

United Republic of Tanzania Ministry of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Section

#### WEEKLY MARKET BULLETIN September 20-24, 2021

## **Key Messages**

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

While prices for rice, round potato, beans, bulrush millet and sorghum eased by 6.4%, 3.2%, 2.2%, 0.7%, and 0.5% respectively, those for maize and finger millet slightly increased by 1.4% and 0.9% respectively.

Cotton: Total sales were 144,011,169 kilograms for the week ended 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Coffee: Total sales were 21,737,913 kilograms with a total value of USD 43.2 mil for the week ended 10<sup>th</sup> Sept, 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	Septembe	r 13-17	Current week	September 20-2	4			
<b>National Average</b>	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	<b>Bulrush millet</b>	Finger millet	Round Potato
	Current	43,100	127,600	161,600	87,200	101,600	152,200	59,800
	Previous	42,500	135,800	165,100	87,600	102,300	150,900	61,700
	Change	<b>▲ 1.4</b> %	▼6.4%	▼ 2.2%	▼0.5%	<b>▼ 0.7</b> %	<b>▲ 0.9</b> %	▼ 3.2%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	<b>Bulrush millet</b>	Finger millet	<b>Round Potato</b>
Dodoma	Current	44,500	144,300	185,300	49,000	53,500	121,300	53,000
	Previous	39,800	145,000	185,000	49,300	50,000	120,000	52,500
	Change	<b>▲ 10.6</b> %	▼ 0.5%	▲ 0.2%	▼ 0.6%	<b>▲ 6.5</b> %	<b>▲ 1.1%</b>	<b>▲ 0.9</b> %
Arusha	Current	47,000	162,500	155,000	62,500	72,500	NA	42,500
	Previous	47,500	160,000	185,000	67,500	70,000	NA	42,500
	Change	▼ 1.1%	<b>1.5</b> %	▼ 19.4%	▼ 8.0%	<b>▲ 3.4</b> %		▶ 0.0%
Dar es Salaam	Current	49,300	151,700	201,700	87,500	82,500	162,500	55,000
	Previous	52,300	152,500	212,500	87,500	82,500	157,500	58,500
	Change	▼ 6.1%	▼ 0.5%	▼ 5.4%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.1%	▼6.4%
Morogoro	Current	40,500	170,000	180,000	120,000	120,000	160,000	70,000
	Previous	40,500	170,000	180,000	120,000	120,000	160,000	70,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Tanga	Current	46,000	120,000	150,000	85,000	100,000	170,000	45,000
	Previous	44,000	145,000	160,000	85,000	100,000	170,000	44,500
	Change	<b>▲ 4.3</b> %	▼ 20.8%	<b>▼6.7</b> %	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	<b>▲ 1.1%</b>
Ruvuma	Current	26,500	170,000	140,000	NA	NA	NA	75,000
	Previous	26,800	170,000	125,000	NA	NA	NA	73,000
	Change	▼ 1.1%	▶ 0.0%	<b>10.7</b> %				<b>2.7</b> %
Iringa	Current	32,300	160,000	162,500	90,000	NA	135,000	55,000
	Previous	32,500	160,000	165,000	90,000	NA	150,000	65,000
	Change	▼ 0.6%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 1.5%	▶ 0.0%		▼ 11.1%	<b>▼ 18.2</b> %
Rukwa	Current	31,500	100,000	166,300	NA	NA	140,000	60,000
	Previous	31,300	105,000	167,500	NA	NA	137,500	65,000
	Change	▲ 0.6%	▼ 5.0%	▼0.7%			<b>▲ 1.8</b> %	▼8.3%

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

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	<b>Bulrush millet</b>	Finger millet	<b>Round Potato</b>
Kagera	Current	57,500	125,000	125,000	86,300	105,000	155,000	57,500
	Previous	56,300	128,800	127,500	105,000	130,000	147,500	57,500
	Change	▲ 2.1%	▼ 3.0%	▼ 2.0%	▼ 21.7%	▼ 23.8%	<b>▲ 4.8</b> %	▶ 0.0%
Mara	Current	62,500	105,000	175,000	70,000	190,000	190,000	91,300
	Previous	62,500	105,000	195,000	62,500	190,000	190,000	91,300
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 11.4%	<b>10.7</b> %	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Manyara	Current	43,000	150,000	135,000	70,000	90,000	125,000	47,500
	Previous	43,300	142,500	135,000	70,000	90,000	125,000	55,000
	Change	▼ 0.7%	▲ 5.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 15.8%
Shinyanga	Current	43,500	125,000	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%	<b>12.0</b> %	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Mtwara	Current	40,000	155,000	165,000	58,800	NA	180,000	57,500
	Previous	40,000	145,000	167,500	57,500	NA	180,000	57,500
	Change	▶ 0.0%	<b>▲ 6.5</b> %	▼ 1.5%	▲ 2.2%		▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Tabora	Current	37,300	102,500	170,000	145,000	NA	175,000	57,500
	Previous	35,500	102,500	170,000	145,000	NA	175,000	62,500
	Change	<b>▲ 4.8</b> %	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%		▶ 0.0%	▼8.7%
Kigoma	Current	44,600	100,000	138,800	95,000	97,500	150,000	45,000
	Previous	47,200	95,000	140,000	85,000	85,000	160,000	45,000
	Change	▼5.8%	▲ 5.0%	▼0.9%	▲ 10.5%	<b>▲ 12.8</b> %	▼6.7%	▶ 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
Wholesale	1,844	1,975	492	527
Retail	1,975	2,305	856	922

Source: https://farmgainafrica.org/ Date 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

## Table 5: Cotton sales for 2021/22 trade season week no. 19 ending 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

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

Source: Tanzania Cotton Board, 2021

# Table 6: 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	

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

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

Source: Tanzania Coffee Board, 2021

### 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 <u>M-Kilimo</u>
  <u>- MarketPlace</u>
- ✓ 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 <u>Tanzania Meteorological Authority</u>

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