



United Republic of Tanzania
Ministry of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Section

Weekly Market Bulletin

11th December- 15th December 2023

Key Messages

Food crops: The average wholesale prices per one kilogram of food crops in various markets in the country are follows. Prices of maize, rice, beans, sorghum, bulrush millet, finger millet and round potato are TZS 800, 2500, 2800, 1600, 1800, 1800 and 900 respectively.

Horticulture: The period of 08th – 13th December, 2023 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of green pepper, tomato, watermelon and onions increased by 6.2%, 2.8%, 1.7% and 1.3% respectively while prices of cucumber and pineapple decreased by 9.3% and 1.4% respectively.

Cocoa: Total sales were 7,552,230 kilograms with a total value of TZS 66 billion for the week ended 11th December, 2023.

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

Previous week	04-08Desemba,2023		Current week	11-15December,2023				
National Average	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
	Current		800	2,500	2,800	1,600	1,800	1,800

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	2,900	2,600	700			700
Arusha	Current	700	2,800	2,800	1,400		1,800	800
Dar es Salaam	Current	1,000	2,700	2,700	1,200		1,600	900
Lindi	Current	500			3,300			800
Morogoro	Current	1,000	2,600	3,100	1,600	1,800	2,500	900
Tanga	Current	900	2,400	2,800	1,300	1,700	2,400	800
Iringa	Current	800	2,200		800			600
Ruvuma	Current	500						
Tabora	Current	800	2,600		1,500			800
Rukwa	Current	600	2,200			1,500		
Kigoma	Current	800	2,600		1,600			800
Mwanza	Current	900	2,000		1,800			1,700
Kagera	Current	900	2,900		1,700			900
Mara	Current	900	2,300	2,600	1,500			
Manyara	Current	800	2,600		1,800			1,000
Njombe	Current	600	2,400		700	1,000		400
Katavi	Current	700	2,300		2,500			1,300
Mbeya	Current		2,100		2,900			
Singida	Current	600			600		800	

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, 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 – 13th 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	96,667	221,111	750	816	72,000	42,800
Dar es salaam	53,333	226,667	467	267	55,000	51,000
Morogoro	72,500	200,000	550	600	39,583	81,667
Mwanza	44,000	225,000	625	875	30,000	70,000
Arusha	47,500	275,000	800	600	120,000	115,000
Tanga	45,000	250,000	500	500	45,000	55,000
Mbeya	51,000	195,000	549	900	50,000	64,000
Current week average	59,502	210,289	612	651	56,498	73,867
Previous average	57,883	207,665	602	660	53,192	81,474
Change	▲ 2.8%	▲ 1.3%	▲ 1.7%	▼ 1.4%	▲ 6.2%	▼ 9.3%

Source: TAHA, 2023

Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 11th December, 2023

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
5,340,580	1,574,580	637,070	7,552,230	8,611.67	66,271,612,330

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

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