



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

Weekly Market Bulletin

13th May - 17th May, 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 finger millet and beans increased by 6.3% and 4.0% respectively while price of round potato and bulrush millet decreased by 9.1% and 7.1% respectively. Price of maize, rice and sorghum remained constant.

Horticulture: The period of 19th April – 24th April, 2024 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of tomato, onions and cucumber increased by 13.5%, 3.8%, and 3.3% respectively while price of green pepper, watermelon and pineapple decreased by 27%, 15% and 2.3% respectively.

Cocoa: Total sales were 10,989,160 kilograms with a total value of TZS 133 billion for the week ended 12th May, 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	06 May - 10 May 2024		Current week	13 May - 17 May 2024				
	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
National Average	Current	500	2,100	2,600	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,000
	Previous	500	2,100	2,500	1,400	1,400	1,600	1,100
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲4.0%	▶0.0%	▼7.1%	▲6.3%	▼9.1%

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

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Dodoma	Current	500	2,600	2,500	500	600	1,500	800
	Previous	500	2,600	2,600	600	600	1,500	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 3.8%	▼ 16.7%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Arusha	Current	600	2,900	2,900	1,500	-	1,600	800
	Previous	600	2,800	2,900	1,500	-	1,600	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.6%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%		▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Dar es Salaam	Current	500	2,700	3,400	1,200	1,300	-	1,200
	Previous	500	2,600	3,100	1,300	1,300	1,700	1,200
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.8%	▲ 9.7%	▼ 7.7%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 100.0%	▶ 0.0%
Lindi	Current	-	2,700	3,000	2,400	2,900	1,900	900
	Previous	1,000	2,700	2,900	2,500	2,900	1,900	900
	Change	▼ 100.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.4%	▼ 4.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Morogoro	Current	500	2,500	3,400	1,300	-	-	800
	Previous	900	2,300	2,600	2,000	1,800	1,800	1,000
	Change	▼ 44.4%	▲ 8.7%	▲ 30.8%	▼ 35.0%	▼ 100.0%	▼ 100.0%	▼ 20.0%
Tanga	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	2,000	-	-	-	-	-
	Change	▼ 100.0%	▼ 100.0%					
Mtwara	Current	500	2,300	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	500	2,200	2,600	-	-	-	1,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 4.5%	▼ 100.0%				▼ 100.0%
Iringa	Current	500	2,200	2,300	1,400	1,700	1,600	800
	Previous	500	2,200	2,300	1,400	2,100	1,500	700
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 19.0%	▲ 6.7%	▲ 14.3%
Ruvuma	Current	500	2,100	2,100	-	-	-	700
	Previous	500	2,100	2,100	-	-	-	700
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%				▶ 0.0%
Tabora	Current	500	1,600	2,500	-	-	-	800
	Previous	500	1,700	2,600	-	-	-	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 5.9%	▼ 3.8%				▶ 0.0%
Rukwa	Current	400	1,800	2,200	-	-	1,000	900
	Previous	400	1,900	1,800	-	-	1,000	900
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 5.3%	▲ 22.2%			▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Kigoma	Current	-	2,200	2,400	-	500	1,900	-
	Previous	500	1,900	2,800	1,000	800	1,300	1,300
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 46.2%	▶ 0.0%
Shinyanga	Current	500	1,600	2,500	1,400	1,100	1,800	1,100
	Previous	500	1,600	2,700	1,400	800	1,800	1,100
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 8.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 27.3%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Mwanza	Current	700	2,000	3,000	1,400	1,300	1,600	1,000
	Previous	700	1,800	3,000	1,500	1,400	1,600	1,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Mara	Current	500	1,300	2,700	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,400
	Previous	500	1,500	2,800	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,400
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 13.3%	▼ 3.6%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Manyara	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	400	2,700	2,600	-	-	-	1,000
	Change	▼ 100.0%	▼ 100.0%	▼ 100.0%				▼ 100.0%
Njombe	Current	500	2,300	2,300	900	-	1,300	700
	Previous	500	2,400	2,000	1,100	-	1,300	700
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.2%	▲ 15.0%	▼ 18.2%		▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Katavi	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	300	1,900	2,200	2,000	-	2,000	1,500
	Change	▼ 100.0%	▼ 100.0%	▼ 100.0%	▼ 100.0%		▼ 100.0%	
Mbeya	Current	400	1,700	2,300	-	-	-	-
	Previous	400	2,000	2,200	-	-	-	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 15.0%	▲ 4.5%				
Singida	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	500	2,500	2,400	500	500	1,100	-
	Change	▼ 100.0%	▼ 100.0%	▼ 100.0%	▼ 100.0%	▼ 100.0%	▼ 100.0%	
Geita	Current	600	1,500	2,500	1,600	-	-	1,300
	Previous	600	1,500	2,500	1,500	-	-	1,300
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 6.7%			▶ 0.0%

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Songwe	Current	400	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-
	Previous	400	1,900	2,300	-	-	-	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 5.3%	▼ 13.0%				
Simiyu	Current	600	1,600	2,900	900	1,900	1,900	1,500
	Previous	600	1,800	2,600	900	1,900	1,900	1,500
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 11.1%	▲ 11.5%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Pwani	Current	1,000	2,200	3,100	1,700	1,600	2,000	2,000
	Previous	1,000	2,200	2,800	1,700	1,600	1,900	2,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 10.7%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 5.3%	▶ 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 19th April - 24th April, 2024

Region	Tomato (40 Kg Crate)	Onion (100 Kg Sack)	Watermelon (Kg)	Pineapple (Kg)	Green Pepper (50 Kg Sack)	Cucumber (100 Kg Sack)
Mombasa	52,800	374,000	660	1,700	40,333	88,000
Zanzibar	118,000	450,000			163,000	90,000
Dar es salaam	65,000	411,667	733	500	69,306	47,333
Morogoro	69,333	323,333	650	767	45,833	88,889
Dodoma	115,000	349,167			86,944	73,333
Mwanza	116,667	300,000	500	1,167	28,667	70,000
Arusha	51,667	380,000	700	483	53,333	83,333
Tanga	65,833	334,722	617	667	53,333	85,000
Mbeya	47,333	347,222	800	1,917	48,000	120,000
Current week average	76,617	364,411	686	1,038	61,955	92,189
Previous average	67,510	351,215	807	1,062	84,839	89,207
Change	▲ 13.5	▲ 3.8	▼ 15.0	▼ 2.3	▼ 27.0	▲ 3.3

Source: TAHA, 2024

Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 12th May, 2024

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
8,261,890	1,994,370	732,900	10,989,160	12,813.57	132,589,179,590

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
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