



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

**Weekly Market Bulletin**

**18<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>th</sup> 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 finger millet and bulrush millet increased by 6.27% and 0.86% respectively while price of round potatoes, maize, sorghum, rice and beans decreased by 1.10%, 1.06%, 0.85%, 0.35% and 0.04% respectively.

**Horticulture:** The period of 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>rd</sup> September, 2023 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of onions and tomato increased by 8.3% and 4.6% respectively while prices of watermelon, pineapple, green pepper and cucumber decreased by 10.6%, 5.4%, 1.5% and 0.7% respectively.

**Cocoa:** Total sales were **3,068,590** kilograms with a total value of TZS 24 billion for the week ended 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

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

Previous week	11-15 Sept 2023		Current week		18-22 Sept 2023			
	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
	Current	94,600	255,100	263,100	129,300	139,000	159,600	81,700
	Previous	95,600	256,000	263,200	130,400	137,800	149,600	82,600
	Change	▼ 1.06%	▼ 0.35%	▼ 0.04%	▼ 0.85%	▲ 0.86%	▲ 6.27%	▼ 1.10%

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	127,500	261,000	289,000	81,500	78,300	119,000	69,000
	Previous	126,000	256,000	289,000	81,500	77,000	116,000	68,500
	Change	▲1.2%	▲1.9%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲1.7%	▲2.5%	▲0.7%
Arusha	Current	83,500	300,000	225,000	72,500	97,500	87,500	77,500
	Previous	84,500	300,000	240,000	72,500	90,000	87,500	77,500
	Change	▼1.2%	▶0.0%	▼6.7%	▶0.0%	▲7.7%	▶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	245,000	142,500	105,000	165,000	56,500
	Previous	84,000	260,000	237,500	142,500	105,000	165,000	55,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲3.1%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲2.7%
Tanga	Current	110,000	240,000	260,000	120,000	130,000	200,000	65,000
	Previous	110,000	240,000	265,000	120,000	125,000	200,000	65,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼1.9%	▶0.0%	▲3.8%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Mtwara	Current	70,000	280,000	290,000	150,000	120,000	150,000	70,000
	Previous	85,000	275,000	300,000	175,000	135,000	160,000	
	Change	▼21.4%	▲1.8%	▼3.4%	▼16.7%	▼12.5%	▼6.7%	
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	300,000	285,000	-	-	-	96,000
	Previous	86,500	295,000	285,000	-	-	-	96,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▲1.7%	▶0.0%				▶0.0%
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	80,000	210,000	180,000	-	-	120,000	75,000
	Previous	82,500	200,000	180,000	-	-	120,000	75,000
	Change	▼3.1%	▲4.8%	▶0.0%			▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Shinyanga	Current	102,500	260,000	277,500	114,300	95,000	170,000	97,500
	Previous	101,300	260,000	290,000	114,300	97,500	177,500	103,800
	Change	▲1.2%	▶0.0%	▼4.5%	▶0.0%	▼2.6%	▼4.4%	▼6.5%
Mwanza	Current	112,500	235,000	277,500	-	175,000	-	100,000
	Previous	112,500	230,000	276,300		175,000	-	97,500
	Change	▶0.0%	▲2.1%	▲0.4%		▶0.0%		▲2.5%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Kagera	Current	107,500	265,000	250,000	170,000	185,000	180,000	92,500
	Previous	106,500	245,000	242,500	185,000	165,000	155,000	95,000
	Change	▲ 0.9%	▲ 8.2%	▲ 3.1%	▼ 8.1%	▲ 12.1%	▲ 16.1%	▼ 2.6%
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	270,000	225,000	85,000	110,000	110,000	90,000
	Previous	104,500	267,500	225,000	85,000	110,000	110,000	87,500
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 0.9%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 2.8%
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	75,000	280,000	225,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	70,000
	Previous	77,500	275,000	227,500	125,000	150,000	150,000	70,000
	Change	▼ 3.3%	▲ 1.8%	▼ 1.1%	▲ 16.7%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Singida	Current	85,000	285,000	330,000	105,000	80,000	90,000	90,000
	Previous	85,000	285,000	330,000	105,000	80,000	90,000	90,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 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 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>rd</sup> 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	44,000	315,333	880	917	66,733	58,667
Mombasa	51,700	296,175	880	1,700	55,000	77,000
Zanzibar	41,250	251,250			44,375	
Dar es salaam	41,667	260,000	400	383	66,667	40,667
Morogoro	45,000	150,000	600	700	40,000	83,333
Dodoma	35,000	300,000	800	1,400	50,000	70,000
Mwanza	22,000	272,222	750	1,083	23,667	48,667
Arusha	37,667	270,000	800	517	46,667	86,667
Tanga	36,600	299,333	560	500	34,000	88,000
Mbeya	40,667	255,000	330	1,833	55,000	135,333
<b>Current week average</b>	39,555	266,931	667	1,004	48,211	76,481
<b>Previous average</b>	37,823	246,549	746	1,061	48,947	77,025
<b>Change</b>	▲ 4.6%	▲ 8.3%	▼ 10.6%	▼ 5.4%	▼ 1.5%	▼ 0.7%

Source: TAHA, 2023

**Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
2,262,470	577,990	228,130	3,068,590	7,964.17	24,339,399,420.00

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](http://exts.kilimo.go.tz) then select the service
- This weekly marketing bulletin can be accessed at [www.kilimo.go.tz](http://www.kilimo.go.tz)

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