



**United Republic of Tanzania
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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 sorghum, beans, bulrush millet and round potato has increased by 13.0%, 8.0%, 3.1% and 1.7% respectively, while prices of maize, finger millet and rice decreased by 6.9%, 1.6%, and 1.0% respectively.

Horticulture: The period of 05th – 10th May, 2023 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Prices of tomatoes increased by 3.9%, while price of pineapple, green pepper, cucumber, onion and water melon decreased by 6.8%, 5.5%, 0.9%, 0.4% and 0.2% respectively.

Cocoa: Total sales were 9,426,466 kilograms with a total value of TZS 42.59 Billion for the week ended 08th May, 2023.

Coffee: Total sales were 79,319,407 kilograms with a total value of USD 225.96 million for the week ended 27th April, 2023.

Cashew nut: Until 28th March, 2023 trade season total sales of raw cashew nut was 176,686,889 kilograms with a total value of TZS 328 billion.

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

Previous week	01 - 05 May, 2023		Current week	08 - 12 May, 2023				
	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
National Average	Current	97,200	295,800	277,100	152,000	146,500	160,800	106,300
	Previous	103,900	298,400	255,000	132,200	142,000	163,400	104,500
	Change	▼ 6.9%	▼ 0.9%	▲ 8.0%	▲ 13.0%	▲ 3.1%	▼ 1.6%	▲ 1.7%

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	104,300	325,000	295,000	92,500	126,000	170,000	103,300
	Previous	98,800	320,000	295,000	92,500	125,000	170,000	103,300
	Change	▲ 5.3%	▲ 1.5%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 0.8%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Arusha	Current	111,500	275,000	255,000	95,000	102,500	116,000	97,500
	Previous	102,500	275,000	255,000	95,000	102,500	117,500	97,500
	Change	▲ 8.1%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 1.3%	▶ 0.0%
Dar es Salaam	Current	112,500	285,000	320,000	150,000	130,000	165,000	72,500
	Previous	112,500	285,000	320,000	150,000	130,000	165,000	72,500
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Lindi	Current	125,000	345,000	320,000	250,000	-	-	130,000
	Previous	125,000	345,000	320,000	250,000	-	-	130,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%
Morogoro	Current	103,500	280,000	260,000	142,500	105,000	165,000	108,000
	Previous	103,500	280,000	267,500	142,500	105,000	165,000	79,500
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 2.9%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 26.4%
Tanga	Current	115,500	271,000	287,500	150,000	-	197,000	90,500
	Previous	119,500	297,000	293,000	145,000	-	195,000	91,500
	Change	▼ 3.5%	▼ 9.6%	▼ 1.9%	▲ 3.3%		▲ 1.0%	▼ 1.1%
Mtwara	Current	110,000	330,000	300,000	150,000	-	150,000	200,000
	Previous	110,000	330,000	300,000	150,000	-	150,000	200,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%		▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Ruvuma	Current	105,000	320,000	290,000	-	-	-	90,000
	Previous	105,000	320,000	290,000	-	-	-	90,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%				▶ 0.0%
Tabora	Current	79,000	295,000	260,000	165,000	-	195,000	95,000
	Previous	79,000	295,000	260,000	165,000	-	195,000	95,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%		▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Kagera	Current	102,500	295,000	270,000	200,000	195,000	175,000	95,000
Kilimanjaro	Current	120,000	310,000	270,000			150,000	120,000
	Previous	120,000	310,000	270,000			150,000	120,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Katavi	Current	67,500	225,000	190,000	-	-	-	70,000
	Previous	67,500	225,000	190,000	-	-	-	70,000
	Change	▶ 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 05th - 10th May, 2023

Region	Tomato (40 Kg Crate)	Onion (100 Kg Sack)	Watermelon (Kg)	Pineapple (Kg)	Green Pepper (50 Kg Sack)	Cucumber (100 Kg Sack)
Nairobi	46,750	140,800	880	935	34,650	143,000
Mombasa	47,667	160,417	660		33,000	88,000
Zanzibar	71,875	191,667	717	1,175	116,250	79,143
Dar es salaam	43,333	200,000	500	400	52,778	120,000
Morogoro	41,000	128,000	690	680	41,333	95,333
Dodoma	27,667	120,000	467	1,433	52,778	53,333
Mwanza	34,333	116,667	683	1,167	25,000	63,333
Arusha	65,000	88,000	580	860	31,000	66,000
Mbeya	42,000	84,444	750	800	48,000	118,000
Tanga	43,750	96,250	700	800	32,500	72,500
Current week average	46,625	136,666	659	931	48,310	91,794
Previous average	44,855	137,171	660	999	51,102	92,650
Change	▲ 3.9%	▼ 0.4%	▼ 0.2%	▼ 6.8	▼ 5.5	▼ 0.9

Source: TAHA, 2023

Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2022/23 trade season ending 08nd May, 2023

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
7,319,490	1,543,031	563,945	9,426,466	4,670.12	42,596,217,385

Source: Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission, 2023

Table 5: Coffee sales (by varieties) for 2022/23 trade season ending 27th April, 2023

Type of Coffee	Auction		Direct exports		Local roast		Total	
	KGS	USD	KGS	USD	KGS	USD	KGS	USD
Mild Arabika	8,445,405	28,634,540	24,836,867	103,880,856	120,299	288,315	33,402,571	132,803,711
Hard Arabika	42,130	149,658	3,978,300	8,157,837	-	-	4,020,430	8,307,476
Robusta	2,258,168	5,424,739	38,961,510	78,234,873	676,728	1,193,864	41,896,406	84,853,477
Total	10,745,703	34,208,938	67,776,677	190,273,566	797,027	1,482,179	79,319,407	225,964,683

Source: Tanzania Coffee Board, 2023

Table 6: Raw Cashew nut sales for 2022/23 trade season ending 28th March, 2023

Union	Amount (Kgs)	Maximum price (TZS)	Minimum price (TZS)	Value (TZS)
TANECU	33,518,494	2,012	1,604	63,447,865,104
MAMCU	59,609,667	2,200	1,680	111,449,764,229
Lindi Mwambao	14,622,801	1,851	1,672	25,590,331,828
RUNALI	42,440,859	2,005	1,600	81,187,464,564
CORECU	10,759,505	1,900	1,520	18,796,295,755
TAMCU	15,218,006	1,905	1,600	26,929,210,718
UKICU	153,959	1,721	1,720	264,846,120
TACACU	339,519	1,751	1,719	569,336,325
DOMASICA	24,079	1,720		40,164,540
Jumla	176,686,889	2,200	1,520	328,275,279,183

Source: Tanzania Cashew Board, 2023

Table 7: Tobacco sales for 2021/22 trade season ending 30th April, 2023

Tobacco type	Company	Contracted volume (kg)	EVALUATED MARKETS (CUMMULATIVE)			
			Belo	Kg	Thamani (USD)	Average price (USD/KG)
VFC	Alliance One Tobacco Tanzania Ltd	24,680,909	26,121	1,386,779.02	2,736,063.91	1.97
	JTI Leaf Services Ltd	14,977,000	10,322	566,258.47	1,413,937.00	2.50
	Premium Active Tanzania Ltd	21,874,800	9,593	431,269.00	988,356.00	2.29
	Mkwawa Leaf Tobacco Ltd	45,581,830	44,917	2,350,005.21	5,491,195.64	2.34
	Magefa Growers Ltd	8,328,105	7,738	408,156.32	791,791.88	1.94
	Voedsel Tobacco Limited	15,423,078	3,548	250,097.43	601,111.00	2.40
	G4 Agro Limited	993,000				
	Biexen Agro Limited	25,000				
SUB TOTAL VFC		131,883,722	102,249	5,392,565	12,022,455	2.23
DFC	Magefa Growers Ltd	400,000				
	Premium Active Tanzania Ltd	800,000				
	SUB TOTAL VFC	1,200,000				
BURLEY	Voedsel Tobacco Limjited	5,000,000				
DAC	Premium Active Tanzania Ltd	155,000				
GRAND TOTAL		138,238,722	102,249	5,392,565	12,022,455	2.23

Source: Tanzania Tobacco Board, 2023

Table 7: 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; -
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