



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

**Weekly Market Bulletin**

**18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>th</sup> 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, finger millet and round potato remained constant. Price of bulrush millet increased by 6.3% while price of sorghum decreased by 7.1%.

**Horticulture:** The period of 08<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 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 7,797,510 kilograms with a total value of TZS 68 billion for the week ended 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

**Cashew nut:** Until 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2023/24 trade season total sales of raw cashew nut was 233,816,141 kilograms with a total value of TZS 502 Billion.

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

Previous week	11-15December,2023		Current week	18-22December,2023				
National Average	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
	Current	800	2,500	2,600	1,400	1,600	1,600	800
	Previous	800	2,500	2,600	1,500	1,500	1,600	800
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼7.1%	▲6.3%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%

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	-	2,500	600	-	-	-
	Previous	700	2,900	2,600	700	-	-	700
	Change	▶ 0.0%		▼ 4.0%	▼ 16.7%			
Arusha	Current	700	2,900	2,800	1,500	-	1,800	1,000
	Previous	700	2,800	2,800	1,400	-	1,800	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.4%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 6.7%		▶ 0.0%	▲ 20.0%
Dar es Salaam	Current	800	2,500	3,100	1,200	1,300	1,700	700
	Previous	1,000	2,600	3,100	1,200	1,200	1,600	900
	Change	▼ 25.0%	▼ 4.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 7.7%	▲ 5.9%	▼ 28.6%
Lindi	Current	1,100	2,800	2,900	3,300	-	-	900
	Previous	1,000	2,700	2,700	3,300	-	-	800
	Change	▲ 9.1%	▲ 3.6%	▲ 6.9%	▶ 0.0%			▲ 11.1%
Morogoro	Current	900	2,300	2,900	1,200	1,800	2,400	700
	Previous	900	2,400	2,800	1,200	1,800	2,500	900
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.3%	▲ 3.4%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.2%	▼ 28.6%
Tanga	Current	900	2,100	2,300	900	1,400	1,500	700
	Previous	900	2,400	2,600	1,300	1,700	1,400	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 14.3%	▼ 13.0%	▼ 44.4%	▼ 21.4%	▲ 6.7%	▼ 14.3%
Iringa	Current	600	2,300	2,600	-	-	-	500
	Previous	800	2,200	2,200	800	-	-	600
	Change	▼ 33.3%	▲ 4.3%	▲ 15.4%				▼ 20.0%
Ruvuma	Current	500	3,100	2,200	-	-	-	500
	Previous	500	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%						
Tabora	Current	800	2,600	2,900	-	-	-	800
	Previous	800	2,600	2,900	1,500	-	-	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%				▶ 0.0%
Rukwa	Current	600	2,200	2,300	2,300	-	-	-
	Previous	600	2,200	2,200	-	-	-	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 4.3%				

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Kigoma	Current	800	2,100	2,400	900	-	-	700
	Previous	800	2,600	2,400	1,600	-	-	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 23.8%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 77.8%			▼ 14.3%
Shinyanga	Current	800	2,200	2,400	-	-	-	900
Mwanza	Current	800	2,700	2,800	1,600	-	-	1,000
	Previous	900	2,000	2,600	1,800	-	-	1,000
	Change	▼ 12.5%	▲ 25.9%	▲ 7.1%	▼ 12.5%			▶ 0.0%
Kagera	Current	900	2,900	2,300	1,700	1,800	1,800	900
	Previous	900	2,900	2,300	1,700	1,800	1,800	900
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Mara	Current	900	2,300	2,600	-	-	-	1,100
	Previous	900	2,300	2,600	1,500	-	-	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%				
Manyara	Current	800	2,700	2,900	1,600	-	-	900
	Previous	800	2,600	2,800	1,800	-	-	1,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.7%	▲ 3.4%	▼ 12.5%			▼ 11.1%
Njombe	Current	600	2,300	2,400	1,100	-	1,200	400
	Previous	600	2,400	2,300	700	1,000	1,200	400
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.3%	▲ 4.2%	▲ 36.4%		▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Katavi	Current	700	2,300	2,200	500	-	-	-
	Previous	700	2,300	2,400	-	-	-	1,300
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 9.1%				
Mbeya	Current	700	2,100	1,900	-	-	-	-
	Previous	-	2,100	-	-	-	-	-
	Change		▶ 0.0%					
Singida	Current	700	2,400	-	500	-	800	-
	Previous	600	-	-	600	-	800	-
	Change	▲ 14.3%			▼ 20.0%		▶ 0.0%	
Geita	Current	900	2,200	3,100	2,700	-	-	-
	Previous	1,000	2,300	3,100	2,800	-	-	1,000
	Change	▼ 11.1%	▼ 4.5%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 3.7%			
Songwe	Current	600	2,600	2,100	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	2,500	2,000	-	-	-	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.8%	▲ 4.8%				

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 08<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Current week average</b>	59,502	210,289	612	651	56,498	73,867
<b>Previous average</b>	57,883	207,665	602	660	53,192	81,474
<b>Change</b>	▲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 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
5,508,580	1,629,600	659,330	7,797,510	8,667.20	68,724,412,330.00

Source: Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission, 2023

**Table 5: Raw Cashew nut sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

Union	Amount (Kgs)	Maximum price (TZS)	Minimum price (TZS)	Value (TZS)
TANECU	71,335,355	2,150	1,735	129,269,662,000
MAMCU	61,699,702	2,135	1,700	104,349,575,372
Lindi Mwambao	14,168,914	2,075	1,500	24,788,458,610
RUNALI	51,595,535	2,190	1,750	100,851,922,963
CORECU	10,271,841	2,120	1,400	18,330,109,875
TAMCU	24,590,554	2,032	1,605	124,559,463,464
UKICU	154,240			243,699,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>233,816,141</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>502,392,891,484</b>

Source: Tanzania Cashew Board, 2023

**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](https://exts.kilimo.go.tz) then select the service

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