



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

Weekly Market Bulletin

13th -17th 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 round potato, bulrush millet, maize, finger millet and beans increased by 5.7%, 3.2%, 1.8%, 1.4% and 0.4% respectively, while price of sorghum and rice decreased by 4.4%, and 0.6% respectively.

Horticulture: The period of 10th – 15th November, 2023 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of tomato, green pepper and cucumber increased by 17.5, 3.4% and 2.5% respectively while prices of pineapple, watermelon, and onions decreased by 14.3%, 10.2% and 1.8% respectively.

Cocoa: Total sales were 5,830,230 kilograms with a total value of TZS 49 billion for the week ended 13th November, 2023.

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

		Weekly Wholesale Market Price Averages						
Previous week		06-10 nov,2023		Current week		13-16 november,2023		
National Average	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
	Current	89,400	264,100	270,900	130,900	144,500	166,900	86,400
	Previous	87,800	265,600	269,800	136,600	139,900	164,500	81,500
	Change	▲1.8%	▼0.6%	▲0.4%	▼4.4%	▲3.2%	▲1.4%	▲5.7%

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	71,800	265,000	285,000	80,000	67,500	137,500	74,000
	Previous	71,500	267,500	285,000	80,000	65,000	140,000	73,500
	Change	▲0.4%	▼0.9%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲3.7%	▼1.8%	▲0.7%
Arusha	Current	74,500	300,000	235,000	77,500	92,500	86,000	90,000
	Previous	74,500	300,000	235,000	77,500	97,500	86,000	90,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼5.4%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
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	295,000	147,500	125,000	155,000	73,800
	Previous	77,000	330,000	302,500	147,500	125,000	155,000	76,700
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼2.5%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼3.9%
Tanga	Current	130,000	270,000	270,000	150,000	136,000	200,000	73,000
	Previous	110,000	250,000	260,000	130,000	136,000	180,000	75,000
	Change	▲15.4%	▲7.4%	▲3.7%	▲13.3%	▶0.0%	▲10.0%	▼2.7%
Mtwara	Current	87,500	275,000	320,000	150,000	100,000	150,000	50,000
	Previous	87,500	275,000	320,000	150,000	100,000	150,000	50,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Iringa	Current	75,000	275,000	270,000	150,000	195,000	178,800	57,500
	Previous	75,000	250,000	270,000	150,000	190,000	157,500	58,800
	Change	▶0.0%	▲9.1%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲2.6%	▲11.9%	▼2.3%
Ruvuma	Current	65,000	300,000	265,000	60,000	-	80,000	96,000
	Previous	63,500	300,000	270,000	60,000	-	80,000	96,000
	Change	▲2.3%	▶0.0%	▼1.9%				▶0.0%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Tabora	Current	97,000	230,000	270,000	165,000	195,000	195,000	95,000
	Previous	96,000	230,000	285,000	160,000	195,000	195,000	95,000
	Change	▲1.0%	▶0.0%	▼5.6%	▲3.0%		▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Rukwa	Current	70,000	205,000	175,000	-	-	190,000	75,000
	Previous	70,000	202,500	175,000	-	-	188,800	75,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▲1.2%	▶0.0%			▲0.6%	▶0.0%
Shinyanga	Current	115,000	260,000	285,000	109,000	99,000	175,000	102,500
	Previous	112,500	260,000	280,000	110,800	99,000	182,500	101,300
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	96,500	280,000	285,000	85,000	110,000	110,000	102,500
	Previous	90,800	280,000	258,800	85,000	110,000	110,000	103,800
	Change	▲5.9%	▶0.0%	▲9.2%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼1.3%
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	68,500	275,000	325,000	105,000	62,500	160,000	87,500
	Previous	73,000	280,000	325,000		68,800	152,500	85,000
	Change	▼6.6%	▼1.8%	▶0.0%		▼10.1%	▲4.7%	▲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 10th – 15th 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	84,700	272,067	880	2,200	59,840	112,200
Mombasa	40,817	182,219	666	300	47,898	79,135
Zanzibar	75,000	240,000		816	75,000	42800
Dar es salaam	73,333	213,333	433	333	44,444	46,000
Morogoro	45,000	192,500	600	700	40,833	83,333
Mwanza	46,000	167,222	427	1,200	49,000	123,333
Arusha	54,898	222,654	540	844	49,877	74,917
Mbeya	46,000	167,222	427	1,200	49,000	123,333
Current week average	54,898	222,654	540	844	49,877	74,917
Previous average	46,727	226,712	602	985	48,256	78,281
Change	17.5% ▲	1.8% ▼	10.2% ▼	14.3% ▼	3.4% ▲	2.5% ▲

Source: TAHA, 2023

Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 13th November, 2023

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
4,125,800	1,215,620.0	488,810.0	5,830,230	8,363.25	49,055878025.00

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

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