

# United Republic of Tanzania Ministry of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Section

## **Weekly Market Bulletin**

#### October 04-08, 2021

# **Key Messages**

Overall, the National average wholesale prices of major food crops increased compared to their levels a week earlier (table 1). Some variations in the prices of crops were observed across the markets (Table2).

Prices for maize, rice, finger millet, and round potato increased by 0.2%, 0.9%, 5.6%, and 4.1%, respectively. On the other hand, price of beans, sorghum, and bulrush millet declined by 0.2%, 1.2% and 6.1% respectively

Cotton: Total sales were 143,838,683 kilograms for the week ended 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Coffee: Total sales were 27,996,806 kilograms with a total value of USD 61.6 mil for the week ended 01st October, 2021

Pigeon peas: Total sales were 3,169,976 kilograms with a total value of TZS 4.2 billion for the week ended 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021.

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

Previous week	Sept 27- O	ct 01	Current week	Oct 04-08				
<b>National Average</b>	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
	Current	45,900	146,700	162,500	92,800	105,700	154,100	61,300
	Previous	45,800	145,400	162,800	93,900	112,200	145,400	58,800
	Change	▲ 0.2%	▲ 0.9%	▼0.2%	▼1.2%	▼ 6.1%	<b>▲</b> 5.6%	<b>4.1</b> %

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	42,800	135,000	182,500	48,300	47,000	123,500	53,000
	Previous	43,500	140,000	185,000	50,000	54,500	121,500	53,300
	Change	<b>▼</b> 1.6%	▼3.7%	<b>▼</b> 1.4%	<b>▼</b> 3.5%	<b>▼</b> 16.0%	<b>▲</b> 1.6%	<b>▼</b> 0.6%
Arusha	Current	48,800	162,500	160,000	57,500	61,000	135,500	42,500
	Previous	47,500	162,500	160,000	63,500	72,500	132,500	42,500
	Change	<b>▲</b> 2.7%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	<b>▼</b> 10 <b>.</b> 4%	<b>▼</b> 18.9%	<b>▲</b> 2.2%	▶0.0%
Dar es Salaam	Current	51,700	158,300	203,300	85,000	80,000	152,500	56,000
	Previous	51,800	166,700	205,000	87,500	82,500	162,500	55,200
	Change	▼0.2%	<b>▼</b> 5.3%	<b>▼</b> o.8%	<b>▼</b> 2.9%	₹ 3.1%	▼ 6.6%	<b>▲</b> 1.4%
Tanga	Current	50,500	120,000	150,000	85,000	100,000	170,000	44,000
	Previous	50,000	120,000	150,000	85,000	100,000	170,000	43,000
	Change	<b>▲</b> 1.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	<b>▲</b> 2.3%
Ruvuma	Current	28,500	175,000	142,500	NA	NA	NA	73,500
	Previous	27,500	170,000	140,000	NA	NA	NA	73,500
	Change	<b>▲</b> 3.5%	<b>▲</b> 2.9%	<b>▲</b> 1.8%				▶0.0%
Iringa	Current	32,000	160,000	145,000	90,000	NA	150,000	45,000
	Previous	32,000	160,000	145,000	90,000	NA	150,000	45,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%		▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Njombe	Current	40,000	215,000	175,000	NA	NA	160,000	42,800
	Previous wee	40,000	215,000	175,000	NA	NA	160,000	42,800
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%			▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Rukwa	Current	31,000	110,000	137,500	NA	NA	125,000	52,500
	Previous	31,000	112,500	147,500	NA	NA	125,000	52,500
	Change	▶0.0%	<b>▼</b> 2.3%	<b>▼</b> 7.3%			▶0.0%	▶0.0%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Kagera	Current	57,000	127,500	135,000	90,000	70,000	145,000	67,500
	Previous	58,000	127,000	130,000	87,500	105,000	155,000	57,500
	Change	▼1.8%	▲ 0.4%	<b>▲</b> 3.7%	<b>▲</b> 2.8%	▼50.0%	▼6.9%	<b>14.8</b> %
Mara	Current	62,500	105,000	195,000	62,500	190,000	190,000	92,500
	Previous	62,500	105,000	195,000	62,500	190,000	190,000	92,500
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Manyara	Current	46,800	150,000	135,000	74,000	90,000	125,000	52,000
	Previous	46,000	150,000	135,000	74,000	90,000	125,000	52,000
	Change	<b>▲</b> 1.7%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Shinyanga	Current	45,500	125,000	175,000	125,000	125,000	135,000	85,000
	Previous	45,500	125,000	175,000	125,000	125,000	135,000	85,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Mtwara	Current	42,500	165,000	167,500	60,000	NA	180,000	60,000
	Previous	40,000	165,000	162,500	60,000	NA	180,000	57,500
	Change	<b>▲</b> 5.9%	▶0.0%	<b>▲</b> 3.0%	▶0.0%		▶0.0%	<b>4.2</b> %
Kilimanjaro	Current	55,000	175,000	150,000	120,000	140,000	NA	75,000
	Previous	52,500	175,000	150,000	120,000	140,000	NA	70,000
	Change	<b>4.</b> 5%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%		<b>▲</b> 6.7%
Tabora	Current	39,000	102,500	170,000	145,000	NA	175,000	52,500
	Previous	39,000	102,500	170,000	145,000	NA	175,000	52,500
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%		▶0.0%	<b>▶0.0</b> %
Mwanza	Current	64,000	180,000	205,000	175,000	190,000	200,000	80,000
	Previous	64,000	180,000	205,000	175,000	190,000	200,000	80,000
	Change	▶0.0%	<b>▶0.0</b> %	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Kigoma	Current	43,000	127,500	135,000	90,000	70,000	145,000	67,500
	Previous	47,200	95,000	137,500	90,000	85,000	145,000	45,000
	Change	▼9.8%	<b>▲</b> 25 <b>.</b> 5%	▼1.9%	▶0.0%	<b>▼</b> 21 <b>.</b> 4%	▶0.0%	<b>▲</b> 33.3%

#### Notes:

- ✓ Unit of measurement: for food crops are in TZS per 100kg.
- ✓ Commodity prices varies according to quality and variety.
- ✓ The symbols ( $\triangle$   $\nabla$   $\triangleright$ ) depict the direction of price changes. ( $\triangle$ ) price increased; ( $\nabla$ ) price decreased; ( $\triangleright$ ) 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.
- $\checkmark$  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	
Wholesale	1,808	1,937	484	516	
Retail	1,937	2260	839	904	

Source: https://farmgainafrica.org/ Date 8th October, 2021

Table 4: Cotton sales for 2021/22 trade season week no.20 ending 20th September, 2021

	Sales		Transportation		
Previous weeks (KGS)	Current week (KGS)	Total (KGS)	Previous weeks (KGS)	Current week (KGS)	Total (KGS)
143,196,869	532,605	143,729,474	143,305,637	533,046	4143,838,683

Source: Tanzania Cotton Board, 2021

Table 5: Pigeon peas sales for 2021/22 season as of 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 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	Mtetesi	MeTL	150,000	1,300	195,000,000
	Tunduru	Mtetesi	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
16/09/2021	Tunduru	Mruji	LENIC	325,184	1,110	360,954,240
22/09/2021	Namtumbo	Ushirika B	LENIC	71,949	990	71,229,510
		GRAND TOTAL	3,169,976		4,154,630,760	

Table 6: Coffee sales (by varieties) for 2021/22 trade season ending 01st October, 2021

Type of Coffee	Auction		Auction Direct exports		Local roast		Total	
Corree	KGS	USD	KGS	USD	KGS	USD	KGS	USD
Mild Arabika	7,036,956	25,066,185	1,568,600	6,052,981			8,605,556	31,308,712
Hard Arabika			169,860	425,727			169,860	425,727.12
Robusta	331,770	686,812	18,622,444	28,753,925	285,176	408,441.68	19,221,390	29,819,178.92
Total	7,350,726	25,752,998	20,360,904	35,422,178	285,176	408,441.68	27,996,806	61,583,617.33

Source: Tanzania Coffee Board, 2021

Table 7: 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, 2020

#### **Important updates**

- ✓ 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.
  - o 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.

o For more information visit | Tanzania Meteorological Authority

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