



United Republic of Tanzania
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WEEKLY MARKET BULLETIN

September 13-17, 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 bulrush millet, sorghum, round potatoes, finger millet, maize, rice, and beans decreased by 13, 13, 10, 9, 7, 7 and 6 percent respectively.

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 68,571,838 kilograms with a total value of USD 86.4 mil for the week ended 22nd August.

Cotton: Total sales were 142,537,273 kilograms week ended 12th September.

Coffee: Total sales were 21,737,913 kilograms with a total value of USD 43.2 mil for the week ended 10th Sept, 2021

Pigeon peas: Total sales were 4,036,709,757 kilograms with a total value of TZS 4 billion for the week ended 16th September, 2021.

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

Previous week	September 06-10	Current week	September 13-17					
National Average	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
	Current	40,000	128,300	155,400	81,400	102,300	140,900	56,300
	Previous	42,700	136,600	164,800	91,800	116,000	154,000	61,700
	Change	▼ 6.8%	▼ 6.5%	▼ 6.0%	▼ 12.8%	▼ 13.4%	▼ 9.3%	▼ 9.6%

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	39,800	145,000	185,000	49,300	50,000	120,000	52,500
	Previous	38,700	142,500	185,000	50,200	49,500	122,500	62,000
	Change	▲ 2.8%	▲ 1.7%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 1.8%	▲ 1.0%	▼ 2.1%	▼ 18.1%
Arusha	Current	47,500	160,000	185,000	67,500	70,000	NA	42,500
	Previous	47,000	160,000	155,000	67,500	70,000	NA	42,500
	Change	▲ 1.1%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 16.2%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%		▶ 0.0%
Dar es Salaam	Current	52,300	152,500	212,500	87,500	82,500	157,500	58,500
	Previous	50,300	155,000	211,700	85,000	80,000	157,500	52,300
	Change	▲ 3.8%	▼ 1.6%	▲ 0.4%	▲ 2.9%	▲ 3.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 10.6%
Morogoro	Current	40,500	170,000	180,000	120,000	120,000	160,000	70,000
	Previous	39,500	170,000	180,000	120,000	120,000	160,000	70,000
	Change	▲ 2.5%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Tanga	Current	44,000	145,000	160,000	85,000	100,000	170,000	44,500
	Previous	44,000	145,000	165,000	85,000	100,000	170,000	45,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 3.1%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 1.1%
Ruvuma	Current	26,800	170,000	125,000	NA	NA	NA	73,000
	Previous	26,000	170,000	120,000	NA	NA	NA	73,500
	Change	▲ 3.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 4.0%				▼ 0.7%
Iringa	Current	32,500	160,000	165,000	90,000	NA	150,000	65,000
	Previous	34,000	160,000	145,000	90,000	NA	150,000	50,000
	Change	▼ 4.6%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 12.1%	▶ 0.0%		▶ 0.0%	▲ 23.1%
Njombe	Current	36,500	145,000	152,000	NA	NA	125,500	31,300
	Previous week	36,500	145,000	152,000	NA	NA	125,500	31,300
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Rukwa	Current	31,300	105,000	167,500	NA	NA	137,500	65,000
	Previous	31,500	105,000	170,000	NA	NA	175,000	65,000
	Change	▼ 0.6%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 1.5%			▼ 27.3%	▶ 0.0%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Kagera	Current	56,300	128,800	127,500	105,000	130,000	147,500	57,500
	Previous	55,000	130,000	130,000	125,000	155,000	155,000	60,000
	Change	▲ 2.3%	▼ 0.9%	▼ 2.0%	▼ 19.0%	▼ 19.2%	▼ 5.1%	▼ 4.3%
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	43,300	142,500	135,000	70,000	90,000	125,000	55,000
	Previous	45,000	150,000	135,000	70,000	90,000	125,000	65,000
	Change	▼ 3.9%	▼ 5.3%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 18.2%
Shinyanga	Current	43,500	110,000	175,000	115,000	105,000	115,000	85,000
	Previous	43,500	110,000	175,000	115,000	105,000	115,000	85,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Mtwara	Current	40,000	145,000	167,500	57,500	NA	180,000	57,500
	Previous	40,000	145,000	167,500	57,500	NA	180,000	57,500
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 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	95,000	140,000	85,000	85,000	160,000	45,000
	Previous	47,200	93,500	125,000	80,000	NA	145,000	55,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 1.6%	▲ 10.7%	▲ 5.9%		▲ 9.4%	▼ 22.2%

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)	1,839	1,970	525	492
Uganda (retail)	1,970	2,298	854	919

Source: <https://farmgainafrica.org/> Date 17th Septemba, 2021

Table 4A: 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 4B: Tobacco sales (Regions) for 2021/2022 trade season ending 22nd August, 2021

Region	Contracted Volume	Amount Bought	
		Belo	Kilograms
Katavi	7,350,000	141,785	6,229,618
Mbeya	10,280,000	167,660	8,067,643
Songwe	670,000	12,953	624,655
Kigoma	4,705,000	93,825	4,194,878
Tabora	32,546,838	575,479	26,682,758
Shinyanga	9,930,000	162,321	7,648,131
Geita	1,070,000	17,809	871,093
Kagera	70,000	1,180	58,557
Iringa	200,000	2,446	157,631
Singida	1,250,000	15,909	655,493
Total VFC	68,071,838	1,191,367	55,190,456
Ruvuma (DFC)	500,000	11,022	531,791.96
Total (DFC+VFC)	68,571,838	1,202,389	55,722,247

Table 5: Cotton sales for 2021/22 trade season week no. 18 ending 12th September, 2021

SALES			TRANSPOTATION		
Previous weeks (KGS)	Current week (KGS)	Total (KGS)	Previous weeks (KGS)	Current week (KGS)	Total (KGS)
141,371,266	1,166,007	142,537,273	141,371,266	1,262,536	142,633,802

Source: Tanzania Cotton Board, 2021

Table 6: Pigeon peas sales for 2021/22 season as of 16th 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	Mtetsi	MeTL	150,000	1,300	195,000,000
	Tunduru	Mtetsi	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
GRAND TOTAL				3,098,027		4,036,709,757

Table 7: Coffee sales (by varieties) for 2021/22 trade season ending 10th Sept, 2021

Type of Coffee	Auction		Direct exports		Local roast		Total	
	KGS	USD	KGS	USD	KGS	USD	KGS	USD
Mild Arabika	4,197,431	14,886,829	722,118	2,817,919			4,919,549	17,704,748
Hard Arabika			96,420	208,218			96,420	208,218
Robusta			16,721,944	25,313,689			16,721,944	25,313,689
Total	4,197,431	14,886,829	17,540,482	28,339,827			21,737,913	43,226,655

Source: Tanzania Coffee Board, 2021

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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