



**United Republic of Tanzania
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Weekly Market Bulletin

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Key Messages

Food crops: Wholesale prices for food crops this week have been varying at different rates compared to price levels last week. Price of beans and rice increased by 2.7% and 0.3% respectively, while of price maize, bulrush millet, round potatoes, sorghum and finger millet decreased by 4.7%, 1.5%, 1.1%, 0.2% and 0.1% respectively.

Horticulture: The period of 22th – 27rd September, 2023 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of cucumber and tomato increased by 22.8% and 6.0% respectively while prices of watermelon, onions, pineapple and green pepper decreased by 8.5%, 6.9%, 3.1% and 2.9% respectively.

Cocoa: Total sales were 3,654,630 kilograms with a total value of TZS 29 billion for the week ended 2nd October, 2023.

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

Previous week	25-29 Sept 2023		Current week	02-06 Oct, 2023				
National Average	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
	Current	89,700	258,800	260,000	131,000	136,700	156,800	81,200
	Previous	93,900	258,100	252,900	131,300	138,700	157,000	82,100
	Change	▼ 4.7%	▲ 0.3%	▲ 2.7%	▼ 0.2%	▼ 1.5%	▼ 0.1%	▼ 1.1%

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	87,500	262,500	285,000	78,500	74,000	118,800	68,500
	Previous		261,000	291,500	80,000	78,500	119,000	69,400
	Change		▲0.6%	▼2.3%	▼1.9%	▼6.1%	▼0.2%	▼1.3%
Arusha	Current	81,000	305,000	225,000	72,500	97,500	87,500	77,500
	Previous	83,500	305,000	225,000	72,500	97,500	86,000	77,500
	Change	▼3.1%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲1.7%	▶0.0%
Dar es Salaam	Current	100,000	210,000	290,000	180,000	180,000	210,000	-
	Previous	100,000	210,000	290,000	180,000	180,000	210,000	-
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	
Morogoro	Current	77,200	295,000	265,000	142,500	105,000	165,000	63,900
	Previous	84,000	260,000	245,000	142,500	105,000	165,000	62,000
	Change	▼8.8%	▲11.9%	▲7.5%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲3.0%
Tanga	Current	100,000	230,000	250,000	120,000	110,000	180,000	65,000
	Previous	130,000	230,000	260,000	120,000		170,000	65,000
	Change	▼30.0%	▶0.0%	▼4.0%	▶0.0%		▲5.6%	▶0.0%
Mtwara	Current	70,000	280,000	290,000	150,000	120,000	135,000	70,000
	Previous		275,000	290,000	150,000	120,000	150,000	
	Change		▲1.8%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼11.1%	
Iringa	Current	75,000	250,000	270,000	150,000	190,000	157,500	55,000
	Previous	75,000	250,000	270,000	150,000	190,000	157,500	60,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼9.1%
Ruvuma	Current	68,000	295,000	290,000	-	-	-	96,000
	Previous	62,000	295,000	235,000	-	-	-	95,000
	Change	▲8.8%	▶0.0%	▲19.0%				▲1.0%
Tabora	Current	100,000	230,000	290,000	160,000	-	195,000	95,000
	Previous	100,000	230,000	290,000	160,000	-	195,000	95,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%		▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Rukwa	Current	71,000	220,000	185,000	-	-	132,500	72,500
	Previous	72,500	220,000	180,000	-	-	132,500	72,500
	Change	▼2.1%	▶0.0%	▲2.7%			▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Shinyanga	Current	102,500	250,000	275,000	110,000	95,000	175,000	97,500
	Previous	102,500	260,000	275,000	112,500	95,000	175,000	97,500
	Change	▶0.0%	▼4.0%	▶0.0%	▼2.3%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Mwanza	Current	112,500	300,000	315,000	-	180,000	-	100,000
	Previous	125,000	240,000	280,000		175,000	-	100,000
	Change	▼11.1%	▲20.0%	▲11.1%		▲2.8%		▶0.0%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Kagera	Current	107,500	245,000	245,000	185,000	165,000	155,000	87,500
	Previous	106,500	245,000	245,000	185,000	165,000	155,000	87,500
	Change	▲ 0.9%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Mara	Current	97,000	180,000	200,000	130,000	250,000	250,000	100,000
	Previous	97,000	180,000	200,000	130,000	250,000	250,000	100,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Manyara	Current	104,500	270,000	225,000	85,000	110,000	110,000	90,000
	Previous	104,500	270,000	225,000	85,000	110,000	110,000	90,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Kilimanjaro	Current	105,000	350,000	300,000			200,000	85,000
	Previous	105,000	350,000	300,000			200,000	85,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Mbeya	Current	75,000	280,000	225,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	75,000
	Previous	75,000	280,000	225,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	75,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Singida	Current	80,000	285,000	225,000	120,000	87,500	87,500	82,500
	Previous	80,000	285,000	225,000	120,000	87,500	87,500	82,500
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%

Source: Ministry of Industry and Trade, 2023

Notes:

- ✓ Unit of measurement: for food crops are in TZS per 100kg.
- ✓ The symbols (▲▼▶) depict the direction of price changes. (▲) price increased; (▼) price decreased; (▶) no change in price.
- ✓ (-) means data not available.

Table 3: Average Retail prices (TZS) for Horticulture products for a week of 22th – 27rd September, 2023

Region	Tomato (40 Kg Crate)	Onion (100 Kg Sack)	Watermelon (Kg)	Pineapple (Kg)	Green Pepper (50 Kg Sack)	Cucumber (100 Kg Sack)
Nairobi	44,000	308,000	770	990	58,300	60,500
Mombasa	42,900	286,000	880	1,867	66,000	66,000
Zanzibar	57,143	211,429			55,714	
Dar es salaam	45,000	240,000	400	350	50,000	40,200
Morogoro	46,667	153,333	567	667	40,000	83,333
Mwanza	22,500	261,111	583	917	22,667	198,000
Arusha	36,000	256,667	767	550	41,667	86,667
Tanga	43,000	259,333	540	640	34,000	82,000
Mbeya	40,200	261,667	372	1,800	52,800	134,800
Current week average	41,934	248,616	610	973	46,794	93,938
Previous average	39,555	266,931	667	1,004	48,211	76,481
Change	▲ 6.0%	▼ 6.9%	▼ 8.5%	▼ 3.1%	▼ 2.9%	▲ 22.8%

Source: TAHA, 2023

Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 2nd October, 2023

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
2,656,990	713,720	283,920	3,654,630	8,040.36	29,318,039,520.00

Source: Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission, 2023

Table 5: 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, 2022

Important updates

- ✓ The Ministry of Agriculture has established an online market platform (M-Kilimo) to facilitate market access by farmers and traders through their mobile phones, how to access services; -
 - ❖ USSD: Dial *152*00# select No. 7 then Na. 2 then follow the instructions
 - ❖ Website: open exts.kilimo.go.tz then select the service

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