



**United Republic of Tanzania  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Agricultural Marketing Section**

Weekly Market Bulletin

06<sup>th</sup>Novemba - 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**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 bulrush millet, round potato, finger millet and beans increased by 9.0%, 7.2%, 1.5% and 1.2% respectively, while price of rice, sorghum, and maize, decreased by 1.3%, 1.2%, and 0.1% respectively.

**Horticulture:** The period of 03<sup>th</sup> November – 08<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of onions, pineapple, tomato, cucumber and green pepper increased by 11.6%, 11.6%, 6.1%, 3.8% and 2.7% respectively while prices of watermelon decreased by 15.7%.

**Cocoa:** Total sales were 5,371,450 kilograms with a total value of TZS 45 billion for the week ended 06<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.

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

		Weekly Wholesale Market Price Averages						
Previous week	30-novemba,2023	Current week	06-10 november,2023					
National Average	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
	Current	88,200	262,100	270,600	129,500	144,800	164,500	86,600
	Previous	88,300	265,600	267,400	131,000	131,700	162,100	80,400
	Change	▼0.1%	▼1.3%	▲1.2%	▼1.2%	▲9.0%	▲1.5%	▲7.2%

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	71,500	267,500	285,000	80,000	65,000	140,000	73,500
	Previous	69,500	266,500	285,000	76,000	68,500	121,500	70,500
	Change	▲2.8%	▲0.4%	▶0.0%	▲5.0%	▼5.4%	▲13.2%	▲4.1%
Arusha	Current	74,500	300,000	235,000	77,500	97,500	86,000	90,000
	Previous	75,000	305,000	235,000	77,500	97,500	91,000	85,000
	Change	▼0.7%	▼1.7%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼5.8%	▲5.6%
Dar es Salaam	Current	100,000	240,000	290,000	180,000	180,000	200,000	100,000
	Previous	100,000	240,000	290,000	180,000	180,000	200,000	100,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Morogoro	Current	77,000	330,000	302,500	147,500	125,000	155,000	76,700
	Previous	77,000	330,000	312,500	147,500	125,000	155,000	80,700
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼3.3%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼5.2%
Tanga	Current	110,000	250,000	260,000	130,000	136,000	180,000	75,000
	Previous	110,000	245,000	257,500	130,000	133,000	180,000	75,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▲2.0%	▲1.0%	▶0.0%	▲2.2%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Mtwara	Current	87,500	275,000	320,000	150,000	100,000	150,000	50,000
	Previous	82,500	275,000	320,000	150,000	100,000	127,500	50,000
	Change	▲5.7%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲15.0%	▶0.0%
Iringa	Current	75,000	250,000	270,000	150,000	190,000	157,500	58,800
	Previous	75,000	250,000	270,000	150,000	190,000	157,500	58,800
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Ruvuma	Current	63,500	300,000	270,000	60,000	-	80,000	96,000
	Previous	62,500	305,000	265,000	60,000	-	80,000	95,000
	Change	▲1.6%	▼1.7%	▲1.9%				▲1.0%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Tabora	Current	-	230,000	285,000	160,000	195,000	195,000	95,000
	Previous	96,000	230,000	275,000	160,000	-	195,000	95,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.5%	▶ 0.0%		▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Rukwa	Current	70,000	202,500	175,000	-	-	188,800	75,000
	Previous	72,500	200,000	175,000	-	-	187,500	75,000
	Change	▼ 3.6%	▲ 1.2%	▶ 0.0%			▲ 0.7%	▶ 0.0%
Shinyanga	Current	112,500	260,000	280,000	110,800	99,000	182,500	101,300
	Previous	110,000	255,000	275,000	113,300	99,000	190,000	100,000
Mara	Current	98,000	200,000	200,000	130,000	250,000	250,000	100,000
	Previous	98,000	200,000	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	90,800	280,000	258,800	85,000	110,000	110,000	103,800
	Previous	102,000	280,000	232,500	85,000	110,000	110,000	100,000
	Change	▼ 12.3%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 10.2%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.7%
Kilimanjaro	Current	92,500	300,000	315,000			200,000	112,500
	Previous	92,500	300,000	315,000			200,000	112,500
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Mbeya	Current	80,000	250,000	250,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	80,000
	Previous	80,000	250,000	250,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	80,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Singida	Current	73,000	280,000	325,000	107,000	68,800	152,500	85,000
	Previous	77,500	285,000	325,000		67,500	145,000	82,500
	Change	▼ 6.2%	▼ 1.8%	▶ 0.0%		▲ 1.9%	▲ 4.9%	▲ 2.9%

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 03<sup>th</sup> November– 08<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**

Region	Tomato (40 Kg Crate)	Onion (100 Kg Sack)	Watermelon (Kg)	Pineapple (Kg)	Green Pepper (50 Kg Sack)	Cucumber (100 Kg Sack)
Nairobi	58,667	293,700	865	2,200	73,150	82,500
Mombasa	40,817	182,219	666		47,898	79,135
Zanzibar	60,000	260,000			50,000	
Dar es salaam	52,333	186,667	450	350	66,667	41,667
Morogoro						
Mwanza	24,333	205,556	500	833	24,000	58,000
Arusha	41,000	266,667	750	550	48,333	86,667
Tanga	55,000	240,000	600	700	25,000	80,000
Mbeya	41,667	178,889	383	1,277	51,000	120,000
<b>Current week average</b>	46,727	226,712	602	985	48,256	78,281
<b>Previous average</b>	44,054	203,098	714	883	46,983	75,404
<b>Change</b>	▲ 6.1	▲ 11.6	▼ 15.7	▲ 11.6	▲ 2.7	▲ 3.8

Source: TAHA, 2023

**Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 06<sup>th</sup> November,2023**

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
3,800,020	1,121,190	450,240	5,371,450	8,292.37	44,854,739,230

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](https://exts.kilimo.go.tz) then select the service

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