000,000
	Tunduru	Mtatesi	RBST	210,251	1,290	271,223,790
18/08/2021	Namtumbo	Ushirika B	MeTL	206,517	1,320	272,602,440
	Namtumbo	Ushirika B	LENIC	200,000	1,320	264,000,000
19/08/2021	Tunduru	Asema	LENIC	300,000	1,344	403,200,000
	Tunduru	Asema	LENIC	845,498	1,340	1,132,967,320
25/08/2021	Namtumbo	Namtumbo	LENIC	819,149	1,380	1,083,734,127
GRAND TOTAL				1,953,694		3,675,755,517

Table 8: Planting and harvesting time for maximum 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, 2020

Important updates

- ✓ This week, the Government of Tanzania has provided a total of TZS 15 billion to the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) for the purchase of maize in the Southern Highlands regions.
- ✓ The Ministry of Agriculture has established an online market platform (M-Kilimo) to facilitate market access by farmers and traders. Visit [M-Kilimo - MarketPlace](#)
- ✓ Weather Forecast October-December 2021.
 - Vuli rains are expected to be below normal to normal and characterized by prolonged periods of dry spells.
 - The Vuli rainy season is expected to have a poor start in the third and fourth weeks of October 2021 with poor distribution in many areas.
 - Besides the below normal to normal rainfall condition, warmer than usual temperatures are expected across bimodal areas during the Vuli rainy season.
 - For more information visit [Tanzania Meteorological Authority](#)

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