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**Key Messages**

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

Prices for sorghum, maize, finger millet, rice, beans, and round potatoes, decreased by 10.2%, 6.2% 6.1 %, 5.6%, 4.7%, and 2.8% respectively, while the prices bulrush millet increased significantly by 0.1%.

**Cotton:** Total sales were 144,011,169 kilograms for the week ended 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**Coffee:** Total sales were 32,534,107 kilograms with a total value of USD 78.7 million for the week ended 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

**Cocoa:** Total sales were 3,966,570 kilograms with a total value of TZS 19.6 billion for the week ended 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.

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

Previous week	Oct 11-15		Current week	Oct 18-22				
National Average	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
	Current	43,500	141,700	158,100	89,600	111,600	148,700	59,900
	Previous	46,200	149,600	165,600	98,700	111,500	157,700	61,600
	Change	▼ 6.2%	▼ 5.6%	▼ 4.7%	▼ 10.2%	▲ 0.1%	▼ 6.1%	▼ 2.8%

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	42,300	139,000	185,000	49,500	45,000	120,300	52,500
	Previous	43,000	140,000	184,000	52,100	47,500	125,000	53,800
	Change	▼ 1.7%	▼ 0.7%	▲ 0.5%	▼ 5.3%	▼ 5.6%	▼ 3.9%	▼ 2.5%
Arusha	Current	50,500	165,000	155,000	67,500	67,500	132,500	52,500
	Previous	50,300	162,500	155,000	62,500	63,500	135,500	52,500
	Change	▲ 0.4%	▲ 1.5%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 7.4%	▲ 5.9%	▼ 2.3%	▶ 0.0%
Dar es Salaam	Current	48,000	175,000	215,000	85,000	90,000	165,000	65,000
	Previous	47,800	167,500	202,500	90,000	95,000	170,000	56,500
	Change	▲ 0.4%	▲ 4.3%	▲ 5.8%	▼ 5.9%	▼ 5.6%	▼ 3.0%	▲ 13.1%
Morogoro	Current	47,300	175,000	180,000	120,000	120,000	180,000	79,000
	Previous	46,900	175,000	180,000	120,000	120,000	177,500	79,000
	Change	▲ 0.8%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 1.4%	▶ 0.0%
Tanga	Current	48,600	145,000	170,000	85,000	100,000	170,000	50,000
	Previous	48,600	132,500	170,000	85,000	100,000	170,000	44,500
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 8.6%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 11.0%
Mtwara	Current	42,500	162,500	167,500	60,000	NA	180,000	52,500
	Previous	42,500	165,000	167,500	60,000	NA	180,000	60,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 1.5%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%		▶ 0.0%	▼ 14.3%
Iringa	Current	33,500	160,000	160,000	90,000	NA	150,000	45,000
	Previous	33,500	160,000	165,000	90,000	NA	150,000	45,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 3.1%	▶ 0.0%		▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Ruvuma	Current	29,000	170,000	140,000	NA	NA	NA	74,000
	Previous	29,000	165,000	150,000	NA	NA	NA	70,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 2.9%	▼ 7.1%				▲ 5.4%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
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%	▶ 0.0%
Rukwa	Current	31,500	110,000	150,000	NA	NA	125,000	57,500
	Previous	33,000	107,500	142,500	NA	NA	122,500	53,800
	Change	▼ 4.8%	▲ 2.3%	▲ 5.0%			▲ 2.0%	▲ 6.4%
Kigoma	Current	43,000	120,000	145,000	90,000	100,000	150,000	67,500
	Previous	43,000	120,000	150,000	100,000	70,000	145,000	65,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 3.4%	▼ 11.1%	▲ 30.0%	▲ 3.3%	▲ 3.7%
Shinyanga	Current	44,000	125,000	175,000	125,000	125,000	135,000	82,500
	Previous	44,000	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%	▼ 3.0%
Mwanza	Current	64,000	180,000	180,000	190,000	190,000	200,000	85,000
	Previous	64,000	180,000	180,000	190,000	190,000	200,000	85,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Kagera	Current	62,500	147,000	132,500	105,000	110,000	170,000	60,000
	Previous	60,800	145,000	133,800	83,800	107,500	162,500	57,500
	Change	▲ 2.7%	▲ 1.4%	▼ 1.0%	▲ 20.2%	▲ 2.3%	▲ 4.4%	▲ 4.2%
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	55,000	155,000	151,500	70,000	90,000	125,000	67,500
	Previous	48,500	150,000	135,000	75,000	90,000	125,000	52,000
	Change	▲ 11.8%	▲ 3.2%	▲ 10.9%	▼ 7.1%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 23.0%
Njombe	Current	40,000	215,000	175,000	NA	NA	160,000	42,800
	Previous	40,000	215,000	175,000	NA	NA	160,000	42,800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%	▶ 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
Wholesale	1,800	1,950	480	510
Retail	1,950	2,250	850	900

Source: <https://farmgainafrica.org/> Date 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021

**Table 4: Cotton sales for 2021/22 trade season week no. 20 ending 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2021**

Sales			Transportation		
Previous weeks (Kg)	Current week (Kg)	Total (Kg)	Previous weeks (Kg)	Current week (Kg)	Total (Kg)
142,726,153	1,285,016	144,011,169	142,822,682	612,315	143,434,997

Source: Tanzania Cotton Board, 2021

**Table 5: Coffee sales (by varieties) for 2021/22 trade season ending 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2021**

Type of Coffee	Auction		Direct exports		Local roast		Total	
	KGS	USD	KGS	USD	KGS	USD	KGS	USD
Mild Arabika	8,206,626	29,203,277	4,800,931	19,008,892			13,007,557	48,212,170
Hard Arabika	-		169,860	425,727			169,860	425,727
Robusta	313,770	686,812	18,757,744	28,992,725	285,176	408,442	19,356,890	30,087,979
Total	8,520,392	29,890,090	23,728,535	48,427,344	285,176	408,442	32,534,107	78,725,876

Source: Tanzania Coffee Board, 2021

**Table 6: Cocoa sales for 2021/22 season as of 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2021**

LGA			Amount sold (Kilo)	Average price (TZS/Kg)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kg)	Rungwe (Kg)			
2,813,750	857,960	294,860	3,966,570	4,896	19,567,018,610

**Table 8: 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 - Market Place](#).
- ✓ 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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