



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

Weekly Market Bulletin

08th – 12th January, 2024

Key Messages

Food crops: wholesale prices for food crops this week have been varying at different rates compared to price level last week. Price of sorghum increased by 7.1% while price of maize, rice, beans, bulrush millet, finger millet and round potato remained constant.

Horticulture: The period of 22th – 27th December, 2023 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of pineapple, tomato and green pepper increased by 5.7%, 1.0% and 0.9% respectively while prices of onions, cucumber and watermelon decreased by 10.3%, 8.0% and 0.3% respectively.

Cocoa: Total sales were 8,184,120 kilograms with a total value of TZS 72.5 billion for the week ended 08th January, 2024.

Cashew nut: Until 05th January 2023/24 trade season total sales of raw cashew nut was 241,477,696 kilograms with a total value of TZS 433 billion.

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

Previous week	01-05 January 2024		Current week	08-12 January 2024				
	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
National Average	Current	800	2,400	2,600	1,400	1,400	1,600	800
	Previous	800	2,400	2,600	1,300	1,400	1,600	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 7.1%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%

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

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Dodoma	Current	700	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	700	-	2,600	-	-	-	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%						
Arusha	Current	700	2,500	2,900	1,500	1,600	1,700	800
	Previous	700	3,000	2,700	1,500	900	1,700	900
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 20.0%	▲ 6.9%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 43.8%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 12.5%
Dar es Salaam	Current	900	2,600	3,100	1,300	1,200	1,600	700
	Previous	1,100	2,500	3,200	1,300	1,300	1,700	800
	Change	▼ 22.2%	▲ 3.8%	▼ 3.2%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 8.3%	▼ 6.3%	▼ 14.3%
Lindi	Current	1,100	2,800	2,900	3,300	-	-	800
	Previous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Change							
Morogoro	Current	700	-	2,900	1,300	-	-	800
	Previous	1,000	2,200	2,800	1,300	1,800	2,400	800
	Change	▼ 42.9%		▲ 3.4%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%
Tanga	Current	800	2,200	2,500	900	1,000	2,300	700
	Previous	900	2,300	2,500	900	1,300	1,600	700
	Change	▼ 12.5%	▼ 4.5%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 30.0%	▲ 30.4%	▶ 0.0%
Iringa	Current	600	2,500	2,600	1,300	-	-	600
	Previous	700	2,500	2,500	1,300	-	-	600
	Change	▼ 16.7%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.8%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%
Ruvuma	Current	500	2,100	-	-	-	-	500
	Previous	600	2,100	-	-	-	-	500
	Change	▼ 20.0%	▶ 0.0%					▶ 0.0%
Tabora	Current	800	2,400	2,600	-	-	-	800
	Previous	800	2,500	2,600	-	-	-	900
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.2%	▶ 0.0%				▼ 12.5%
Rukwa	Current	600	2,300	2,300	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	2,300	2,300	-	-	-	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%				

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Kigoma	Current	800	2,100	2,600	-	-	-	700
	Previous	800	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	700
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 19.0%	▲ 3.8%				▶ 0.0%
Mwanza	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	800	2,500	2,600	1,500	-	-	1,000
	Change							
Kagera	Current	900	2,800	2,300	1,700	-	-	800
	Previous	900	2,900	2,300	1,700	1,700	1,700	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 3.4%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%
Mara	Current	900	2,300	2,600	2,200	2,000	2,000	1,300
	Previous	900	2,400	2,600	1,300	-	-	1,400
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.3%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 40.9%			▼ 7.7%
Manyara	Current	900	2,700	3,000	1,400	-	-	1,100
	Previous	800	2,700	2,900	1,400	-	-	1,000
	Change	▲ 11.1%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.3%	▶ 0.0%			▲ 9.1%
Njombe	Current	600	2,600	2,100	900	1,200	1,100	500
	Previous	600	2,400	2,200	900	-	1,200	400
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 7.7%	▼ 4.8%	▶ 0.0%		▼ 9.1%	▲ 20.0%
Katavi	Current	700	2,200	2,300	1,700	-	-	1,400
	Previous	700	2,200	2,400	400	-	-	1,400
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.3%	▲ 76.5%			▶ 0.0%
Mbeya	Current	-	2,300	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	2,100	1,900	-	-	-	-
	Change		▲ 8.7%					
Singida	Current	600	2,700	-	500	800	800	-
	Previous	600	2,200	-	500	-	800	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 18.5%		▶ 0.0%		▶ 0.0%	

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Geita	Current	900	2,200	3,200	-	-	-	-
	Previous	1,000	2,100	3,300	2,500	-	-	-
	Change	▼ 11.1%	▲ 4.5%	▼ 3.1%				
Songwe	Current	600	2,500	2,000	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	2,500	2,000	-	-	-	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%				

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, 2024

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 – 27th December, 2023

Region	Tomato (40 Kg Crate)	Onion (100 Kg Sack)	Watermelon (Kg)	Pineapple (Kg)	Green Pepper (50 Kg Sack)	Cucumber (100 Kg Sack)
Nairobi	84,700	117,600	600	1,000	49,000	106,200
Mombasa	40,817	182,219	666	300	47,898	79,135
Zanzibar	98,333	252,778	750	816	72,000	42,800
Dar es salaam	53,333	313,333	500	250	55,000	51,000
Morogoro	75,000	200,000	500	700	41,667	83,333
Mwanza	45,417	241,667	625	1,125	32,500	70,000
Arusha	47,500	275,000	800	600	120,000	60,000
Tanga	45,000	21,000	500	500	45,000	55,000
Mbeya	51,000	95,000	549	900	50,000	64,000
Current week average	60,122	188,733	610	688	57,007	67,941
Previous average	59,502	210,289	612	651	56,498	73,867
Change	▲ 1.0%	▼ 10.3%	▼ 0.3%	▲ 5.7%	▲ 0.9%	▼ 8.0%

Source: TAHA, 2023

Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 08th January, 2024

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
5,788,300.0	1,706,810.0	689,010.0	8,184,120.0	8,802.89	72,583,546,420.00

Source: Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission, 2024

Table 5: Raw Cashew nut sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 05th January, 2024

Union	Amount (Kgs)	Maximum price (TZS)	Minimum price (TZS)	Value (TZS)
TANECU	74,181,716	2,150	1,500	133,770,196,698
MAMCU	63,038,792	2,135	1,250	106,056,915,122
Lindi Mwambao	15,137,180	2,075	1,500	26,323,818,200
RUNALI	52,553,442	2,190	1,550	102,397,788,753
CORECU	10,546,233	2,120	1,400	18,646,882,860
TAMCU	26,020,333	2,032	1,345	45,575,670,183
UKICU	179,920	1,580	1,570	284,016,800
Total	241,477,696	2,040	1,445	432,771,271,816

Source: Tanzania Cashew Board, 2024

Table 6: 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, 2023

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
- This weekly marketing bulletin can be accessed at www.kilimo.go.tz

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