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1. Domestic Market Prices: Staple foods

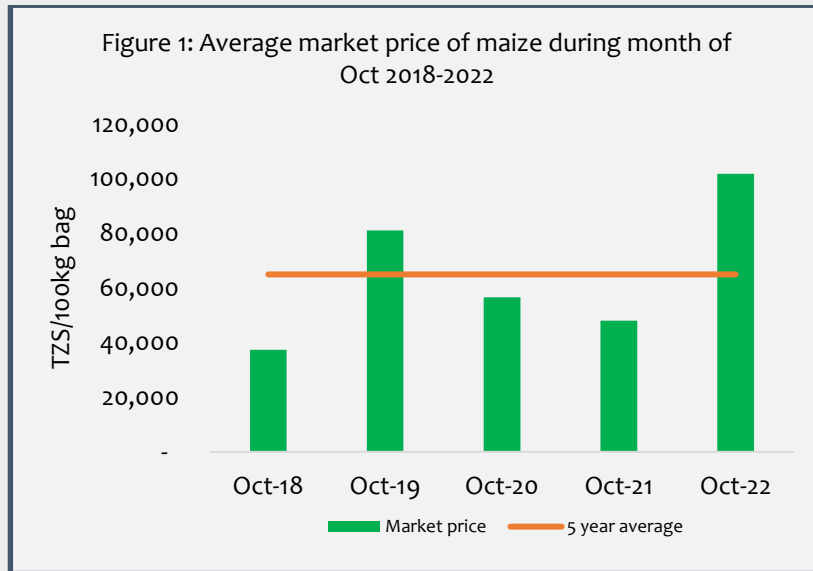
Prices for major staple food crops continued to increase in October than a month prior. A significant increase was observed in dry bean (15.2%) and rice (12.1%), followed by maize (6.4%), sorghum (4.2%), wheat (3.3%) and (1.0%) round potatoes. Prices for major staples have risen significantly in comparison to the previous year and to the five-year average as indicated in Table 1.

Table 1: National average market price of major staple foods (TZS/100kg)

Commodity	Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Monthly change (%)	Annual change (%)	5-year average (%)
Maize	95,700	101,800	▲ 6.4	▲ 112.1	▲ 56.8
Rice	233,400	261,600	▲ 12.1	▲ 72.9	▲ 48.2
Dry beans	231,400	266,600	▲ 15.2	▲ 58.1	▲ 24.1
Sorghum	123,400	128,600	▲ 4.2	▲ 29.5	▲ 29.2
Round potatoes	82,100	82,900	▲ 1.0	▲ 29.3	▲ 11.5
Wheat	194,800	201,300	▲ 3.3	▲ 55.1	▲ 45.1

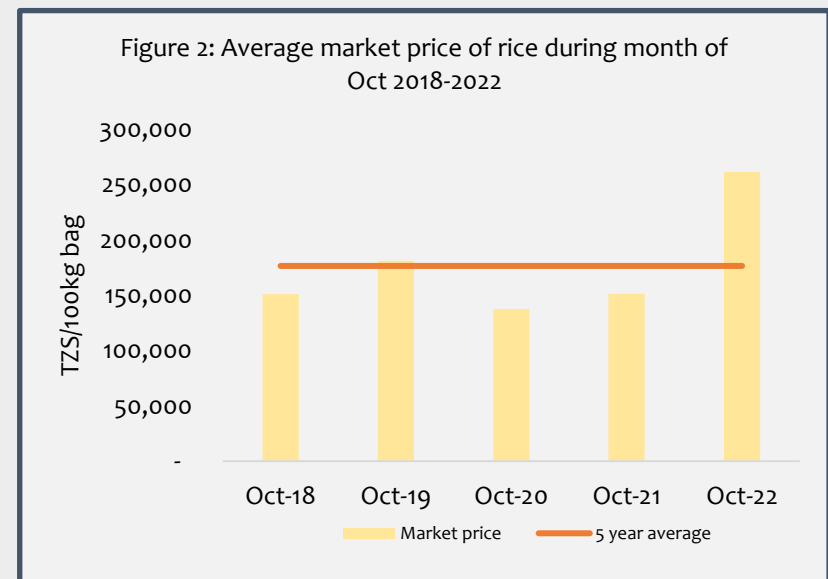
Maize

The average wholesale price significantly increased by 6.4% in October, rising from TZS 95,700/100kg bag in September to TZS 101,800/100kg bag in October (Table 1). Similarly, prices in October were 112.1% higher than the previous year's comparable month and 56.8% higher than the five-year October averages (Figure 1).



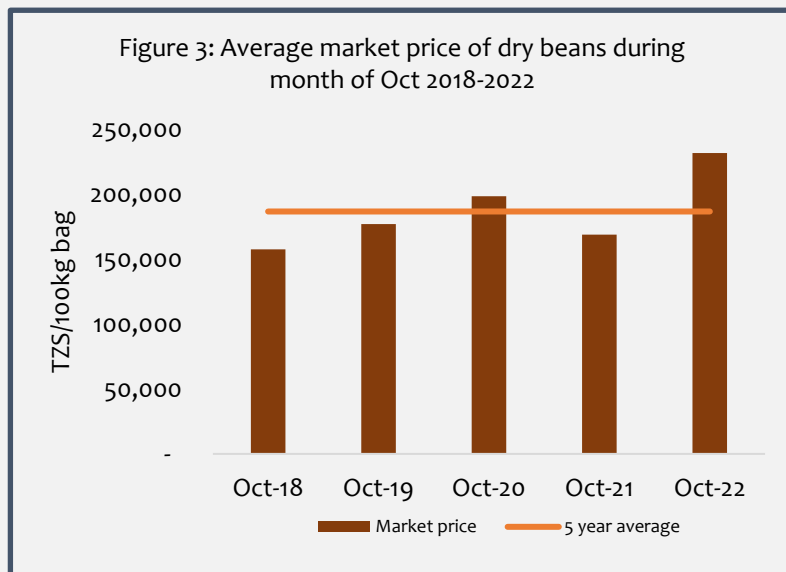
Rice

In October 2022, the average wholesale rice price increased by 12.1% from TZS 233,400/100kg bag in September to TZS 261,600/100kg bag in October (Table 1). Similarly, prices increased by 72.9% in October 2022 compared to the same month of the previous year, and by 48.2% compared to the five-year October average (Figure 2).



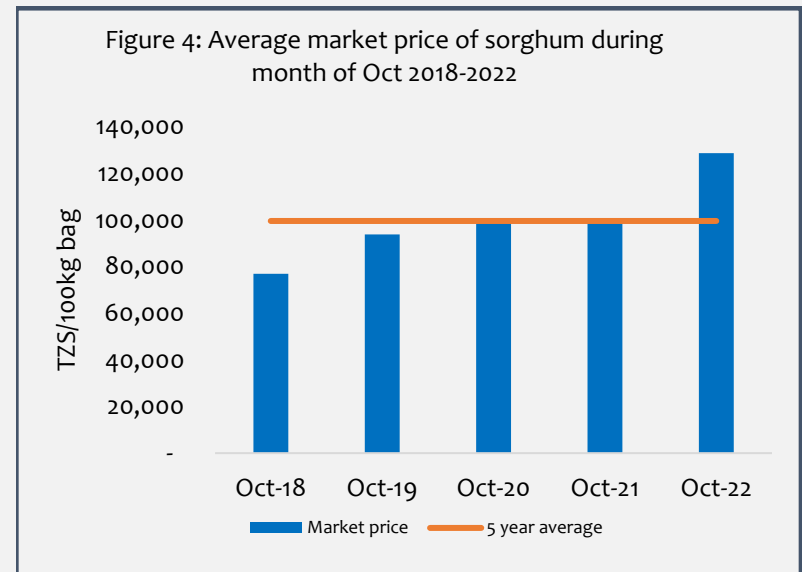
Dry beans

Bean prices have been relatively stable in recent months, with fluctuations across markets. Prices increased by 15.2% in October compared to September, rising from TZS 231,400/100 bag to TZS 266,600/100 bag. Furthermore, prices in October 2022 were 58.1% and 24.1% higher than the same month of the previous year and the five-year October average, respectively (Figure 3).



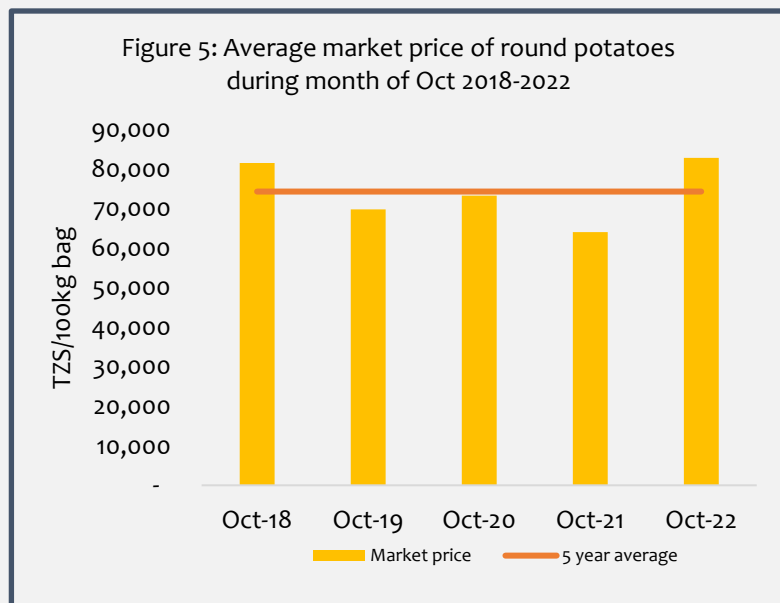
Sorghum

Sorghum's monthly average wholesale price increased by 4.2% in October, rising from TZS 123,400/100kg bag in September to TZS 128,600/100kg bag in October. Similarly, prices increased by 29.5% in October compared to the previous year's same month, and were 29.2% higher than the five-year October average (Figure 4).



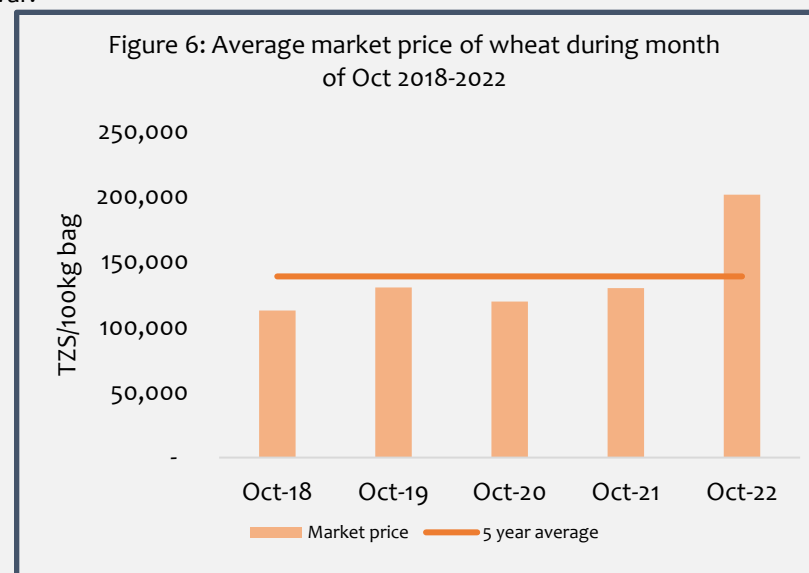
Round potatoes

The average wholesale prices for round potatoes have slightly increased by 1%, from TZS 82,100/100kg bag in September to TZS 82,900/100kg bag in October. Prices, on the other hand, were 29.3% higher in the reporting period than in the previous year's same period, and 11.5% higher than the five-year October average (Figure 5).



Wheat

The average wholesale prices for wheat grain increased marginally by 3.3%, from TZS 194,800/100kg bag in September to TZS 201,300/100kg bag in October. Prices, on the other hand were 55.1% higher in the reporting period than in the previous year's same period, and 45.1% higher than the five-year October average (Figure 6). This year's price increase provides some insight into the supply situation for imported wheat as a result of the Russia-Ukraine war.



NOTES

Market price: Refer to nominal or observable prices

Price level: National average wholesale price in Tanzanian Shilling (TZS) per 100kg bag

The symbols (▲ ▼ ►) indicate the direction of price changes. (▲) price increased; (▼) price decreased; (►) no changes in price

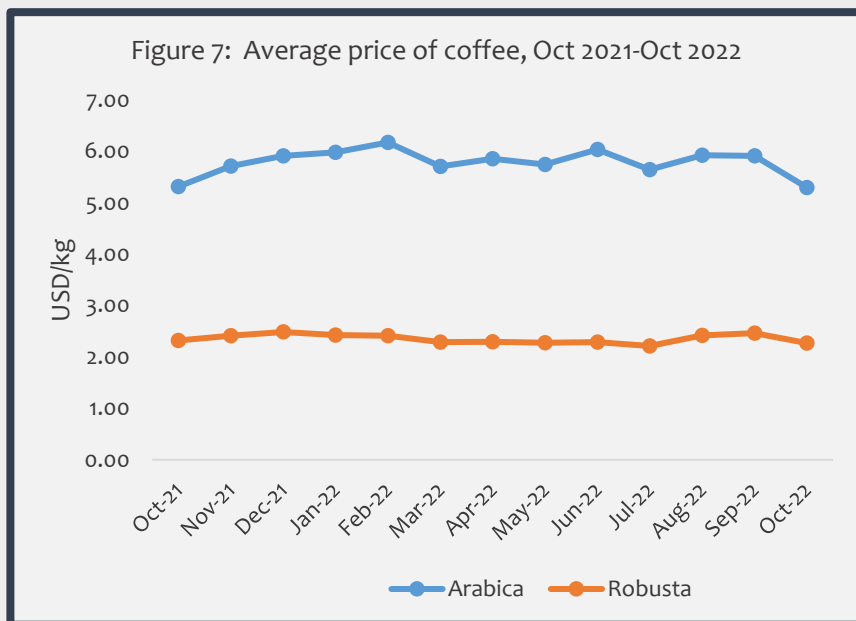
Source of data: Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade

2. Global Prices: Traditional Export commodities (Source: World Bank, 2022)

➔ In October, global market prices for coffee, cotton, tobacco declined, while those for tea slightly increased.

Coffee

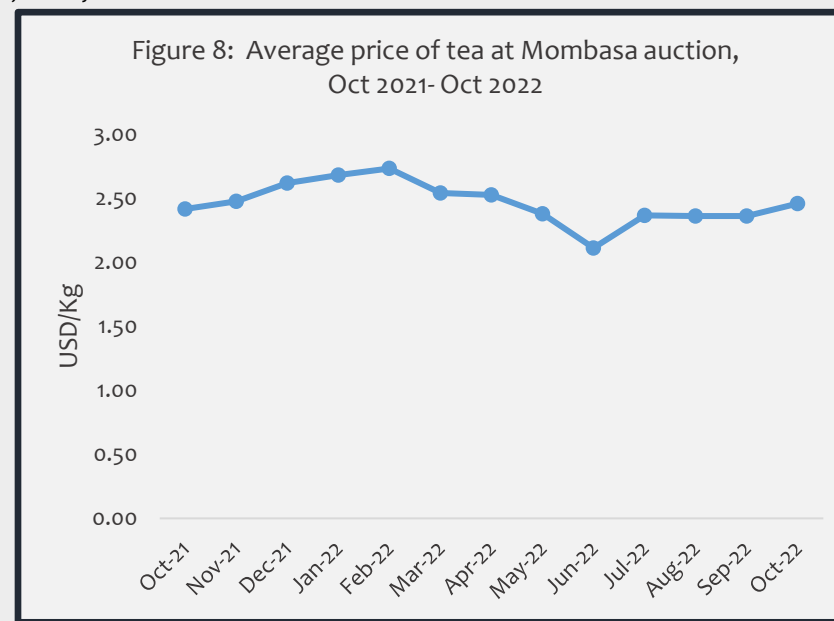
In October 2022, coffee prices have decreased compared to September. Arabica prices decreased by 10.5% and Robusta by 7.7% as indicated in Figure 7. As a result of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, coffee demand and supply trends are expected to be influenced by increased input costs that lead to rise in production costs (ICO, 2022).



Tea

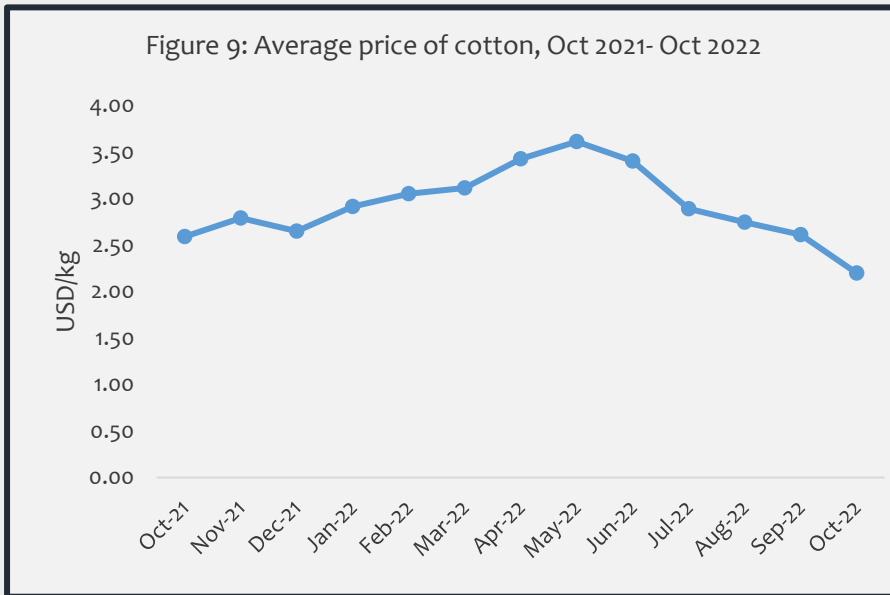
Tea prices at the Mombasa auction market have slightly increased by 4% compared to the last month from USD 2.36/kg in September 2022 to USD 2.46/kg in October 2022. Tea prices declined between Feb and June 2022, then picked up in July (Figure 8).

Benchmark: Tea (Mombasa/Nairobi auctions), African origin, all tea, arithmetic average of weekly



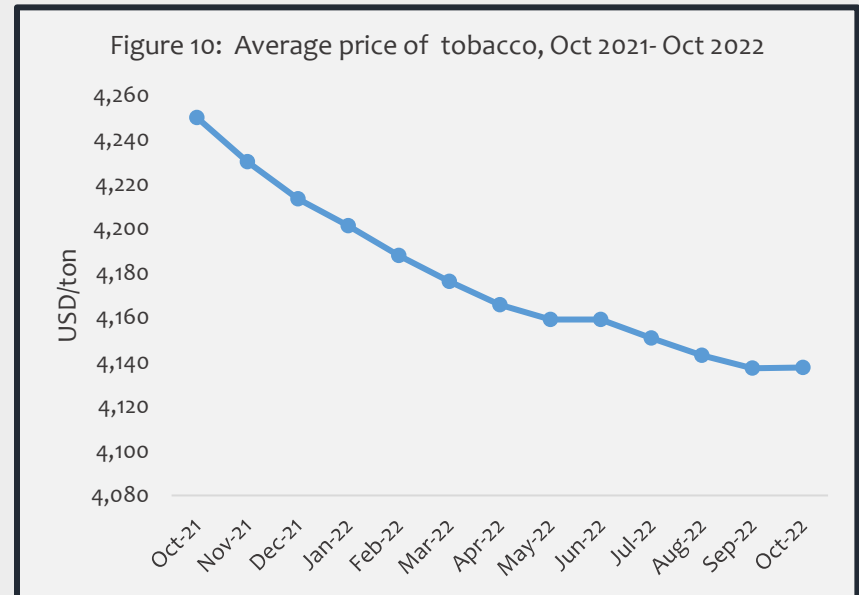
Cotton

Cotton prices have risen over the last year, reached its pick in May 2022 then declined significantly in the following months. Prices decreased by 16 % in October 2022, from 2.61 USD/Kg in September 2022 to 2.20 USD/Kg in October 2022 (Figure 9). The reason could be a drop in demand from Mexico and Bangladesh which are the two largest clothing producers.



Tobacco

Over the last year, global tobacco prices have been steadily declining (Figure 10). Prices remain slightly constant at 4137USD/ton in October 2022. The drop in prices could be attributed to increased health awareness and stringent government policies prohibiting the use of tobacco. According to a World Health Organization report, the global prevalence of tobacco use has been declining for the past two decades ([WHO, 2021](#)).



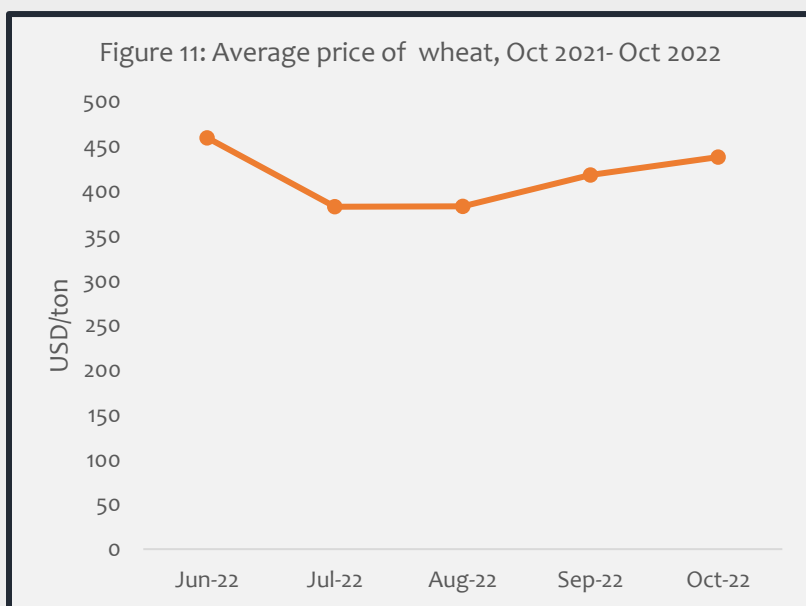
3. Import Substitution Commodities (Source: World Bank, 2022)

World market prices for wheat have slightly increased, edible oil (palm oil) declined modestly in October

Wheat

Ukraine and Russia accounted for nearly 30% of global wheat exports. However, Following several months of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, it upended trade flows and sent futures soaring leading to increase in wheat prices. For instance, prices for (US SRW variety) increased by 0.5% from USD 417.9 /ton in September 2022, to USD 437.95/ton in October 2022 (Figure 11). ([Bloomberg](#)).

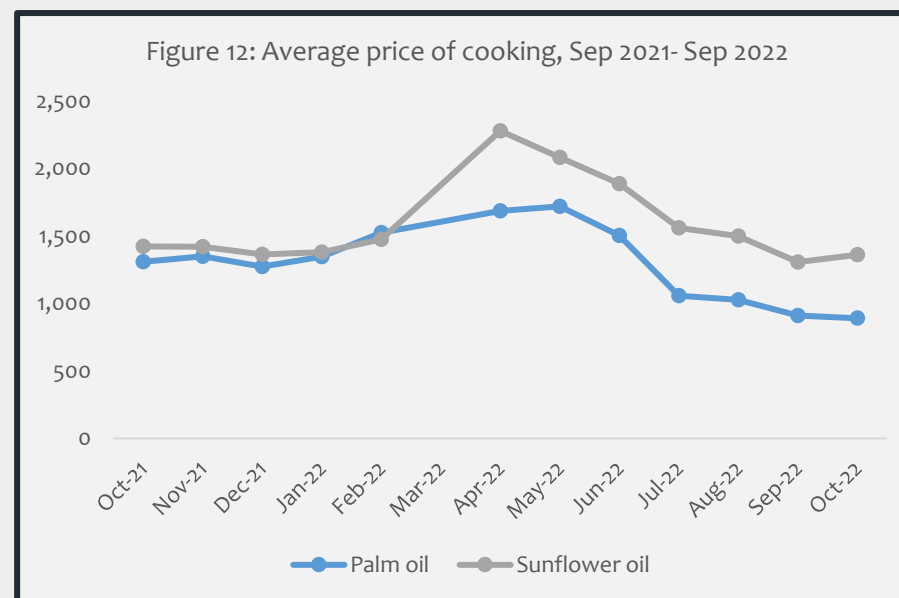
*Wheat (US), soft red winter (SRW), Wheat (US), hard red winter



Edible Oil

Edible oil prices have quite declined in the month of October 2022. Palm oil decreased by 2% from USD 909.32/ton in September 2022 to USD 888.99/ton in October and sunflower oil decrease by 4.2% from USD 1,304.75/ton in September 2022 to USD 1,359.15/ton in October 2022. However, soybean oil prices have increased by 2% from USD 1,548.32/ton in September 2022 to USD 1,575,90/ton in October 2022 (Figure 12).

Ref: Palm oil (Malaysia), palm oil demand and supply outlook report 2022.

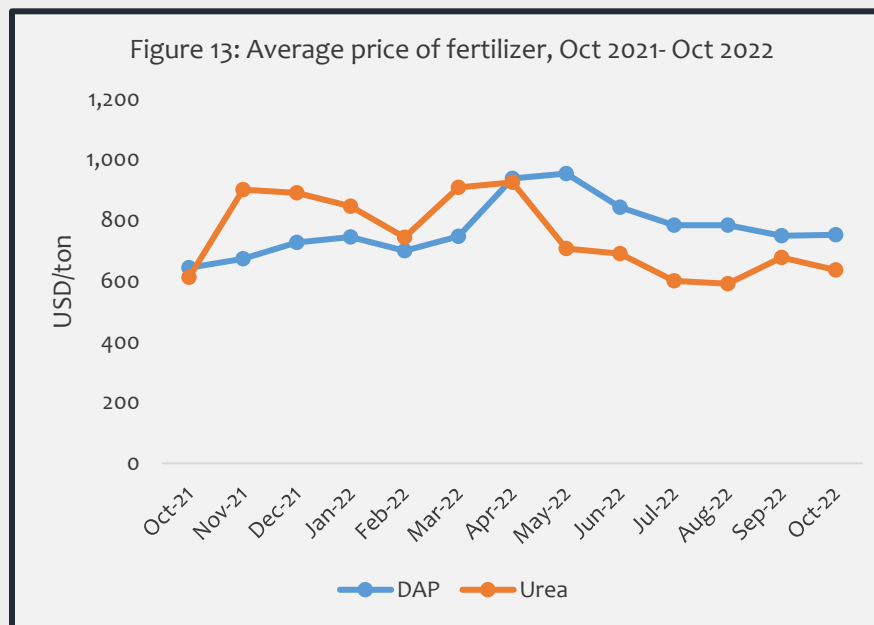


4. Farm Inputs (Source: World Bank, 2022)

➔ **Global fertilizer prices declined in October due to low seasonal demand**

Fertilizer

Fertilizer prices dropped further in October. DAP prices fell by 3% in October 2022, from USD 752/ton in September to USD 725/ton in October. Similarly, Urea prices have dropped by 6%, from USD 678/ton in September 2022 to USD 636.25/ton in October 2022 (Figure 13). The price decline is due to low seasonal demand and ongoing concerns about global supply.



About the Bulletin

This bulletin provides domestic and international markets outlook for five commodity groups including **staples** (maize, rice, beans, sorghum, and round potatoes), **traditional export crops** (coffee, cotton, tea, and tobacco), **import substitution commodities** (edible oil, and wheat) and **farm inputs** (fertilizer). This bulletin's information serves as a benchmark for key players along the respective value chains to make informed decisions.

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