



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

Weekly Market Bulletin

11th- 15th September, 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 beans and sorghum increased by 2.3% and 1.1% respectively, while price of finger millet, maize, bulrush millet, round potatoes and rice decreased by 5.8%, 3.6%, 2.2%, 05% and 0.4% respectively.

Horticulture: The period of 08th – 13rd September, 2023 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of green pepper, tomato and watermelon increased by 3.2%, 2.2% and 1.8% respectively while prices of cucumber, pineapple and onions decreased by 6.2%, 4.8% and 2.4% respectively.

Cocoa: Total sales were **2,825,900** kilograms with a total value of TZS 22 billion for the week ended 11th September, 2023.

Cotton: Total sales were 15,966,562 kilograms for the week ended 20th August, 2023.

Tobacco: Until 30th July, 2023 trade season, total sales of tobacco were 119,013,600.39 kilograms with a total value of USD 276.8 million.

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

Previous week	04-08 Sept 2023		Current week	11-15 Sept 2023				
National Average	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
	Current	95,600	252,000	264,600	130,400	137,800	159,000	82,400
	Previous	99,000	252,900	258,600	129,000	140,800	168,300	82,800
	Change	▼3.6%	▼0.4%	▲2.3%	▲1.1%	▼2.2%	▼5.8%	▼0.5%

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	126,000	256,000	289,000	81,500	77,000	116,000	68,500
	Previous	110,800	251,300	275,000	79,500	75,600	112,500	67,600
	Change	▲12.1%	▲1.8%	▲4.8%	▲2.5%	▲1.8%	▲3.0%	▲1.3%
Arusha	Current	84,500	300,000	240,000	72,500	90,000	87,500	77,500
	Previous	91,500	300,000	240,000	72,500	90,000	87,500	77,500
	Change	▼8.3%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶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	84,000	260,000	237,500	142,500	105,000	165,000	55,000
	Previous	84,000	260,000	230,000	142,500	105,000	165,000	57,300
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲3.2%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼4.2%
Tanga	Current	110,000	240,000	265,000	120,000	125,000	200,000	65,000
	Previous	140,000	225,000	250,000	130,000	135,000	200,000	72,500
	Change	▼27.3%	▲6.3%	▲5.7%	▼8.3%	▼8.0%	▶0.0%	▼11.5%
Mtwara	Current	85,000	275,000	300,000	175,000	135,000	160,000	80,000
	Previous	95,000	275,000	320,000	150,000	105,000	200,000	
	Change	▼11.8%	▶0.0%	▼6.7%	▲14.3%	▲22.2%	▼25.0%	
Iringa	Current	75,000	250,000	270,000	150,000	190,000	157,500	60,000
	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%	▶0.0%
Ruvuma	Current	86,500	295,000	285,000	-	-	-	96,000
	Previous	86,000	290,000	280,000	-	-	-	96,500
	Change	▲0.6%	▲1.7%	▲1.8%				▼0.5%
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	82,500	200,000	180,000	-	-	120,000	75,000
	Previous	82,500	200,000	185,000	-	-	120,000	75,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼2.8%			▶0.0%	▶0.0%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Shinyanga	Current	101,300	260,000	290,000	114,300	97,500	177,500	103,800
	Previous	100,000	260,000	300,000	112,500	100,000	190,000	110,000
	Change	▲1.3%	▶0.0%	▼3.4%	▲1.6%	▼2.6%	▼7.0%	▼6.0%
Mwanza	Current	112,500	230,000	276,300	-	175,000	-	97,500
	Previous	123,800	237,500	275,000		175,000	190,000	95,000
	Change	▼10.0%	▼3.3%	▲0.5%		▶0.0%		▲2.6%
Kagera	Current	106,500	245,000	242,500	185,000	165,000	155,000	95,000
	Previous	107,000	245,000	236,300	185,000	165,000	155,000	95,000
	Change	▼0.5%	▶0.0%	▲2.6%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Mara	Current	95,000	180,000	200,000	130,000	250,000	250,000	100,000
	Previous	95,000	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	267,500	225,000	85,000	110,000	110,000	87,500
	Previous	108,000	265,000	225,000	85,000	110,000	110,000	85,000
	Change	▼3.3%	▲0.9%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲2.9%
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	77,500	275,000	227,500	125,000	150,000	150,000	70,000
	Previous	80,000	270,000	230,000	100,000	150,000	150,000	70,000
	Change	▼3.2%	▲1.8%	▼1.1%	▲20.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Singida	Current	85,000	285,000	330,000	105,000	80,000	90,000	90,000
	Previous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 08th – 13rd 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	38,500	291,500	825	880	72,050	74,250
Mombasa	45,100	279,583	880	1,700	55,000	88,000
Zanzibar	55,625	203,958	1,500	1,200	59,250	70,000
Dar es salaam	38,333	263,333	400	383	62,500	39,000
Morogoro	45,000	160,000	600	700	37,500	83,333
Dodoma	31,667	276,667	900	1,533	50,000	68,333
Mwanza	20,667	272,222	600	1,083	22,000	48,000
Arusha	32,333	206,667	833	533	45,833	80,000
Tanga	32,000	269,333	560	560	31,000	90,000
Mbeya	39,000	242,222	357	2,033	54,333	129,333
Current week average	37,823	246,549	746	1,061	48,947	77,025
Previous average	37,008	252,690	733	1,114	47,418	82,100
Change	▲ 2.2%	▼ 2.4%	▲ 1.8%	▼ 4.8%	▲ 3.2%	▼ 6.2%

Source: TAHA, 2023

Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2022/23 trade season ending 11th September, 2023

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
2,105,670	518,420	201,810	2,825,900	7,878.64	22,178,244,970.00

Source: Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission, 2023

Table 5: Cotton sales for 2021/22 trade season week no. 16 ending 20th August, 2023

Sales			Transportation		
Previous weeks (Kg)	Current week (Kg)	Total (Kg)	Previous weeks (Kg)	Current week (Kg)	Total (Kg)
206,504,066	15,966,562	222,470,628	199,903,811	16,519,475	216,423,286

Source: Tanzania Cotton Board, 2023

Table 6: Tobacco sales for 2022/23 trade season ending 30th July, 2023

Tobacco type	Company	Contracted volume (kg)	EVALUATED MARKETS (CUMMULATIVE)			
			Belo	Kg	Value (USD)	Average price (USD/KG)
VFC	Alliance One Tobacco Tanzania Ltd	23,248,660	524,414	26,043,043.00	58,294,364.58	2.24
	JTI Leaf Services Ltd	14,977,000	321,606	16,817,390.73	40,043,884.92	2.38
	Premium Active Tanzania Ltd	21,874,800	337,386	16,570,141.63	39,922,594.90	2.41
	Mkwawa Leaf Tobacco Ltd	45,581,830	813,400	41,611,589.00	97,894,450.00	2.35
	Magefa Growers Ltd	7,848,280	1,377,270	6,293,472.93	13,740,326.08	2.18
	Voedsel Tobacco Limited	15,423,078	185,444	9,399,809.98	22,391,260.27	2.38
	G4 Agro Limited	993,000	19,991	1,006,463.00	2,293,237.00	2.28
	Biexen Agro Limited	25,000	274	11,601.00	22,026.05	2.90
	Serengeti (AOTT&MGL)	1,912,074	14,969	748,439.57	1,259,737.42	1.68
SUB TOTAL VFC		131,883,722	3,594,754	118,501,951	275,861,881.22	2.33
DFC	Magefa Growers Ltd	400,000	1,373	59,262.20	100,820.29	1.70
	Premium Active Tanzania Ltd	800,000	6,240	312,570.85	534,355.59	1.71
	SUB TOTAL VFC	1,200,000	7,613	371,833.05	635,175.88	1.71
BURLEY	Voedsel Tobacco Limjited	5,000,000	2,142	65,995	109,298.20	1.66
DAC	Premium Active Tanzania Ltd	155,000	722	73,821.50	180,863.50	2.45
GRAND TOTAL		138,238,722	3,605,231	119,013,600.39	276,787,218.80	2.33

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; -
 - ❖ 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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